AQHA

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Deadlines to Remember

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

Ranch Pleasure/Western Pleasure Eligibility

Please remember Rule SHW416.2: **No horse may cross-enter**, i.e. a junior/senior western pleasure horse shown at a show is not eligible to show in any division of ranch pleasure at the same show; a youth western pleasure horse shown at a show is not eligible to show in any division of ranch pleasure at the same show.

Also, ranch pleasure is quickly becoming one of AQHA's more popular classes. However, there have also been concerns on how to handle exhibitors/horses in violation of Rule SHW418.1 and 418.2.

- SHW 418.1 states "No hoof polish."
- SHW 418.2 states "No braided or banded manes or tail extensions."

It must be assumed that exhibitors showing in the class have read and understand the rules of the class. If exhibitors enter the ranch pleasure class and are in violation of either of the above-listed rules, the judges are being instructed to do the following:

1. Stop the run immediately.
2. Disqualify the entry and do *not* count it as an entry in the class.
3. Report the entry number on the judge's placing card and on the Judges Report Card in the appropriate place with the pertinent information.

Judges have also been encouraged to ask show management to notify exhibitors, before the class, that all entries in ranch pleasure will have to conform to the apparel and equipment rules as listed in the AQHA Handbook. This may circumvent judges having to deal with disqualifications due to tack violations during the class.

Ford Youth/Adequan Select World Qualifiers Lists

Competitors can now verify their qualification to the 2013 Built Ford Tough AQHYA and Adequan Select world championship shows. The list of qualifiers to date will be updated every Friday on the respective websites for each world show. The current lists are based on results from all shows prior to January 1, 2013, plus a mixture of show results from January and

February, as well as a few March shows.

To view the list of qualifiers to date for the Ford Youth World, visit the Competitors Resources section of *www.aqha.com/youthworld*. Ford Youth World exhibitors should also note the extension of the qualifying deadline to Monday, May 27, 2013; the qualifying period previously was set to end April 30. Points earned from May 1-27 will also count toward national qualification to the 2014 Ford Youth World.

To view the list of qualifiers to date for the Adequan Select World, view the Competitors Resources section of *www.aqha.com/selectworld*.

Progressive Working Hunter Clarification

The AQHA Executive Committee recently approved the following clarifications regarding Progressive working hunter:

- 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 Green working hunter points. A horse is eligible to compete only one time in the Progressive working hunter class at the AQHA World Championship Show.
- SHW 635.2: Fence heights shall be 2-feet 9-inches (85 cm).

Western Pleasure

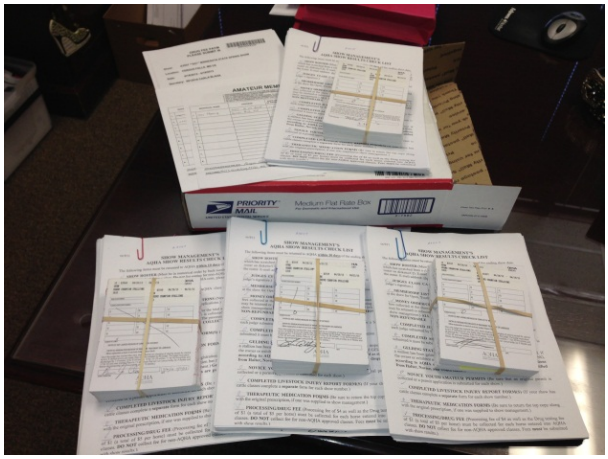
In order to properly demonstrate the gaits as stated in the western pleasure rules in the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations, judges will request exhibitors to show their horses with complete, natural strides at all gaits.

If this requirement is not being met, judges will ask for a lengthening of the stride, at any or all gaits. This request does not necessarily mean an increase in speed, but simply a demonstration of complete, natural, straightforward strides at the walk, jog and lope. If an exhibitor feels he or she is already performing the gaits correctly, no change is needed.

Exhibitors not conforming to the rules will be penalized accordingly.

Show Results

Here are a few pointers for preparing and sending show results:



- Ensure the judge's name/signature is legible on judge's cards.
    - Submit paperwork in a manner that is neat and organized by show number. If your event is made of multiple shows: If at all possible, do not fold paper. It is helpful to provide a printed roster
- Separate and secure the judge's cards with

rubber bands if sending multiple shows in the same mailing.

- It's a great idea to place a colored dot (highlighter) or use a certain color ink on judge's cards for each judge. This is also helpful at your show to ensure the correct card (show number) is given to the appropriate judge to complete.

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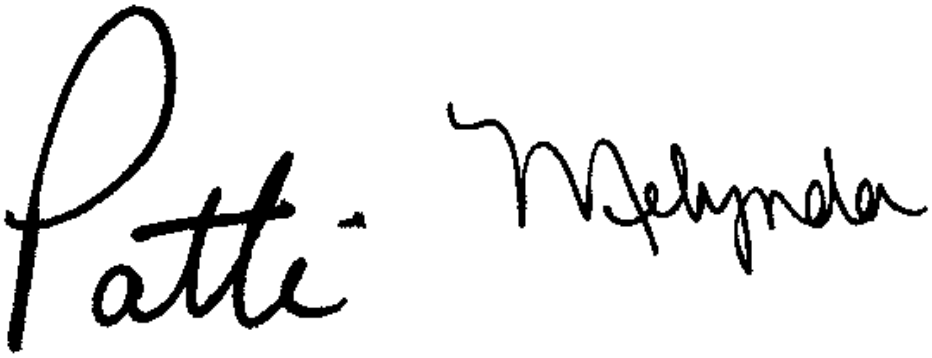

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