

**Show & Professional Horsemen Committee Agenda  
New Orleans, LA  
2014**

1. Welcome by Show and Professional Horsemen Chair
2. Welcome by Professional Horsemen 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 and Amateur Committees to 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. Consider adding that shows with speed event classes must offer exhibitors option to enter novice, select amateur, junior and senior classes when show management only offers amateur or all age classes.
2. Modify rule SHW112.6 – change junior horse age to six (6).
3. Modify rule SHW112.7 – change senior horse age to seven (7).
4. Modify rule – SHW305.8 – Equipment rules for Level 1 (green) horses of senior age shown two handed with a snaffle bit/hackamore same as Level 1 (novice) exhibitors.
5. Modify rule – SHW400.8 - **Any** horse may be shown in more than one youth or amateur subdivision of any type of event.

## SHOW FORMAT & PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Change Show Management Workshops to be more cost effective such as online webinars.
2. Modify rule SHW104 - Remove the requirement for \$50 Dressage application
3. Modify rule SHW127 - ... the duties of a show manager, steward, ring steward or show secretary and must have a current AQHA individual membership, excluding USDF/USEF license show managers.
4. Allow Dressage approval form to be sent in 90 days prior to the event instead of 120 days.
5. Modify rule SHW108.3 – allow three categories to be held in a special event.
6. Add rule to SHW114 – NOVICE CLASSES – No club shall require any novice to compete in any class outside of the novice division in order to be eligible for any award.
7. Add new rule to SHW127 – Any person who designs a trail course for an AQHA approved show or obtains a trail course for use at an AQHA approved show prior to the show date is considered a show official and, as such, is not eligible to exhibit in that approved show and is subject to all other rules regarding show officials. AQHA show managers are encouraged to post all Trail patterns on-line prior to the show so that a level playing field will exist for all AQHA exhibitors in that approved show.
8. Add new class to SHW438 – Walk/Trot Western Pleasure and Walk/Trot Hunter under Saddle.
9. Review AQHA show mission and vision statement.
10. Review AQHA show managers statement of promise that will be required to be signed by show managers and sponsors.

## WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

### The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Consider recategorizing and changing the name of Ranch Horse Pleasure to Ranch Horse Riding.
2. Add new class – Ranch Trail – Offered as a Jr/Sr or All Age class for Level 1 (novice) and higher, All Age class for Amateur and Youth – no horse may cross enter a Trail and Ranch Trail at same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, open).
3. Modify rule SHW306.4 – Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are allowed only in the following classes: ~~#~~ Reining, Working Cow Horse, Team Penning, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Racing, Jumping, Tie-Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Dally Team Roping - Heading, Dally Team Roping - Heeling, Cutting, Western Horsemanship, ~~ranch horse pleasure~~, Versatility Ranch Horse, Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail. The use of slip on (easy care) horse boots or related footwear are not considered as protective boots and are permissible to be worn in all classes.
4. Modify rule SHW400.5 – in Showmanship at Halter an exhibitor may show two horses.
5. Modify rule SHW416.1 Ranch Horse Pleasure and SHW550 Versatility Ranch Horse - the use of two reined equipment is allowed and can be used on any aged horse for one year as an important transition between the hackamore and the bridle.
6. Add rule to SHW417 – to include the following optional elements to the Ranch Horse Pleasure pattern: a gate, rope a steer or dummy, drag a log, walk through or separate cattle.
7. Modify rule SHW418.2 Ranch Horse Pleasure - to discouraging bands or braids or give a 1 point penalty.
8. Modify rule SHW550 in Versatility Ranch Horse - ~~One or multiple judges may be used. However,~~ When multiple judges are used, only one judge per class is permitted.
9. Add new class – Performance Western Pleasure

## ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

### The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Add Western Dressage as a recognized discipline.
2. Add new class - English Pleasure/Hunter Pleasure/Performance Hunter Under Saddle
3. Modify rule SHW601- by rewriting the class description of Hunter Under Saddle to create forward moving, working horses that have careers beyond the Hunter Under Saddle class.
4. Modify rule SHW311.1 – English Optional Equipment – Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round or that include a smooth rolling ~~rubber~~ ball and no longer than one inch.
5. Add rule to SHW312 - English Prohibited Equipment – Black stirrups in Hunt Seat Equitation and Equitation Over Fence classes.
6. Modify rule SHW638.1 - SHW638. – Working Hunter - Minimum height for ~~junior horses~~, youth and amateur classes must be two feet nine inches (88 cm), with a maximum of three feet (91 cm).
7. Modify rule SHW638.4 - SHW638.4 – Working Hunter - Minimum height for junior horses, novice and select will be two feet six inches (76 cm) with a maximum of two feet nine inches.
8. To allow Dressage training level through second level to become a world show event including youth, select, amateur and open
9. Allow Dressage to be offered at the Novice Championships.

## **WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **The following recommendations will be discussed:**

1. Consider preparing the working order of weanlings by birthdate, youngest to oldest.
2. Change the World Show format ie: Halter – open and amateur classes closer together
3. Consider changing the procedure of the preliminary draws for all classes, for exhibitors to be separated by more than four horses
4. Center the entry gate for the Barrel Race between the first and second barrels.
5. Consider for speed events finals random draw for the finalist.
6. For Performance Halter if a horse has two performance superiors, or 100 total performance points, the horse should be exempt from earning the 10 performance point minimum in the current year to show at the world shows.
7. Change the World Show format to have all open division classes take place prior to the amateur classes and all the preliminaries are held prior to the finals.
8. Eliminate World Shows web cast.
9. Add a dollar per entry fee that would be used as added money to the world show and the incentive fund.
10. Consider not having a start time for finals.
11. Consider changing the schedule where the western all around horses do not have so much down time between amateur and open rides, with at least one day between preliminaries and finals.
12. Form a task force of professional horsemen to work on increasing participation at the world show.
13. Consider changing the number of entries required for shootouts.  
65-74 entries – take the next 10 plus ties after the finalist have been named to the shootout round with the top three progressing to the finals with ties being broken. If 75 or more entries – take the next 15 plus ties after the finalist have been named to the shootout round with the top five progressing to the finals with ties being broken.
14. Consider changing shootout format for classes of 100 or more entries to divide in half and take top 15 plus ties out of each half to semi-finals in Trail, Western Riding and Ranch Pleasure.

15. Consider requests to post prelim working orders in the open division the day prior to the class (versus a month out) so that as exhibitor changes occur, we can help ensure a better working order with proper placement of entries between multiple horse entries, and so that professional horsemen can negotiate catch rides more efficiently.
16. Consider changing the schedule at the Select World Show to move the over fence classes toward the beginning of the show.
17. Consider changing the requirement for open Halter that the handler must have qualified the horse he/she is showing at the world show.
18. Review whether or not a horse disqualified in a finals class at the world show due to lameness should still be considered a finalist and receive a ribbon/placing.
19. Allow a person who has qualified for a world show but has had a medically documented health crisis and is unable to show at that year's world show to enter the following year's world show.

## HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

### The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. 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, DNA test positive for genetic defects per registration rules and rules for all horses with genetic defects are ineligible to compete in Halter classes.
2. Modify rule SHW365 – add weanlings, yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds that do not require the horse to have a Register of Merit. The Aged class would require a ROM as it does currently.
3. Add new rule that limits the use of wedges on young horses.
4. Add new class – Four-year-old Halter classes and raise the aged class to five year olds and over.



## **AWARDS, RECOGNITION & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**The following recommendations will be discussed:**

1. Modify the All-Around Amateur rules for the World show to be aligned with the All-Around Amateur rules that exist in the AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
2. Consider not awarding 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place all-around amateur and super horse and reallocating those prizes for a high point western and high point English horse at the world show. Develop rules for such award if passed.

## **YOUTH SHOWING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**The following recommendations will be discussed:**

1. Modify rule SHW117.1.1 - Classes may be combined if less than three entries in in either youth or amateur division of Working Hunter, Hunter Hack or Equitation over Fences.
2. Break up Novice Youth Classes at the Novice Championships – Novice Youth 14-18 and Novice Youth 13 & Under.