

WYOMING QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES

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(In accordance with the minutes of the January 14 2023 meeting of the General Membership)

MEMBERSHIP

A membership may be an individual, family (as defined by AQHA), partnership, or group. Each membership is entitled to one vote. Membership is open to anyone. Elections are held during the annual general meeting. Each member receives the official **WQHA** newsletter, The Wrangler.

WQHA points are tabulated individually on each horse that places in **WQHA** approved shows. To be eligible for year-end awards, the membership must be in the name shown as current owner on the registration papers of the horse shown. All members are eligible to compete for year-end awards that are given in halter and performance. If parents are not **WQHA** members, youth contestants must pay family membership dues to have points count for year-end awards in open competition.

DUES

As of 02/01/2019, dues are \$40.00 for a family, partnership or group. Dues may increase or decrease as determined by the majority vote of the membership which the amount due will be the most current at the time. The membership year extends from January 1 through December 31. Dues must be paid before **WQHA** points are tabulated.

DENIED PRIVILEGES

Any **WQHA** member causing unnecessary confusion or hardship on the association may be denied privileges for a time set at the discretion of the **WQHA** Board of Directors.

SHOWS

Only AQHA approved shows in the State of Wyoming and the surrounding States of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Utah are eligible for **WQHA** approval. No out-of-state shows will be approved if they conflict with Wyoming shows. Approval fees are **\$75 per judge plus \$.25 per entry UNLESS the show has less than 250 entries, in which case the approval fee will be a flat \$75 per judge.**

Calendar year for the show season runs from 09/01 through 08/31. Shows held after 08/31 will count towards the next year's points. New year memberships must be purchased prior to the start of the show and memberships paid after 08/31 will apply towards the new year show season.

YEAR-END AWARDS

Only points from **WQHA** approved shows will count toward year end awards. Owner and exhibitor must be current **WQHA** members.

To qualify for a year end award, a member and the horse must show:

- *At a minimum of six (6) **WQHA** approved shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state.
- *In the event there are fewer than nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state, the member and horse must show at five (5) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.
- *A minimum of ten (10) points in a class must be accrued to be eligible for a year end award.
- *The horse does not need to show in a particular class six times in Wyoming to win the year end award as long as the other provisions listed above are met.

- *Total points for awards will be figured on the top twelve (12) **WQHA** approved shows.
- *Points for year-end awards will be tabulated through September 15th of each year.
- *Year end awards must be minimum of one award to include **WQHA** recognition. Cash or exceptions may be allowed only if under \$599 at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- *Yearend awards may be combined with other year end awards at the discretion of the Board of Directors for -
 - Open competition - one (1) horse
 - Amateur or Youth - one horse and one rider (*horse and rider are a team*)
- *No cash award allowed for \$600 or greater.
- *No yearend award will be given unless the above qualifications have been met with the **exception** of Ranch Horse Versatility.

1. ALL-AROUND HORSE: The award will be given to either the **junior or senior** horse which has the most points in the **open** division. In a case of a tie, the horse with the most performance points will win the award. The other horse will receive a lesser award chosen by the awards committee.

- *The horse must be shown in at least six (6) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state.
- *In the event there are fewer than nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state, the member and horse must show at a minimum of five (5) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.
- *A minimum of ten (10) **WQHA** open halter points and ten (10) **WQHA** open points in each of two (2) separate AQHA performance categories is required.
- *A horse must show in each class a minimum of three (3) times.
- *Junior horses placing in all-age classes will be given points.
- *Amateur points do not count towards this award.

2. HIGH-POINT PERFORMANCE HORSE: The award will be given to the horse which has the most points in performance classes in the **open** division.

- *The horse must be shown in at least six (6) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state.
- *In the event there are fewer than nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state, the member and horse must show at a minimum of five (5) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.
- *The horse must earn a minimum of ten (10) points in the open division in each of two (2) separate AQHA performance categories.
- *The horse must be shown at least three (3) times in each class.
- *Amateur points do not count toward this award.

3. ALL-AROUND AMATEUR, ALL-AROUND SELECT AMATEUR, ALL-AROUND LEVEL ONE AMATEUR: In the amateur all-around competitions, ***the horse and rider are a team***. The award will be given to the amateur horse and rider team which has the most points. In case of a tie, the amateur team with the most performance points will win the award. The other amateur team will receive a lesser award chosen by the awards committee.

