# Show Committee Agenda 2021 Convention San Antonio, Texas

- 1. Welcome by Chair
- 2. Committee guidelines
- 3. Meeting protocol
- 4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
- 5. Youth Participation report from AQHYA Representative
- 6. Nominations for Committee Chair (Saturday)
- 7. Review of agenda items by subcommittees

## Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors consideration:

### **GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

- 8. Review member proposal to offer longe line and trail in hand for 2- & 3-year-old classes to increase the number of entries.\*\*
- 9. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW467.1 Water hazard (ditch or small pond). No metal or slick-bottom boxes will be used.

### Proposed Rule Change

SHW467.1 Water hazard (ditch or small pond). No metal or slick-bottom boxes will be used. When a water hazard/box is used, it shall remain dry at all times in all divisions.

10. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW467.1 Water hazard (ditch or small pond). No metal or slick-bottom boxes will be used.

### Proposed Rule Change

SHW467.1 Water hazard (ditch or small pond). No metal or slick-bottom boxes will be used. <u>When a water hazard/box is used, it shall remain dry at all times in</u> <u>all divisions, with the exception of the Open Level 2 and Level 3 senior trail.</u> <u>Water may be added at the discretion of the course designer in the stated</u> <u>classes.</u> 11. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW466.1 Opening, passing through and closing gate. (Losing control of gate is to be penalized.) Use a gate that will not endanger horse or rider. If the gate has a metal, plastic or wooden support bar under the opening, contestants must work the gate moving forward through it.

Proposed Rule Change Move this rule to optional trail course obstacles.

- 12. Review member proposal to offer virtual AQHA-approved shows.\*\*
- 13. Report from EWD Task Force
- 14. Discussion Items

# SHOW FORMAT AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

15. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW127.1 Show Officials. No show official or member of their immediate family, any children or other relatives living in the same household of either or both of the married persons, or any person owning or leasing the grounds on which a show is being held whose ownership could influence the outcome of any show held on such property, shall enter or exhibit horses in any AQHA-approved open or amateur show at which he/she is officiating, nor may any horse owned by such person be entered and exhibited. Youth events and alliance shows, where it is acceptable by the rules of the alliance, are excluded from coverage under this rule.

### Proposed Rule Change

SHW127.1 Show Officials. None of the following persons may enter or exhibit horses, nor may any horse owned by any of the following persons be entered and exhibited, in any AQHA-approved open or amateur show: (a) any show official [as defined in SHW127] for such particular AQHA-approved open or amateur show at which he/she is a show official; (b) any member of the immediate family [as defined in SHW220.1] of a show official, if such immediate family member is also living in the same household; or (c) the owner or tenant of the grounds on which such particular AQHA-approved open or amateur show is being held and whose ownership could influence the outcome of such show.

16. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW127.1

SHW127 SHOW OFFICIALS are defined as any person performing the duties of a show manager, ring steward or show secretary. Show officials, with the exception of ring stewards, must have a current AQHA individual membership. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of a show official who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience.

# Proposed Rule Change

SHW127.1 No show official or member of their immediate family living in the same household (hereafter referred to as "immediate family member") shall enter or exhibit a horse (whether or not owned by them) in any AQHA-approved open or amateur show at which the show official is officiating. A ring steward may officiate at a show at which their immediate family member has entered or will exhibit a horse but may not officiate a specific class that their immediate family member has entered or will exhibit a horse. A ring steward shall notify show management of the aforementioned conflict to ensure show management does not schedule them to officiate a specific class that their immediate family member has entered or will exhibit a horse. No person owning or leasing the grounds of an AQHA-approved open or amateur show shall enter or exhibit a horse (whether or not owned by them) at such show. Youth events and alliance shows, where it is acceptable by the rules of the alliance, are excluded from coverage under this rule.

17. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW750.1 CMSA competition will be offered and approved through the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association

## Proposed Rule Change

SHW750.1 <u>All Mounted Shooting competition will be offered and approved</u> through AQHA as a special event.\*\*

- 18. Report from Show & Format Task Force
- 19. Discussion Items

# LEVELING AND AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

- 20. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW251.5 Exhibitors placing in the top three in the Level 3 classes at the AQHYA, Select or Open/Amateur world shows in the past 15 years, are no longer eligible for Level 1 beginning the following year and can never will not be eligible for Level 1 in that class.\*\*
- 21. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW251.9. Competitors placing in the top two in the Level 3 classes at the AQHYA, Open/Amateur or Select world shows are not eligible for Level 2 for the subsequent five years in that class within that division, regardless of points earned in the past three years.\*\*
- 22. Review member proposal to exclude 2020 points from leveling range calculations due to COVID-19 impact on sanctioned show participation. Further consider a bottom point value on leveling ranges so exhibitors know the lower limit won't vary.\*\*

- 23. Review member proposal to add Green Non-Pro division for exhibitors.\*\*
- 24. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW245.5 Any individual who has been an accredited horse show judge or who has trained professionally <u>and has placed</u> <u>Top 10 in an open division at the AQHA World Show</u> will not be eligible to participate in Level 1 competition.\*\*
- 25. Review member proposal to add Level 2 to the world show's weanling halter classes in both Amateur and Select.\*\*
- 26. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW755. WALK-TROT CLASSES. Walk-trot classes can be held in western pleasure, western horsemanship, trail, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation. Walk-trot classes are available, at the discretion of show management, at any approved show in youth and amateur classes. Show associations must also offer Walk-Trot halter, and/or show associations high-points are determined based only on classes designated Walk/Trot.\*\*
- 27. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW804. SUPERIOR ALL-AROUND OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH will be awarded to any individual youth or amateur exhibitor/horse combination or any stallion, mare or gelding in the open division that has earned 50 or more all-around titles.

### Proposed Rule Change

Amend Rule SHW804. SUPERIOR ALL-AROUND OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH <u>&</u> <u>SELECT</u> - will be awarded to any individual youth or amateur exhibitor/horse combination or any stallion, mare or gelding in the open division that has earned 50 or more all-around titles. <u>Only Select all-arounds count toward the Superior</u> <u>Select all-around and only Amateur all-arounds count toward the Superior</u> <u>Amateur all-around.</u>\*\*

28. Review staff request for clarification on the Select Amateur All-Around and whether the approval of 4 amateur performance classes per show qualify for Select Amateur All-Around.

SHW117. AMATEUR DIVISION APPROVAL. An amateur division may be approved separately or in conjunction with an AQHA-approved show for all ages and/or a youth show, provided at least four AQHA-approved amateur performance events are offered.

SHW803.4 Only Select classes count toward earning a Select all-around trophy, only amateur classes (not Select amateur classes) count toward earning an amateur all-around. If the class is offered as an all-age class, the points will follow their respective age division. Should the Select class be combined with the amateur all-age class, the points earned by the Select will count toward their all-

around eligibility as a Select. (Amateur Committee recommendation to Show Committee as primary)

29. Review staff request for considering the necessity to continue the permit program.

SHW230. AMATEUR PERMITS. Amateur card holders may ride horses owned by someone other than immediate family members in any open division performance class for which they have been granted exemption by AQHA with no penalty, provided the amateur member pays all entry fees and expenses in connection with showing. Upon written request to AQHA's Competition Department, and after receiving from them a permit authorizing such, an amateur member will be permitted to exhibit a horse he/she does not own in open division classes at a maximum of two AQHA-approved shows. The amateur member seeking exemption must submit to AQHA's Competition Department the names and exact dates of the two shows, as well as the horse's name and AQHA registration number that they will exhibit.

SHW245.8 Level 1 exhibitors, in Amateur or Youth, may participate on a nonowned horse in Level 1 Amateur or Youth classes. The recorded owner retains the ability to show the same horse in any class other than the same class as the Level 1 exhibitor. This option is not available to competitors at the top 10 show circuits. The top 10 show circuits can be found at agha.com. They are determined by the number of entries in the previous year. For the top 10 shows (provided the show accepts permits), a Level 1 amateur or Level 1 youth member may apply for up to 10 permits allowing them to compete with one permit per show on a non-owned horse in Level 1 classes only. Points earned by Level 1, whether using permits or not, will count toward the point cap per class for Level 1 eligibility. Applications for permits shall be directed to the AQHA Competition Department on application forms provided by AQHA or an application may be filled out at an AQHA-approved show, and be granted as AQHA, in its sole discretion, determines. Exhibitors must have a current amateur or youth membership to participate. All Level 1 rules still apply whether using permits or not. (Amateur Committee recommendation to Show Committee as primary)

- 30. Review staff request for clarification on the specific timeline and class restrictions from SHW 245.3.5 for exhibitors who competed on an NCEA equestrian team on a scholarship or as a starting exhibitor.
- 31. Report from Leveling Task Force
- 32. Discussion Items

## WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

- 33. Review member proposal to add an Open Ladies Breakaway class to the AQHA show docket.\*\*
- 34. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW305.7 to add requirement for bridged reins when riding two handed.

