



# Maine Quarter Horse Association

## ~ Open Show Rules 2026 ~

1. Horse owner and rider must be members of MeQHA.
2. Shows affiliated with our program may offer our classes below.
3. Points will be accrued as our normal show points do currently.
4. There will be a Champion awarded at the MeQHA Year End Awards Ceremony for the following classes (qualifiers and championships will be pointed):

### 1. Quarter Horse Halter

Exhibitor may show in English or Western Attire. Entries to be shown in a suitable halter or bridle. To be shown in-hand at a walk and trot/jog. To be judged on type, conformation, quality, substance, and soundness. Hereditary or transmissible unsoundness shall disqualify a horse.

### 2. Quarter Horse Hunter under Saddle

Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses are required to back, but the judge may require, at his discretion, the backing of only the finalists in the class. Emphasis shall be placed on actual suitability to purpose. At the option of the judge, the top eight horses, but never more than eight, may be required to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. From the hand gallop, the judge may require this group to halt and stand quietly on a free (loosened) rein.

### 3. Quarter Horse Western Pleasure

To be shown at a walk, jog trot and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Horses shall be shown one way of the ring at an extended jog and lope with a slight increase in forward motion. Horses may be required to reverse at a walk or jog trot at the discretion of the judge. Judge may ask that the horses be backed. To be judged on performance and conformation at the discretion of the judge

### 4. Ranch Riding

Designed to show a horse with the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse, with good manners and responsiveness. There is no rail work. A pattern must be one that would be accepted at AQHA shows.

### 5. Other Classes

Any class we feel we can cross over into our program from your class list, we will do so.

For shows wanting to affiliate with MeQHA for these QH classes simply fill out the form on page 2 and send it in. Shows must affiliate via this program if they are to promote MeQHA affiliation. Shows must offer at least 3 of the 4 classes. The show management must email the results to [meqhanews@yahoo.com](mailto:meqhanews@yahoo.com) within 10 days from the end of the show.



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### Affiliation Form

Name of Show: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Show: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

MeQHA Affiliation fee is \$25 per show. By sending in this form you agree to follow the MeQHA class rules listed on page 1 of this program.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, please contact Ricky Drew at 207-272-0082  
or [meqhanews@yahoo.com](mailto:meqhanews@yahoo.com)

Please remember to email the results within 10 days of the end of the show.

Please send form and \$25 check payable to MeQHA and mail to:

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Raymond, ME 04071