

**Amateur Committee Agenda
Las Vegas, Nevada
2012**

1. Amend the amateur eligibility rules to allow an individual to compete as an amateur exhibitor three years after the date that they last participated in an activity that made them ineligible to compete as an amateur.

Executive Committee Action: Approved effective June 1, 2012

2. Regarding amateur eligibility amend Rule 403 (a) (3) by breaking the rule into sections to help clarify the rule.

The new rule would read as follows:

Has not shown, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse (whether or not a registered American Quarter Horse) for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly nor received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse for three calendar years previous to application for amateur membership.

~~*Individuals that are age 60 and over and meet the above requirements may apply for amateur status in three calendar years rather than five calendar years.*~~

An exception exists with respect to an amateur member certified as an instructor in equitherapy by Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) or similar organizations. Such approved organizations shall be compiled and maintained by the AQHA Amateur Department. The excepted instructor shall teach only students enrolled with an approved organization or prescribed such rehabilitation by a licensed medical doctor. Any amateur competitor excepted under this provision shall file such certification with the AQHA Amateur Department prior to any competition by such individual.

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3. To amend Rule 403 (a) (3), to be effective immediately, to allow individuals who are members of the American Quarter Horse Association of Professional Horsemen;
 1. who are 65 years of age and older;
 2. who have not trained, assisted in training or exhibited horses owned by a third party for the previous five years;
 3. and are willing to give up their membership in the AQHA Professional Horseman's Association will immediately be eligible to compete as an AQHA amateur exhibitor.

New rule would read as follows:

1. *Individuals that are 65 years of age and older,*
2. *have been a member of the American Quarter Horse Association of Professional Horsemen and who have not trained, assisted in training a horse (whether or not a registered American Quarter Horse) or exhibited horses owned by a third party for the previous three years;*

3. *and are willing to give up their judge's card and/or membership in the American Quarter Horse Association of Professional Horsemen will immediately be eligible to compete as an amateur exhibitor provided that they have not judged in the previous twelve months.*

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4. To amend Rule 403 (a) (7) to add Barrel Racing Only after the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and to delete the Professional Women's Barrel Racing Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association All Women's Rodeo.

New rule would read as follows:

Within three calendar years previous to application for amateur membership an individual cannot have held membership accreditation in the following organizations: Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Women's Professional Rodeo Association (Barrel Racing Only), and International Professional Rodeo Association, for those events or classes which are the same events or classes in which the individual competes, or desires to compete, in AQHA amateur competition. For example, a person who competes in a PRCA roping event may not compete in amateur tie down, dally team roping (heading or heeling) but may show in any other amateur classes. A permit holder is not considered as one who has membership accreditation in a professional organization and may compete in any AQHA amateur class.

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5. To amend and separate from Rule 403 (a) (7) the following within **five calendar years previous**, amateur members **who are eligible to compete as a select amateur and** have earned Gold Card status **with another organization or association**, that have not activated the Gold Card **to be eligible to compete** within their respective individual **organization or association**, will be allowed to compete in any AQHA amateur class.

New rule would read as follows:

Within three calendar years previous, amateur members who are eligible to compete as a select amateur and have earned Gold Card status with another organization or association, that have not activated the Gold Card to be eligible to compete within their respective individual organization or association, will be allowed to compete in any AQHA amateur class.

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6. To amend Rule 403 (c) to become eligible for amateur membership, or become eligible for reinstatement to amateur membership, the individual must wait **a period of up to** five years from the date of the last incident, which rendered the individual ineligible. Violation of AQHA's rule requirement for truthful application for amateur status may be cause for more severe sanction than such waiting period.

New rule would read as follows:

To become eligible for amateur membership, or become eligible for reinstatement to amateur membership, the individual must wait a period up to three years from the date of the last incident, which rendered the individual ineligible. Violation of AQHA's rule requirement for truthful application for amateur status may be cause for more severe sanction than such waiting period.

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7. Amend Rule 405A (c) to once an individual has earned:
- 1)** 25 AQHA novice amateur, amateur, novice youth, youth or open points, or any combination thereof in a particular class;
 - 2) or earned 50 points or a superior award in a given class in another equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members;**
 - 3) or won a world or reserve world, national or reserve national championship title in an organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members or an international title in AQHA competition or any equine organization or association in that class;**
 - 4)** or won a total of \$5,000 in cash and prizes with any equine breed organization **or association**,
he/she will no longer be eligible to participate in the class(es) in subsequent years but may continue to compete in that class(es) until the end of the calendar year in which the afore-mentioned instances occurred.

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8. Consider changing the requirements for the amateur state invitee at the select world show and the amateur world show to go into effect for the 2013 World Shows:
 - 1) An invitation will be sent to the highest point-earning individual that has missed the national qualifying points in each class from each state or province and has earned at least one-half of the national qualifying points for that particular class.
 - 2) Those points must be earned during the qualifying period for each of the world shows.
 - 3) Points DO NOT have to be earned in the state that the individual resides in. The points may be earned at any AQHA-approved show excluding introductory shows.
 - 4) State invitees will not be eligible for the All-Around Select Amateur or the All-Around Amateur at the World Shows. For classes to count toward all-around eligibility, the exhibitor/horse must have earned a national qualification in those classes.
 - 5) If there is a tie in points to determine the state invitee from a state or province and class, AQHA will use the following to break the tie: the invitation will be awarded to the exhibitor/horse combination earning the final point the earliest in the qualifying period.
 - 6) There will only be one invitation per state or province per class sent from AQHA, even if the recipient chooses not to enter a world show in which they were invited.
 - 7) Those exhibitors earning a state invitation will not be called a World Show qualifier and the horse's record will not state that it is a world show qualifier.
- Executive Committee Action: Approved effective June 1, 2012 and August 1, 2012 to coincide with the 2013 qualifying periods for the Adequan Select and Bank of America Amateur World Shows.**