

WE HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS YOU HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND HAPPY!

Following this newsletter is a recap of the new classes which are available to be offered beginning with shows of January 1, 2025. We hope you take advantage of them!

We welcome feedback on any topic, or topics for which you need more information. Let us know what you need!



VRH WORLD SHOW QUALIFYING

The 2025 AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships, AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals, AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships, presented by Four Sixes Ranch, and National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance National Championships are tentatively scheduled for June 15-21, 2025, at the Tri-State Exposition in Amarillo, Texas.

2025 Qualifying period is March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025

2026 Qualifying period will be January 1 – December 31, 2025

Due to the qualifying period changing for the 2026 Championship Show, points earned in January and February of 2025 will count for both Championship Shows of 2025 and 2026.

Be sure to let your exhibitors know this and bring more folks to your shows!

SELECT EXHIBITOR PATTERNS

Let your judges know what your select group wants so they can select pattern(s) accordingly. Some showmanship patterns may include too much running and is hard on some of the select exhibitors.

Regarding the dismount to show a bit; we have explained to a few select exhibitors that they can advise show management of your inability to mount/dismount. Show Management can then notify the judge(s) and provide an alternative method. For safety reasons, the rider must be off the horse before the bridle is removed; however, assistance can be offered to the rider that needs help to dismount (this would not be the judge). Show management can provide a block, or person to assist. Thank you for watching out for select exhibitors!

SHOW APPROVAL REMINDERS

Please be sure you are using the most up-to-date show approval applications. Numerous classes have been added for which many of you are writing in. **AVAILABLE NOW: Online show approval forms you can electronically complete and submit!** [Click here](#)

The Executive Committee recently approved the recommendation by the Show Committee to remove the moratorium on shows beginning January 1, 2025, with the following stipulations.

1. New shows may only have four or fewer show numbers.
2. Shows may be Single Judge events or Split/Combined events with no more than two judges in the arena at one time.
3. Shows must follow rules outlined in SHW108.2 for Split/Combined shows.
4. Any shows approved under these rules are not eligible to combine said approvals into four judge Split/Combined events per SHW108.2.2 going forward.
5. There is a five-day dark day period between show dates approved under these requirements.



Show Results

- Please remember to print the **judge's name and ID#** on several cards before sending them in for processing.
- If you e-mail, use Dropbox or any other **electronic method to submit your show results** you do not have to follow up by sending the physical documents. Save yourself the time and don't go to the post office!
- If you are sending your judge cards electronically, be sure to include anything written on the back.

SHOW MANAGEMENT FORMS

We've updated many forms on this resource page - please be sure to download the new versions! [HTTPS://WWW.AQHA.COM/MANAGEMENT-FORMS](https://www.aqha.com/management-forms). Updated forms include necropsy report form; show stewards violation card; welcome first exhibitor form, show administration processing fee payment sheet (please be sure to include this with show results), membership list (please be sure to include this with show results).



JUDGES

Having trouble getting judges to respond to your inquiries? Please let us know who you have contacted, can email that list to either Scott Neuman; sjeuman@aqha.org or John Pipkin; jpipkin@aqha.org.

VIRTUAL ON-SITE SERVICES

When exhibitors use the virtual on-site services, the \$100 rush fee is assessed. Please be sure to receive confirmation back that the transfer has been processed prior to the exhibitor showing in youth or amateur classes. Check out the details [here](#).

CONTACT US



We ask that you use these email addresses to submit your approvals and show results. These are community boxes which are monitored by several Shows Team Professionals which will facilitate your work being processed in a timely manner. Many times, documents are sent to an individual who may not be available to check their personal email account. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you in any manner. It is an honor to serve you!

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New AQHA Classes approved for shows beginning January 1, 2025.

