

Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association

January 2018 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

January 27th

12:30 pm Amateur/NEWQHA Meeting

2:30 pm WQHYA Meeting

5:00 pm Hall of Fame Reception

6:00 pm Banquet, Dinner & Awards

LaSure's Banquet Hall in Oshkosh

January 28th - 9:00 am

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting

LaSure's Banquet Hall

3125 S. Washburn Ave, Oshkosh

<https://www.aqha.com/journal/news/2017/december/12212017-show-management-workshops-2018/>

Six AQHA Show Management Workshops Scheduled for 2018

AQHA members interested in learning more about show management are invited to attend or watch one of the multiple workshops offered worldwide.

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Do you need to re-certify as an AQHA manager or show secretary? Perhaps you're looking for ideas into marketing, promoting, organizing and managing AQHA

shows. Here is your chance to attend or watch the free live webcast of an [AQHA show management workshop](#).

AQHA staff will teach the in-depth workshops, which will take a deeper look into marketing, promoting, organizing and managing AQHA shows. AQHA show management workshops are a great opportunity to review new rules and procedures for the upcoming year. Members watching the show management workshop without registering will not be able to take the show management workshop test, which is part of the official AQHA certification process.

The workshops are scheduled for:

January 11

Scottsdale, Arizona

January 27-28

Germany

February 17-18

England

March 6-7

Jacksonville, Florida – following AQHA Convention

March 17-18

Germany

May

Amarillo, Texas – offered in-person and by webcast

[View more details about each of the workshops.](#)

To take the test to be certified for five years, you must register for an AQHA show management workshop. More information on registering for an upcoming workshop will be available at www.aqha.com/showing under the [show managers section](#).

For more information on the show management seminar, email Melynda Ackley, AQHA manager of competition operations, at mackley@aqha.org.

2018 AQHA Rule Book:

<https://www.aqha.com/rulebook>

AQHA Rulebook

Get easy access to the official AQHA Rulebook electronically or in print.

The AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations is updated yearly after undergoing careful scrutiny by AQHA. The Rulebook represents corporation bylaws, rules and regulations of registration, rules and regulations of racing, rules and regulations of shows, amateur and youth division rules and regulations, Horseback Riding Program rules, and the constitution of AQHYA.

The online version of the rulebook contains the most-updated version of the rules. Differences between rules published on AQHA's website and the print rulebook shall be governed by the official rules published on the website.

AQHA's Rulebook answers all your questions regarding AQHA rules, showing patterns, horse markings, equipment guidelines and more.

2018 Rulebook Options

[Download a PDF version of the 2018 Rulebook](#)

Request a print Rulebook by completing the form below.

2017 Rulebook

[Access the digital 2017 Rulebook](#)

[Download a PDF version of the 2017 Rulebook](#)

Guidelines for Writing Proposed Rule Changes

Rule change proposals are accepted each year prior to AQHA Convention.

Download a [bylaw and rule change proposal form](#) (PDF) and e-mail to rulechanges@aqha.org.

Define the problem and develop as many possible solutions as you can by asking others for input.

Choose one possible solution that appears to be the most appropriate and that fits the mission and goals of AQHA.

Determine if any other rules would be affected if your proposal were to be adopted, and specify the rule numbers.

Submit proper wording for a proposed rule change by typing or neatly printing the exact wording being proposed. If you propose changes to existing language, strike through the words you propose to delete. Type in bold and italics the words you propose to add.

Meritorious proposed rule changes submitted with sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will be assigned to the respective committee(s) and included on AQHA's website with an invitation for members to submit comments. Rule changes submitted without sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will not be assigned to a committee.



Find Your AQHA Level for 2018

Before you go show, use this online AQHA system to determine eligibility.

When entering American Quarter Horse Association classes, AQHA exhibitors are required to provide proof of their level eligibility to show management. Exhibitors must print their level eligibility to give to show management during the 2018 show season. Or save a copy to your phone and use it as proof all year long.

To determine level eligibility for 2018, visit www.aqha.com/leveling to access the Web-based [AQHA leveling verification system](#).

How AQHA Levels Work

AQHA divisions – youth, amateur and open – are divided into levels.

Rookie, beginner to few accomplishments

Level 1, minimally accomplished

Level 2, moderately accomplished

Level 3, most accomplished

The levels are formulated from an objective handicapping system that assigns exhibitors and horses to competition levels.

Classes are leveled based on exhibitor or horse records. Level eligibility is based on points

with AQHA, awards earned with AQHA and other equine associations, and money earned with other equine associations.

Classes leveled by exhibitor record: youth, amateur, Select amateur and open halter and cattle classes. Search for level eligibility for those classes by exhibitor membership ID.

Classes leveled by horse record: open division classes (excluding halter and cattle events). Search by a horse's registration number to determine its eligibility.

"AQHA levels are designed to group horses and riders with their peers of similar experience and points earned," said Pete Kyle, AQHA chief show officer. "From the bottom up, leveling is designed to improve exhibitor experiences at AQHA shows and further American Quarter Horses as competitors."

Visit www.aqha.com/leveling to use the [level verification system](#). The Web application will show you the levels you and your American Quarter Horse are eligible for in 2018. If assistance is needed in verifying level eligibility, AQHA customer service representatives are available to help at 806-376-4811.

Plan to Show in Level 1 Classes?

For exhibitors looking to compete in Level 1 amateur and youth classes, a [Level 1 eligibility application](#) must be filed each year. All Level 1 exhibitors need to complete the Level 1 application and return it to AQHA as soon as possible.

Previous Level 1 application information on file with AQHA may conflict with current eligibility, which would affect the eligibility being shown on the level verification system. You have received this e-mail because you have agreed to receive e-mail correspondence from AQHA. To unsubscribe [click here](#). If you would like to subscribe to more AQHA newsletters please [click here](#). This is an unmonitored e-mail address. Please do not reply. If you have comments or questions, please [contact us](#).

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AQHA LEVEL I CHAMPIONSHIPS



April 10-14, 2018
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Entry Deadline: March 15

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