- *The amateur team (Amateur, Select, or Level 1) must be shown in at least six (6) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state.
- *In the event there are fewer than nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state, the amateur team must show at a minimum of five (5) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.
- *A minimum of ten (10) **WQHA** amateur halter points, **and**
- *A minimum of ten (10) **WQHA** amateur performance points in each of **two (2)** separate AQHA performance categories is required.
- *The amateur team must show in each class a minimum of three (3) times for points to be counted.

*The **Level 1 amateur team** to be eligible for the **All-Around Level 1 Amateur** must **declare** halter points earned as **Level 1 only** prior to their first show.

4. LEVEL 1 AMATEUR PERFORMANCE HIGH POINT: In Level 1 amateur high point competition, ***the horse and rider are a team***. The award will be given to the Level 1 amateur horse and rider team which has earned the most **WQHA** Level 1 amateur points.

*The Level 1 amateur team must be shown in at least six (6) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state.

*In the event there are fewer than nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state, the Level 1 amateur team must show at a minimum of five (5) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.

*A minimum of ten (10) **WQHA** Level 1 amateur points in each of two (2) separate AQHA Level 1 amateur categories is required.

*Points in all Level 1 amateur performance classes will count, provided ten (10) **WQHA** Level 1 amateur points in each of two (2) separate **WQHA** Level 1 amateur categories have been met.

*The Level 1 amateur member must have a current year AQHA Level 1 amateur membership card.

5. SELECT AMATEUR PERFORMANCE HIGH POINT: In select amateur high point competition, ***the horse and rider are a team***. The award will be given to the select amateur horse and rider team which has earned the most WQHA select amateur points.

*The select amateur team must be shown in at least six (6) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state.

*In the event there are fewer than nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state, the Select amateur team must show at a minimum of five (5) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.

*A minimum of ten (10) **WQHA** select amateur points in each of two (2) separate AQHA select amateur categories is required.

*Points in all select amateur performance classes will count, provided ten (10) **WQHA** select amateur points in each of two (2) separate **WQHA** select amateur categories have been met.

*The select amateur member must have a current year AQHA amateur membership card and must meet current AQHA requirements for showing in the select amateur division.

6. AMATEUR PERFORMANCE HIGH POINT: In amateur high point competition, ***the horse and rider are a team***. The award will be given to the amateur horse and rider team which has earned the most WQHA select amateur points.

*The amateur team must be shown in at least six (6) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state.

*In the event there are fewer than nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows held in the state, the amateur team must show at a minimum of five (5) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.

*A minimum of ten (10) **WQHA** amateur points in each of two (2) separate AQHA amateur categories is required.

*Points in all amateur performance classes will count, provided ten (10) **WQHA** amateur points in each of two (2) separate **WQHA** t amateur categories have been met.

*The amateur member must have a current year AQHA amateur membership card and must meet current AQHA requirements for showing in the amateur division.

7. AMATEUR OR SELECT AMATEUR CLASSES:

* In the event Amateur and Select Amateur Classes are combined, points will apply according to amateur or select amateur status selected on the annual membership form.

* Amateur Halter points will apply based on status selected on membership form.

8. POINT SYSTEM: The top nine (9) exhibitors/horses placed under each judge are eligible to receive WQHA points (assuming membership criteria are met). Placings beyond 9th do not receive WQHA points.

The point system is based on the awarding of 1 point for each horse participating and defeated in a class according to the judge's placings. In the event that only one horse is shown that horse shall receive one point. Horses placed after 9th place receive zero (0) points. See chart below for examples.

NUMBER OF HORSES IN THE CLASS:

PLC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
3			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
5					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10										0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

In halter, the grand champion of each sex division will receive two (2) **WQHA** points. The reserve champion of each sex division will receive one (1) **WQHA** point.

RANCH HORSE VERSATILITY YEAR-END CHAMPION OPEN: An award will be given to the horse which has the most points in the ranch horse versatility classes in the open division **at shows that are owned by WQHA.**

*The horse must show in **ALL** ranch horse versatility classes in four (4) RHV shows when offered at **only WQHA owned circuits.**

*There are three (3) classes offered within the RHV category at this time:
Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining & Ranch Conformation.

*Should Ranch Horse Trail be added at some juncture, it will also be a required class for this award.

AMATEUR: The **horse and rider are a team** and must follow the above rules for qualification of the Ranch Horse Versatility **AMATEUR YEAR-END AWARD.**

ALL BREED: There will be no year-end awards offered or awarded for any All-Breed classes.

DONATIONS: Donations to other organizations, for the promotion of the American Quarter Horse, in the amount of \$50.00 per organization with the total amount not to exceed \$500, may be awarded by the Secretary, with the approval of the President. Also, the **WQHA** will recognize outstanding American Quarter Horse Athletes in various Wyoming organizations.