[Level 1 Horse Non-Pro Classes; Showmanship, Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat.](#)

Class Code	Class Name
112004	LEVEL 1 HORSE NON-PRO SHOWMANSHIP
140004	LEVEL 1 HORSE NON-PRO WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
152004	LEVEL 1 HORSE NON-PRO HUNT SEAT EQUITATION

- Offered for amateur and youth exhibitors combined.
- Amateur or youth membership required.
- Horses may not have earned more than 10 points in that class across all divisions to be eligible.
 - Points counted as lifetime through October 31 of the previous show year.
- Points earned in these classes will count towards the exhibitor's level eligibility in the class for which points are earned.
- Points earned in these classes will count towards the horse's rookie level eligibility in the class for which points are earned.
- Horses may not be shown in horsemanship or hunt seat equitation on the flat prior to July 1 of its 2-year-old year.
- Stallions are not eligible to be shown.

Equestrians With Disabilities - Halter

Class Code	Class Name
605500	EWD HALTER MARES
607700	EWD HALTER GELDINGS

- Exhibitors must have an EWD designated membership.
- Ownership of the horse being shown is not required.
- Horses registered with undesirable traits (excessive white as an example) are not eligible to be shown.

Working Cow Horse Box Drive

Class Code	Class Name
219000	WORKING COW HORSE BOX DRIVE (amateur)
419000	WORKING COW HORSE BOX DRIVE (youth)

- Offered in amateur and youth divisions.
- Amateur or youth membership required.
- Amateur and youth eligibility rules apply regarding ownership or lease of the horse.
- Exhibitors are eligible for box-drive if they have never placed in the top ten in working cow horse (going down the fence) at any AQHA world championship show or NRCHA major event.
- Exhibitors cannot have earned 25 or more points in working cow horse.
 - Points counted as lifetime through October 31 of the previous show year.
- Exhibitors cannot cross enter boxing, box drive and/or working cow horse under the same show number.
- Exhibitors cannot show more than three (3) horses in box drive.
- Exhibitors cannot have earned more than \$750 in fence work classes at any judged classes or events, including earnings reported by QData, Equistat and other verifiable resources.

Small Fry 9-and-under classes; Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Trail, Equitation on the flat, Hunter Under Saddle and Ranch Riding

Class Code	Class Name
412402	SMALL FRY SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER
438402	SMALL FRY TRAIL
440402	SMALL FRY WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
442402	SMALL FRY WESTERN PLEASURE
443402	SMALL FRY RANCH RIDING
444402	SMALL FRY HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
452402	SMALL FRY HUNT SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

- Offered for youth division.
- Youth membership is required.
- Exhibitors are not required to own the horse.
- Exhibitors must be L1 eligible in the class they exhibit.
- Exhibitors may not cross-enter any loping class at the AQHA event in which they have shown in small fry classes. This is by event (event code), not individual show number.
- Small Fry points do not count towards the level eligibility of the exhibitor or horse.
- Small Fry points or participation do not qualify for any world show performance halter requirements.
- Small Fry points do not qualify an exhibitor for the Youth World Show.
- Stallions are not eligible to be shown.

International Countries (excluding Canada)

- **Longe Line**

Class Code	Class Name
1180000	LONGE LINE (open)
2180000	LONGE LINE (amateur)

- Offered for open and amateur divisions.
- Offered for yearlings (may not show prior to July 1) 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds.
- If a horse is shown under saddle or driven at any show where AQHA-approved classes are held, this horse is no longer eligible to be shown in longe line.
- An exhibitor may only show one horse in a longe line class.

- **In-Hand Trail**

Class Code	Class Name
138300	IN-HAND TRAIL (open)
238300	IN-HAND TRAIL (amateur)

- Offered for open and amateur divisions.
- Offered for yearlings (may not show prior to July 1) 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds.
- If a horse is shown under saddle or driven at any show where AQHA-approved classes are held, this horse is no longer eligible to be shown in In-Hand Trail.
- An open exhibitor may show up to four horses; an amateur exhibitor may show up to three horses in an In-Hand Trail class.