

Q-Ribbon: February 2017

Deadlines to Remember

Prior to February 1, AQHA should receive your **completed** June show application(s) and any corrections to your May show(s).

2017 New Rules

We have added a Quick Reference to 2017 Rule Changes document on the [Manager's Resource page](#) – check it out!

AQHA membership fees went up as of January 2017 – be sure you have updated membership forms.

Biosecurity Information

Stay up to date regarding biosecurity procedures and equine diseases with the [Equine Disease Communication Center](#).

Versatility Ranch Horse Shows

To calculate the all-around winners correctly in a VRH show, each exhibitor must be placed in each class. Please double-check your judge's cards before your judge leaves to ensure all exhibitors have been placed.

Speed Events

We receive many comments here at the office regarding speed events not being offered at shows, which makes it difficult for exhibitors to get qualified for world shows. If your show does not already offer speed events, we encourage you to look at adding those classes for your exhibitors.

Judge Cards With Results

It would be very helpful for us in the office if you could separate your judges' cards by show number and rubber band them together when submitted with results. Thanks so much!

Progressive Judges

Don't forget about using our list of Progressive judges; they are eligible to judge Level 1 shows, speed events and any other AQHA show that had less than 350 entries the previous year (excluding Level 1 and Rookie entries). Progressive judges are ineligible to judge special events (team penning and ranch sorting), shows with 351 or more entries the previous year or international shows. You can find the list of Progressive judges [here](#). Choose the drop-down box for type and select Progressive.



Placing/Awards Recognition

We know this takes time, but we cannot impress upon you enough how much recognition in the arena means to exhibitors. We receive this comment quite often. We encourage you to make the placings a production, an event in itself to present an award to exhibitors in the arena. When recognizing exhibitor, please also recognize the owner as well.

Special Pricing for Awards

Don't forget that as a show manager, you receive special pricing on Montana Silversmiths awards. Contact Taryn Clark at tclark@aqha.org to request a catalog and pricing.

Ranch Riding Patterns

AQHA is encouraging judges to write their own ranch riding patterns or use patterns other than Pattern 3. You may see some new ones coming out! Make sure patterns include required maneuvers, covered in Rule SHW417.2.

When asking judges for patterns, let them know what type of pattern is needed; easy, medium, hard, as well as the experience of exhibitor.

Suggestion: Run a pattern in reverse. Makes a new and different pattern!

Ladder Sheets

When possible, submit signed judge's ladder sheets with results. This is helpful if a clerical error needs to be corrected in-house.

Convention Speaker – 8 a.m. Friday, March 17

AQHA Drug Rules and How to Be Compliant

Presented by Dr. Stephen A. Schumacher, United States Equestrian Federation chief administrator, drugs and medication. This may be something you want to attend. Check out the complete 2017 AQHA Convention schedule [here](#).



Medication Report Forms

We have learned that if you are holding a National Snaffle Bit Association event, a copy of the AQHA medication reports need to be submitted along with results to NSBA.

AQHA Showing Page

Having something fun, new or exciting you want to share on the [Showing page](#)? Send it to us! Our Web team will gladly post press releases to promote your events, as well as post-event show coverage, including photos and write-ups. Send your pieces to AQHA Internet Editor Tara Matsler at tmatsler@aqha.org.

Q-Ribbon Newsletter

Miss an issue of the *Q-Ribbon Newsletter*? Check them out here – [Q-Ribbon Newsletter Archives](#).

Thanks for being friends of our horse and the American Quarter Horse Association!

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