

For Immediate Release:

Q-Ribbon May 2012

Deadlines

Prior to June 1, AQHA should receive your October show application(s) and any corrections to your September show(s).

Entries

When taking entries, please remind your show staff to take the extra time to obtain a copy of the horse's registration papers and the exhibitor's membership card to ensure your database is up to date and compatible with AQHA records. This will expedite your upload to AQHA's system.

Results

If you are holding certain events (i.e. cattle events) at a different venue other than your main show venue, please submit results to AQHA from both venues together. Results received separately will cause a delay in processing your show results.

Score Sheets

This year, judges are to utilize score sheets for showmanship, horsemanship and hunt seat equitation. All score sheets must to be submitted to AQHA along with your results. In 2012, show management will not be required to post completed score sheets for showmanship, horsemanship and hunt seat equitation; however, these score sheets must be posted in 2013.

AQHA Rules

For the most current version of the AQHA handbook, please refer to the online version, which can be found at *www.aqha.com*. The AQHA handbook answers all your questions regarding AQHA rules, showing patterns, horse markings, equipment guidelines and more. You can also download the free AQHA handbook app for your smart phone or tablet device, such as your iBook, Nook or Kindle.

Please remember the online version of the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations is the default version. After changes are approved by the AQHA Executive Committee, the rules will be updated in the online version of the AQHA handbook.

AQHA 3.0

AQHA's new database is coming along and we expect to go live with it in July. We'll keep you updated on dates to expect that. We are working on information about what you can expect to see that's different. Numerous internal processes will be changing to ensure proper and expedient processing of your show applications, results, awards and achievements. Please bear with us as we make this change, as we know there will be issues arise that will need to be addressed.

Roundtable Topic

<u>The following was a roundtable topic during a recent show management workshop:</u> What are your secret tips/strategies for a successful horse show?

- Accept mistakes make corrections and move along
- Social events move-in party, ice cream socials
 - Fun events trainer showmanship
 - Youth club auction off their trainer
 - Command class
 - "Be the judge" for a class
 - Adult lead line
 - Musical chairs done in teams
 - Progressive dinners
 - Scavenger/horseshoe hunt
 - Dog races/musical chairs
- Have plenty of forms available in the office
- Have reading glasses available in the office
- Don't allow any drama in the office. If someone is upset, take them to another place to talk
- Toys/candy in office

Q-Ribbon Newsletter

Did you miss an issue of the Q-Ribbon? Check them out here - Q-Ribbon Newsletters.

As always – please let us know if you have not heard from AQHA regarding your show approval application within 15 days from the date you sent it to us. We are happy to check the

status of processing and get you information necessary to proceed with your plans for the show.

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