Junior horses competing in western pleasure, western horsemanship, western riding, trail, reining, working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, trail, all Versatility Ranch Horse and all Ranching Heritage Challenge classes that are shown with a hackamore or snaffle bit may be ridden with one or two hands on the reins. The tails of the reins must be crossed on the opposite side of the neck when riding with two hands on split reins except in reining, working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes and all RHC classes. Closed reins (example mecate) may not be used with a snaffle bit, except in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes and all RHC classes, where a mecate is permitted. When using a snaffle bit in working cow horse, boxing, ranch trail, all VRH classes and all RHC classes, where a mecate is permitted. When using a snaffle bit in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes and all RHC classes, where a mecate is permitted. When using a snaffle bit in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes and all RHC classes, a leather or other woven material chin strap of any width is to be used and should be attached to the bit below the reins. No iron, chain, or other material is allowed. The chin strap can include metal buckles and/or keepers.

- 35. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW454.5. illegal equipment, willful abuse off course, knocking over markers, completely missing log, major refusal stop and back more than two strides or four steps with front legs, major disobedience or schooling failure to start lope prior to end cone in pattern 1 and 6, four or more simple lead changes, and/or failures to change leads (except for Level 1 and rookie classes), failure to start lope beyond 30 feet of designated area in patterns 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and Level 1 patterns 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9 (except for Level 1 and rookie).
- 36. Review member proposal to add new rule that poles used as a trail obstacle must be either natural wood colored or if painted, they should be painted in natural colors including, but not limited to white, black, red, green, blue, etc. The patterns used to paint the poles should be stripes that are between 1 foot and 6 feet in width of the same color with straight lines perpendicular to the end of the poles. In no situation should the poles be painted with any type of unnatural pattern or pattern that creates an optical illusion or unnatural looking obstacle.
- 37. Review member proposal to add new rule to the trail section that states that horses should be given at least an hour practice time (in a practice area or the actual course), over poles painted in a similar way to those in the trail pattern. (Only if #4 is not accepted).

- 38. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW375.2 The exhibitor must lead on the horse's left side holding the lead shank in the right hand near the halter with the tail of the lead loosely coiled in the left hand unless requested by the judge to show the horse's teeth. It is preferable The exhibitor's hand <u>shall</u> not be on the snap or chain portion of the lead continuously. The chain on the lead may be over the nose or under the chin; however, no chains are allowed in the horse's mouth. It is recommended that no more than two or three links of chain remain outside of halter. The excess lead should never be tightly coiled, rolled or folded. When leading, the exhibitor should be positioned between the eye and the mid-point of the horse's neck, referred to as the leading position.
- 39. Review member proposal to delete SHW700.6 If exhibitor shows in more than one barrel racing class and pays entry fees for each class, exhibitor may run once and carry over the time for all the classes (roll over times).
- 40. Review member proposal to delete SHW703.6 If exhibitor shows in more than one pole bending class and pays entry fees for each class, exhibitor may run once and carry over the time for all the classes (roll over times).
- 41. Review member proposal to delete SHW400.13 Allow exhibitors to roll over times in speed events. If an exhibitor is eligible to show in multiple classes, they may make one run and declare in advance that particular run will carry over or roll over to the other class(es) entered. This applies to Level 1 youth, youth, Level 1 amateur, amateur, and select amateur exhibitors. The exhibitor must declare at time of entry if any times are to be rolled over and to which particular class(es). An entry fee and any additional charges will be paid for each class entered. An exhibitor may not declare to roll over a time once the classes have begun or have a time rolled over to any class that has already been held. They will make their run in the first class that they are entered according to the show schedule. They will be included in the draw for that class but are not to be placed in the draw for the upcoming class(es) they have declared so as not to affect the draw for those particular class(es). The announcer should also announce on the initial run whether or not the time is going to be rolled over to any subsequent class. If a show is being held where there are multiple judges, and the class is held one time then the time will be noted for each judge in the appropriate class(es) entered and declared. If the show is a circuit with multiple days, then an entry and declaration must be made for the separate show days. Once the class has started an exhibitor declaring a time will carry over cannot decide to run independently

