

**Shows & Professional Horsemen Committee Agenda
2013 AQHA Convention
Houston, Texas**

Mr. President, the Show and Professional Horsemen Committee makes the following recommendations:

GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE

1. That the Blue Ribbon task force and staff continue clarifying leveling rules and monitor concerns regarding the drop back to novice. In particular, consider modifying SHW 251.5 and SHW 251.6 from three to five years.
2. Modify rule regarding green classes – raise the money earned in all green classes from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

SHOW FORMAT & PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Review designation of show categories and move the cutting class to Category II.
2. Modify rule SHW 108.10.8 an exhibitor, who has placed in the top 10 in **a** class at an AQHA World Show, **in the past five years** is not eligible to compete at an Introductory Show **in that particular class.**
3. Form a task force to investigate a change in the show calendar.
4. Add rule – that during timed events, the name of the exhibitor and the horse **may** be announced.
5. Modify rule SHW108.3 – to allow two existing special events per year per state in good standing, which have been held for three consecutive years (same location and dates) to apply to be double judged with affiliate approval.
6. Modify Rule – SHW128.9 – add the show manager will post in a public area the name and phone number of a responsible individual who can be contacted at any time day or night during the show.

WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Modify rule SHW 416.1 – to include junior and senior to Ranch Horse Pleasure.
2. Modify existing rule SHW 417- In Ranch Pleasure posting at the extended trot is acceptable.
3. Add new rule in Ranch Pleasure and Versatility Ranch Horse– touching/grabbing the saddle horn is acceptable in Ranch Horse pleasure.

4. Allow Western Riding Pattern V for Green Western Riding.
5. Add Ranch Horse Trail – Open (all age), Amateur and Youth to the list of classes offered by AQHA and suggest Versatility Ranch Horse Trail guidelines be used.
6. In Versatility Ranch –SHW570.3 to read “In all Novice classes each contestant will perform the required reining pattern, then call for the cow to be turned into the arena. Upon receiving the cow, the contestant shall hold the cow on the prescribed end of the arena for 50 seconds to demonstrate the ability of the horse to contain the cow on that end.
7. In Versatility Ranch Horse – cutting - penalize three points for a hot quit.
8. In Versatility Ranch Horse – in the working ranch horse class regarding a legal head catch to be both horns on horned cattle or on any cattle to be any loop that goes over the head and holds, except tail only.
9. Add Youth to the Versatility Ranch Horse World Show.
10. Modify rule SHW559.2 - Hobble or ground tie (contestant's option) - The horse shall remain in place while the rider dismounts and performs a normal ranch task such as moving a rail, moving a bale of hay, etc. **When riding with a romal and tie rein, romal must be draped/half-hitched over saddle horn and tie rein will be placed on the ground or the horse must be hobbled. If riding with split reins, only one rein is required to be placed on the ground. When riding with a mecate (snaffle bit or bosal), only the tie rein (lead) is required to be placed on the ground with the rein loop draped over the saddle horn.**
11. Add new rule in Versatility Ranch Horse – The use of two rein is allowed.
12. Add new suggested pattern in Versatility Ranch Horse with the addition to hesitate to show completion of the pattern.
13. When Ranch Sorting National Championship classes are dual approved; the RSNC rules may be used governing class rules.

ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. To allow shows the option of offering traditional Working Hunter or Handy Hunter in the Junior, Senior, Amateur, and Youth (Will not be an option for Novice, Progressive or Green). Task force to develop the rules.

2. For Progressive Working Hunter the following clarifications become effective immediately.
SHW 635 Progressive Working Hunter. The purpose of the progressive working hunter is the next step in the progression from the green working hunter to the more advanced level of competition with the seasoned horse. The class should be judged according to the purpose of its intent.
SHW 635.1 Eligibility: Horses of all ages that have not earned 10 points in AQHA approved working hunter classes excluding working hunter points. A horse is eligible to compete only one time in the progressive working hunter class at the AQHA World Show.
SHW 635.2 Fence heights shall be two feet nine inches (85 cm).
3. Add to rule SHW 680.2. Dressage may also be offered at an AQHA approved show/special event and must be judged by a licensed USEF/USDF judge.
4. Appoint a task force to study the viability of forming an alliance with Western Dressage Association with the possibility of being added as an AQHA approved class.

WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

1. After the leveled classes have been offered at the 2014 World Show, evaluate the viability, and if warranted add Green classes.
2. Add a hand gallop for finalists in Hunter Under Saddle at the World Shows only.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Change Incentive Fund nomination to allow horses to be enrolled after 18 months of age with a fee of \$2,500.
2. To form a task force to research the development of an open credit program.
3. From the Awards Task Force meeting, accept all of the recommendations:
 - (a) Enhance ROM certificate and consider adding a gold seal.
 - (b) Publishing a Journal article spotlighting awards offered.
 - (c) Publishing a Journal article spotlighting Justin Intermediate of the Year award winners and consider a certificate with ribbon for Top Ten.
 - (d) Recognize first time exhibitors on the web, sending a patch or decal with a congratulations letter.
 - (e) Maintain program to send the Novice buckle **only once** when the exhibitor points out of their first novice class. If the exhibitor returns to novice, (as a result of the leveling cycle) another buckle will not be sent.

- (f) Consider a Novice achievement award.
- (g) Green level – offer separate awards/ recognition / certificate with option to purchase an award from ARC. Develop green level ROM and green level champion awards
- (h) Limit the number of green points to 50% that a horse can earn toward an AQHA Champion / Supreme Championship award.
- (i) The Limited Rider program goes away. The budget used for the program is moved towards year end awards for the addition of progressive and intermediate year end awards.
- (j) With any certificate, offer an upgrade to a plaque from ARC.

YOUTH SHOWING SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Create a task force to investigate developing a program similar to the Emerging Athletes Program. Members of the task force should include but not limited to members of both the Youth Committee and Youth Showing Subcommittee.

To elect John Pipkin Chair of the Show & Professional Horsemen Committee.

On behalf of the Show & Professional Horsemen Committee, I move that the Membership support these recommendations and forward them to the Board of Directors for approval.

John Pipkin: Chairperson