

**Show Committee Agenda
Fort Worth, TX
2015**

1. Welcome by Show Committee Chair
2. Welcome by Professional Horsemen Council Chair and update on Association of Professional Horsemen.
3. Committee guidelines
4. Convention guidelines
5. Meeting protocol
6. Member review and comments on agenda items
7. Nominations for committee chair (Saturday)
8. Review of agenda items by subcommittees
9. Voting by full committee on agenda items
10. Invite International committee members and discuss any show rules
11. Consideration of Other Business
12. Election of Committee Chair
13. Adjourn

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GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Clarify SHW305.8 – In green classes, any age horse may be exhibited with any legal bit.
2. Adopt Western Dressage as an AQHA recognized discipline.
3. Change point structure to include half points throughout, for example in a four point class suggested points would be 4, 3 ½, 3, 2 ½, 2, 1 ½, 1, ½.
4. For scored classes in Level 2 and Level 3, the placing and point structure for Level 3 would include scores from Level 2. If the Level 3 score was third when Level 2 and Level 3 were included they would receive the number of points for third place.
5. Allow payment of incentive fund up to the 200 points in each division – open and amateur if both open and amateur license fees have been paid instead of combining the points earned in both divisions.
6. Add walk/trot Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail in Level 1 amateur and Level 1 youth.
7. Discuss fines and penalties associated with inhumane treatment that was developed by the Animal Welfare Commission.
8. Modify rule VIO401- to list Clenbuterol as a forbidden drug or substance.

SHOW FORMAT & PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1.
 - a. Award points at the Level 1 Championship shows to alleviate the problem of the winner graduating out of Level 1 in small classes (example: working hunter).
 - b. Discuss allowing Level 1 champions to return in that class as long as they are still Level 1 eligible.
2. Show approval guidelines in addition to rules, be published in rulebook.
3. Modify rule SHW104 - Remove the requirement for USDF/USEF licensed dressage shows to pay the \$50 AQHA show approval fee.
4. Remove the requirement for USDF/USEF licensed dressage shows to require the show manager/secretary to be an AQHA member.
5. Allow Dressage approval to be sent in 90 days instead of 120 days prior to the show, with no extra fees.
6. Allow owners of leased horses to show in addition to lessee.
7. Review existing EWD patterns for Trail.
8. Discuss entry fees and show fees.
9. Require USEF/USDF licensed competitions holding AQHA-approved classes to use the AQHA show results upload system, rather than waiting on results data to come from USEF and then be converted by AQHA before the results can be seen.
10. Raise amateur select age limit
 - a. review previous recommendation of 62 and over
 - b. 60 & over
11. Allow a horse to be shown in more than one youth or amateur subdivision of any type of event.
12. Discuss Ride the Pattern Clinics at AQHA approved events and how to better disseminate information to exhibitors that are not able to attend.
13. Modify rule SHW108.3.1 - two existing special events per year per state may apply to be double judged and must have affiliate approval. Special events must be in good standing, ~~held at the same location and same dates~~ for three consecutive years. Additional shows or points cannot be added to existing events. ~~and must have affiliate approval.~~

WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Allow the use of metal barrels and/or the use of turning point (plastic) manufactured barrels.
2. In ranch cow work allow the use of a breakaway Hondo when roping.
3. Modify rule – SHW305.8 – Allow Green (Level 1) to be shown two handed in senior classes.
4. Define classes that are eligible for “Two-Rein”
5. Modify rule – SHW505-Working Cow Horse by Deleting the “Dry” or Reining portion of the class.
6. In all Speed Events, finals will be held as a “Clean Slate” and preliminary times will not be added.
7. Fenders may not be connected by string or any other material.
8. The base of the stirrup may not be covered by any material that could give an unfair advantage.
9. Modify rule SHW418.5 – Exhibitor’s overall appearance, appropriate western equipment and appearance of horse will be evaluated in Ranch Horse Conformation.
10. Address in showmanship chain over nose vs chain under the chin.
11. In Versatility ranch riding, add “ambling walk” to the list of penalties and is discouraged.
12. Modify rule SHW417: Ranch Horse Riding: add
 - (a) The use of cones as an integral part of a ranch riding pattern is strictly prohibited.
 - (b) In all ranch riding patterns, the exhibitor should utilize the arena space to best exhibit their horse.
13. Add Ranch Horse Trail as a separate class at all regular shows.
14. Add Ranch Rail Pleasure
15. If Ranch Trail and Ranch Rail Pleasure are added, also include separate open and amateur halter classes for stallions, mares and geldings.