- 42. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW564 VRH and RHC LIMITED RANCH COW WORK AMATEUR/YOUTH. (Box - Drive - Box -Drive) SHW564.1 Content. Exhibitors in the limited ranch cow work can only compete in one subdivision of cow work at the same show with the same horse. Limited ranch cow work exhibitors are allotted one minute and forty-five seconds to complete the work. When there is 50 seconds left, the announcer will announce, "50 seconds remaining". At one minute and forty-five seconds, the announcer will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all the allotted time but must ride until the judge whistles the end of the run or time expires, whichever occurs first. There are four parts to the work: boxing the cow; setting up the cow and driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena; boxing it at the opposite end of the arena; and then driving the cow past the middle marker again. There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a fence turn, instead the drive down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner. • Part One – Boxing the Cow – The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse's ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow. • Part Two - Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence to Opposite End of Arena – After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up for driving down the side of the arena. When coming out of the corner, the horse shall be close enough to the cow to demonstrate control with the cow against the fence. This distance and control should be maintained for approximately 1/2 to 3/4 the length of the arena. Rider will then stop and release the cow and move horse toward center of arena to set the cow up for boxing. • Part Three - Boxing the Cow at Opposite End of Arena – The exhibitor will regain control or hold the cow at the end of the arena to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow. • Part Four – Drive the Cow back down the fence (original side) past the middle marker and continue until the judge blows the whistle to show completion. While boxing the cow at the opposite end, if the rider loses sufficient control and shows lack of considerable effort to hold the cow at the far end, the judge will whistle the end of the run if the cow passes center. (Show Committee recommendation to Ranching Committee as primary)
  - 43. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW417.6 Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.

Sitting the regular trot and lope is recommended; though standing in the stirrups at the extended trot and extended lope, or posting the extended trot is acceptable. (Show Committee recommendation to Ranching Committee as primary)

44. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW417.2 to allow shows over 2,500 entries the latitude to offer unique ranch riding patterns. (Show Committee recommendation to Ranching Committee as primary)

- 45. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW431 CLASS PROCEDURES: All exhibitors must enter the ring and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually. When exhibitors are worked individually from the gate, a working order is required. Exhibitors should be instructed to either leave the arena, fall into line or fall into place on the rail after their work. The whole class, or just the finalists, must work at all three gaits at least one direction of the arena. The following maneuvers are acceptable in a pattern: walk, jog, trot, extended trot, lope or extended lope in a straight line, curved line, serpentine, circle, figure eight or combination of these gaits and maneuvers; stop; back in a straight or curved line; turn or pivot, including spins and rollbacks on the haunches and/or on the forehand; sidepass, two-track or leg-yield; flying or simple change of lead; countercanter; or any other maneuver; or ride without stirrups. A back should be asked for at some time during the class. Judges should not ask exhibitors to mount or dismount. At the discretion of the judges, the whole class or just the finalists, may be asked to come back and perform on the rail at the conclusion of the pattern work.
- 46. Animal Welfare Commission request to review allowing bits with chain mouthpieces (3/8-inch minimum diameter links) to be used in speed events and roping.

(Pro Horsemen Council and Judge Committee recommendation to Show Committee as primary)

- 47. Animal Welfare Commission request to review prohibiting ported bits with a chain mouthpiece to be used in AQHA events or on AQHA show grounds. (Pro Horsemen Council and Judge Committee recommendation to Show Committee as primary)
- 48. Animal Welfare Commission request to review clarification that any bit considered legal in an AQHA-approved class may be used on any horse for training purposes on show grounds, whether or not the horse will be shown <u>in</u> the class in which the bit is legal; for example, equipment legal for barrel racing classes may be used on horses of other disciplines for training on the showgrounds.

