

Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association

February 2018 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

March 1 - 5, 2018

AQHA Convention

Jacksonville, FL

March 14th - 6:30 pm

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting

Holiday Inn & Convention Center

Fond du Lac

March 21st - 6:30 pm

WAQHA - Amateur Meeting

Perkins in Oshkosh

AQHA

JOIN US IN JACKSONVILLE



**Plan your trip and fun activities at the 2018 AQHA
Convention March 2-5 in Jacksonville, Florida!**

The [2018 AQHA Convention](#) is coming to Florida, and we want you to be a part of it! Schedule your trip and make sure your voice is heard as AQHA reviews member-submitted rule changes, appoints new AQHA directors, inducts a new class into the Hall of Fame and much more. As an

organization that works for its members, AQHA values your opinions and wants to hear from you.

But it's not all work and no play! While you are at convention, participate in [fun activities](#) and more! Contact Cheyenne Tyk at ctyk@aqha.org to register by February 15.

- Saturday, March 3, 3 - 5 p.m. - Wine tasting at Morton's Steakhouse, adjacent to the hotel. \$38.50 a person includes wine and light hors d'oeuvres.
- Sunday, March 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Transportation to St. Augustine for a fun day in the Nation's oldest city with a unique cultural district. Transportation is \$50 per person.

And make sure you have your calendar marked for the Foundation in Paradise, featuring the Bellamy Brothers, at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3. It is going to be the party of the year!

[Register now](#), [book your hotel](#) and book your activities for an unforgettable 2018 Convention!

Learn more at www.aqha.com/convention.

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AQHA Level 1 Championship Information

<https://www.aqha.com/shows/level-1>

AQHA LEVEL 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS



April 10-14, 2018

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Entry Deadline: March 15

- [Schedule](#)
- [Results](#)
- [Entry and Stalling Forms](#)
- [More Information](#)

AQHA

Interested in becoming an AQHA judge?

Learn how with AQHA's online educational program

Level 1 accreditation can be a stepping stone to the process of becoming an American Quarter Association approved judge.

AQHA is offering educational materials for those who want to begin their AQHA judging career. The first step to becoming a full-carded AQHA judge can be through the Level 1 accreditation program. Level 1 judges are able to judge AQHA Level 1 and Rookie classes then, with experience, can progress to other types of accreditation, all-around, specialized or versatility ranch horse.

The Level 1 judge course and educational materials include:

- Review educational materials
- Educational videos
- Testing for Level 1 judging credentials

AQHA judging materials are available through Blackboard, an online educational application for the course work. This online training replaces previously held judges seminars held in Nashville and Irving, Texas.

Registration is now open and the course cost is \$250, which gives access to content for an entire year. Once you have registered, log in at aqha.blackboard.com and check out the materials, including practice tests. Potential Level 1 judges work at their own pace, ending their studies with a test that must be completed by **May 15**. A review process and an interview session must be done before applicants can be certified as an AQHA Level 1 judge.

Start fulfilling your dream to become an AQHA Level 1 judge and [register today](#).

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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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