16. Modify Rule 305.4.2 - concerning mouthpieces, bars must be round, oval or egg shaped **and may be made of leather, or** smooth and unwrapped metal and unwrapped metal...”

ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. In Hunter Hack add a third fence.
2. Add new class - Performance Hunter Under Saddle with restriction that horse must also be entered in working hunter and/or hunter hack.
3. FEI approved safety cups of breakable pins must be used in the schooling/warm up ring and on all oxers during the class.
4. Require amateurs to wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet in all English classes.
5. Consider recognizing United States Eventing Association (USEA) horse trials to be converted to points for AQHA recognition.
6. Stirrup leather may not be connected by string or any other material to the girth.
7. Discuss paddock boots and half chaps for legal equipment.
8. Add new class – Hunter in Hand
9. Add vintage cup awards for riders age 50 & older who compete in dressage.
10. Modify Rule 310.1 – “They may be inlaid; synthetic wrapped, including rubber or plastic or incased, **or may be made of leather**, but must be smooth.”

WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Discuss announcing of scores in finals at the World Show.
2. Change the World Show format– open and amateur classes closer together
3. Change World Show state invites to allow the next highest exhibitor should the original highest exhibitor choose not to enter.
4. All 15 exhibitors in finals would be placed and discontinue 10-15 as finalist.
5. Discontinue charging viewers for the online streaming at the world shows.
6. Develop AQHA Championship Dressage event/classes in 2016.
7. Allow an exhibitor to have a re-run when their steer is taken out of the draw.
8. Dressage to be offered as a World Show event.
9. Split Select World Show into two venues, one East and one West.
10. Hold open classes prior to amateur classes.
11. Allow individual sponsorships per class.
12. Modify rule SHW260.8 – do not reinstate points to previous owner for world show qualification.
13. Extend invitation to World Equestrian Games medal winners.
14. Add Ranch Trail and ranch rail pleasure as a sweepstakes class to the open, select and amateur world shows.
15. Discuss changing the shootout formula for Western Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation. Have two splits, take the top 15 plus ties out of each split and they automatically go the semi-finals. Then take the top 10 plus ties out of each split and they run the pattern again. The top five plus ties go to the semi-finals. These 35 plus ties run the pattern and the top 25 plus ties go the rail to determine the 15 plus ties that advance to the finals.
16.
 - a. In Showmanship, use the current format but instead of 15 to the finals, take 20 exhibitors.
 - b. In showmanship, change the shootout and take the top 15 plus ties out of each of the two splits and those exhibitors automatically advance to the semi-finals. The next top 10 plus ties out of each split run the pattern again. The top five plus ties advance to the semi-finals. The 35 exhibitors plus ties perform the pattern and the top 20 plus ties advance to the finals.

17. In Hunter under Saddle and Western Pleasure, take 20 head plus ties to the finals and eliminate the semi-finals go of the top 20 to get to existing 15 head finals.
18. Change Equitation over Fences procedure for shootout to be the same as scored classes.
19. Allow points earned in open classes by a youth or amateur to count for youth or amateur world show qualification when there are not any youth or amateur entries.
20. Discuss exhibitor's back number being incorrect that is worn at world shows

HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Develop criteria for judging performance halter.
2. Add desirable and undesirable characteristics when judging performance halter.
3. Modify rule SHW350.2 – All horses whose registration certificates are marked with a parrot mouth notation per registration rules, cryptorchid notation per registration rules or excessive white notation per registration rules, are ~~ineligible~~ eligible to compete in performance halter and versatility halter classes, however shall not be eligible for grand or reserve champion.
4. Name an alternate reserve to receive as many points as the largest halter class
5. In halter, a true “L” must be exhibited at the trot to examine lameness and add “trot to” cone in Halter.
6. Allow a stallion which has bred five or more mares to be allowed to use a lip chain. All other horses would not be allowed to use a lip chain.
7. Add new class to each division - Four-year-old Halter classes
8. Establish a minimum gauge link of 4.0 mm for showmanship at halter.
9. Disallow the use of lip chains
10. Allow the use of lip chains

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. USDF – All Breeds Award received 1-5th to be put on horse performance summary.
2. Allow points earned in select to count toward all-around.
3. Allow points earned in Versatility ranch horse conformation to count towards any other award such as AQHA Champion.
4. Discuss if more tie breaking rules should be added for year-end high point.
5. Modify rule SHW681- to allow a horse to win a high point award more than one time per level in Dressage.
6. Select Amateurs will only be eligible to win the select all-around award and not amateur all-around at the same show.
7. Modify rule SHW813.2.1 – For a year-end high point performance halter award to be more in line with the current rule for qualifying for the World show in performance halter.