

# WYOMING QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES

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(In accordance with the minutes of the October 2025 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.

**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 September 1 through August 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 four (4) **WQHA** approved shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows.

\*The member and horse must show at four (4) **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. However, if an exhibitor shows to all judges in Wyoming, and it is not possible to earn the required 10 points in Wyoming, then the exhibitor is eligible for end-of-year awards.

\*The horse does not need to show in a particular class four 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 August 31st of each year.

\*Year end awards must be a 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.

\*Year end 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 year end 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 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 four (4) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows.

\*The member and horse must show at a minimum of four (4) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.

\*Minimum of 30 points in at least 3 categories (Wyo points)

\*No less than 5 points in any one category (Wyo points)

\*Junior horses placing in all-age classes will be given points.

\*Amateur points do not count towards this award.

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

\*The amateur/youth team (Amateur, Select, or Youth) must be shown in at least four (4) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows.

\*The amateur team must show at a minimum of four (4) **WQHA** shows held in the State of Wyoming.

\*Minimum of 30 points in at least 3 categories (Wyo points)

\*No less than 5 points in any one category (Wyo points)

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

\*The Level 1 amateur/youth team must be shown in at least four(4) **WQHA** shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) **WQHA** approved shows.

\*The Level 1 amateur/youth team must show at a minimum of four (4) **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/youth performance classes will count, provided ten (10) **WQHA** Level 1 amateur points in each of two (2) separate **WQHA** Level 1 amateur/youth categories have been met.

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

**4. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.