

Q-Ribbon – April 2014



Deadlines to remember

Prior to April 1, AQHA should receive your August show application(s) and any corrections to your July show(s).

AQHA Show Approval Status

- Date and/or location change requests for June and July shows are being processed.
- Show approval applications for September through December shows are being processed.



AQHA Show Results Status

- Show results for January shows are complete.
- Show results are being worked as they are received.

Would you like to use the AQHA logo on your AQHA-approved show bill and/or posters? Just let us know and we'll send it to you!

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Teaser ... more exciting items coming soon – be sure to check out next month's Q-Ribbon!

Junior/Senior Provision from 2013

The following provision (from 2013) is still in place through July 31, 2014 – (through the end of the 2014 AQHA World Championship Show qualifying period):

Open-division riders are allowed to show four horses in scored/individually worked classes at any AQHA show in junior or senior, provided at least one of the horses is Level 2-eligible. This will follow through to the number of horses being shown at the 2014 AQHA World Show, meaning open exhibitors may show four horses in the individually worked classes. All-age classes remains up to four horses of any age. This provision was put in place until leveling is offered system-wide. Beginning August 1, 2014, the leveling rules will apply and if a show is not offering Level 2 (formerly Progressive), Rules SHW400--SHW400.8 will be in effect concerning the number of horses that may be shown in individually worked/scored classes.

English Classes – Helmets

At the [2014 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show](#) in August in Oklahoma City, all exhibitors in English classes will be required to compete in an American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute-approved hard hat with harness. This requirement will apply to both flat (hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation) and over-fences classes. Starting in 2015, youth exhibitors will be required to wear an ASTM/SEI-approved hard hat with harness when competing at any AQHA-approved show in an English class, including flat and over-fences classes.



Level 1 Patterns

We recommend using Level 1 (formerly Green) western riding patterns when offering any Level 1 (formerly Novice) western riding classes.

Score Sheets to AQHA

Remember, score sheets for horsemanship, showmanship and hunt seat equitation must be posted at shows and are required to be sent into AQHA this year with your show results.

Show Event Suggestions

- It's best to have a surgical vet on call, just in case.
- Do you have a plan for animal biohazard preparedness, such as when a horse turns up sick or deceased?
- Have an emergency plan in place in the event of tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, etc.
- [Livestock Injury Report](#): Remember to submit one per show number only if cattle classes were held.

Judges Conference – December 8-10, 2014; judges unavailable

The 2014 AQHA Judges Conference is December 8- 9, 2014. On Wednesday, December 10, the first-ever judge recertification test will be held. **Full-carded** judges will be required to attend. With that, show managers may experience issues hiring judges for the week preceding the conference/testing. Please check your show dates/judges to ensure that you do not have a conflict. Let us know if you run into any problems.

Employee Spotlight

Melanie Wills

I am going on my fourth year here at AQHA. I really love my job, the people and customers are simply the BEST. I started as an application entry clerk and I am currently working results, which is my favorite thing to do. It makes me feel like I'm part of the show sometimes. When I'm not at work, my two grandchildren keep me extremely busy. I love spending time with them, and they love being outside, so anything that we can do outdoors is what we do. When I am not with them, I enjoy walking and spending time with friends.



Show Management Workshops

Need to attend a workshop? Check out the upcoming dates and locations [here](#)!

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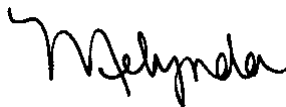
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Thanks for all you do!



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