

# QHAN SHOW & CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

## 1. Scope of Rules & Coordination with AQHA

**Rules:** These rules shall govern all Nebraska Quarter Horse shows that are approved by QHAN for state recordation and year-end awards. In the event of a conflict between these rules and the rules and regulations of AQHA, the rules and regulations of AQHA shall prevail.

**2. Effect of QHAN Approval of a Show.** QHAN approval of a show means only that results of an approved show, conducted in accordance with AQHA rules and regulations are eligible for QHAN recordation and awarding of points of QHAN year-end awards. QHAN approval does not constitute approval of the show grounds, judge, management, nor the manner in which the show is organized or conducted; and QHAN assumes no responsibility for the management of any show nor the action of show management.

## 3. How to obtain QHAN Approval of a Show.

a. An approved show bill must be printed in the NQHA magazine at least one month prior to the horse show taking place.

b. An insurance policy with NQHA named as the insured must be provided by the show management prior to show approval. The policy must be presented to the Executive Committee 90 days prior to the horse show, along with the show application.

c. A legible copy of the application of AQHA approval must be filed with the QHAN Secretary at least ninety (90) days prior to the show and the show must obtain AQHA approval prior to the show. If entry fee classes or classes offered to non-AQHA registered horses are offered, such information must accompany the application.

**4. Show Results.** Results showing the top six horses, owners and exhibitors placing in each class must be compiled by the show and a legible copy must be mailed to QHAN Secretary postmarked not later than 10 days following the show. Computer results from AQHA are the final determination of QHAN points.

a. **Failure to report.** Failure to report complete and legible show results within ten days of the show may result in denial of approval of the show in the following year; and

b. **Loss of Points.** Such failure can cause a deserving horse or exhibitor to lose a part or all of the points they should have earned at such show.

**5. QHAN Office Charge.** A QHAN office charge of \$2.00 for each entry must be added to the show office charge. The QHAN office charge must be remitted to the QHAN Secretary within ten (10) days of the show, along with the show results.

a. **Failure to Pay.** If QHAN office charge is not paid, approval will not be granted the following year.

## 6. Entries.

a. **Information.** The exhibitor is solely responsible for all information and any errors on entry blanks submitted to the show office. Either the show manager or the QHAN Secretary may disallow points for any horse or exhibitor whose entry card contains false, incomplete or inaccurate information.

b. **Payback.** All entry fees, other than office and cattle charges, must be paid back to exhibitors in their entirety. It is recommended that payback be as follows:

- 4 places - 40 - 30 - 20 - 10%
- 3 places - 50 - 30 - 20%
- 2 places - 60 - 40%
- 1 place - 100%

c. **Payment of Entry Fees.** All entry fees must be paid when entry is submitted. Running tabs are not recommended unless a signed check with amount blank is delivered to the show secretary with entry. This rule is for protection of show management.

d. **Refunds.** Any exhibitor withdrawing from a class after entering shall forfeit the entry fee; except in the discretion of the show manager, a refund may be made in case of incapacitating sickness or injury to the exhibitor or the horse, a serious illness or death in the exhibitor's family. All prize money won to that point in the show shall be paid.

e. **Numbers.** Each entry in the show shall be assigned one number which shall be different from all other numbers assigned at the show.

## 7. QHAN Points.

a. A horse is exhibited once it enters the ring. An entry that is disqualified while being exhibited will count toward points in the class.

b. Points for each class are determined by the number of horses that are exhibited in the class on the following basis:

No. of Horses in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6 (or more)	6	5	4	3	2	1

c. QHAN points shall be awarded by the QHAN Secretary from the official show results and shall be awarded only to QHAN members whose current year's dues are paid prior to the show(s) in which points are awarded.

**8. AQHA Rule Book.** The show manager must have a copy of the current AQHA Rule Book available at the show. Rule books are sent to each show manager by AQHA when show approval is granted.

## 9. Show Management.

a. Show managers must be members of QHAN.

b. Show managers shall conduct the show in accordance with the current AQHA Show and Contest Rules and Regulations as published in the AQHA Rule Book.

**10. Exhibitor Conduct.** All exhibitors in QHAN approved shows shall be subject to all applicable AQHA show and contest rules and regulations.

**11. Show Organization.** QHAN strongly recommends that:

a. In multiple shows, identical programs of each class be used at each show.

b. In multiple shows, standard office charges and entry fees be charged at each show.

c. All cattle classes be grouped and scheduled together.

**12. QHAN Recommendations for a Successful Show.** QHAN strongly recommends that show management provide:

a. Adequate off-street parking for vehicles and trailers.

b. A show ring free of rocks and debris, adequately prepared to show.

c. Water for horses and contestants near arena.

d. Reasonable access for long rigs and vehicles to arena and parking area from roads and highways.

e. Food stand.

f. Adequate restrooms near arena.

## 13. Suggestions for Successful Shows.

a. A designated supervisor of the parking area.

b. Show secretary furnish information on request availability of stalls, availability of lodging and food.

c. Alternate indoor arena in case of bad weather.

d. Accessible registration booth.

e. Designation of practice, warm-up area.

f. Equipment to sprinkle and drag arena.

g. Public address system, checked out and operating.

h. Helper-runner to assist announcer.

i. Trash barrels.

j. Gate-equipment crew to handle gates and place or move class equipment.

k. Adequate props for: trail, western riding, poles, barrels, reining markers, cattle events.

l. At least two stop watches or electric timer with back-up watch.

m. Tape measure.

## QHAN YEAR-END AWARDS

Awards will be given in any class that is held six or more times at NQHA

Shows: and the exhibitor has received a minimum of 8 Nebraska points. Eligibility-- for year end awards-- the owner and the exhibitor must be NQHA members, prior to credit given toward year end awards.

The grand Champion Halter Horse of each sex division show receives one point more than other horse one year and older in its sex division with a maximum of five points

allowable. The Reserve shall receive one-half point, with five points allowable.

In High Point All-around Award: Horse and Rider team must earn points in at least two performance categories and halter.

The awards will be made in:

Open, Select Amateur, Amateur and youth-- No halter required for Novice performance. No points will count toward year -end awards until owner and exhibitor dues are paid for the current year: This shall apply to all Partnership horses as well.

High Point awards in Level 1—(formerly Novice) will be as follows: points will be tabulated on

Performance only- with not more than 50 % in one performance event. Level 1- Youth 13- under;

Level 1- Youth 14-18; and Level 1- Amateur

High Point Awards will be awarded in All youth walk trot classes, Amateur walk trot classes,

Small Fry. Awards will be of lesser value in these classes.

RE: If a class of Amateur and Amateur Select is combined—and the points a select ride receives

will be credited toward select points. If a select rider volunteers to enter an amateur class, the points

received will be in the amateur division. They can not be cross referenced.

The points required are NQHA points and not referenced toward AQHA. Nebraska points will be

Awarded based on the number of entries regardless of placing.