(Pro Horsemen Council and Judge Committee recommendation to Show Committee as primary)

- 49. Review member proposal to amend penalty rules as follows:
  SHW437.1 (Three (3) points): Obviously looking down to check leads.
  SHW437.2 (Five (5) points): Obviously looking down to check leads.
- 50. Review alliance partner request to consider speed-event judge requirements and the barriers to hosting AQHA sanctioned classes during existing non-AQHA alliance partner events.\*\*
- 51. Discussion Items.

# **ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE**

52. Review member proposal to amend penalties for Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat as follows:

SHW621.2.1 (Three (3) points): Break of gait at the walk or trot up to 2 strides Over or under turn from 1/8 to 1/4 turn Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail.

SHW621.2.2 (Five (5) points) Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail.

SHW621.2.3 (Ten (10) points) Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail

53. Review member proposal to amend penalties for Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat as follows:

SHW621.2.1 (Three (3) points) Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail.

SHW621.2.2 (Five (5) points) **Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals.** Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail

54. Review member proposal to amend penalties for Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat as follows:

SHW621.2.2 (Five (5) points) Loss of iron Head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical while the 2 horse is in motion, showing the appearance of intimidation

SHW621.2.3 Ten (10) points Loss of iron.

55. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW680 DRESSAGE. An AQHAapproved event. AQHA will recognize these levels of dressage competition starting with the Training Level, continuing through First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, FEI Prix St. Georges, FEI Intermediate I, FEI Intermediate II and FEI Grand Prix. Dressage may also be offered at an AQHA-approved show or special event and must be judged by a licensed USEF/USDF judge. SHW680.1 Freestyle is not recognized.

SHW680.2 Dressage will be offered and approved through USEF/ USDF-licensed competitions holding an AQHA-approved class.

SHW680.3 Show approval as well as horse and exhibitor eligibility requirements must be met. SHW680.4 A one-time license fee of \$85 for the horse must be recorded with AQHA prior to the competition.\*\*

56. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW680 DRESSAGE. An AQHAapproved event. AQHA will recognize these levels of dressage competition starting with the Training Level, continuing through First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, FEI Prix St. Georges, FEI Intermediate I, FEI Intermediate II and FEI Grand Prix. Dressage may also be offered at an AQHA-approved show or special event and-must be judged by a licensed USEF/USDF judge. <u>Refer to SHW108.9</u>

SHW680.1 Freestyle is not recognized.

SHW680.2 Dressage will be offered and approved through USEF/ USD- licensed competitions holding an AQHA-approved class.

SHW680.3 Show approval as well as horse and exhibitor eligibility requirements must be met. SHW680.4 A one-time license fee of \$85 for the horse must be recorded with AQHA prior to the competition. \*\*

57. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW104. SHOW APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FEES based on total number of entries from the previous year's event, Rookie entries excluded.

\$3,000 = 5,000 or more entries \$2,000 = 2,500-4,999 entries \$750 = 1,000-2,499 entries \$500 = Events with 500-999 entries \$100 = Events with 1-499 entries \$100 = Introductory Shows, Level 1 Shows, Rookie Shows, Versatility Ranch Horse Shows, New Special Events or New Shows \$50 = Dressage, Western Dressage, or EWD\*\*

58. Review member proposal to amend Rule SHW108.9 Dressage is a French term meaning "training" and its purpose is to develop the horse's natural athletic ability and willingness to work making him calm, supple and attentive to his rider. Dressage patterns, or "tests," are designed to showcase the horse's ability to demonstrate these strengths through various movements. Competition occurs in a regulation size arena with specific apparel and equipment all regulated by USEF. Dressage may be offered at an AQHA-approved show or special event and must be judged by a licensed USEF/USDF judge holding an AQHA membership.

Open, amateur and youth eligibility are based on AQHA criteria. <u>Refer to SHW215,</u> SHW220, SHW225, SHW235. \*\*

- 59. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW108.9.1 <u>AQHA will recognize</u> these levels of dressage competition starting with Training Level, continuing through First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, FEI Prix St. Georges, FEI Intermediate I, FEI Intermediate II and FEI Grand Prix. Dressage may be offered at an AQHA-approved show or special event and must be judged by a licensed USEF/USDF judge holding an AQHA membership. A list of qualified judges will be available on the AQHA website. Rules of the USEF/USDF are available at www.usef.org and www.usdf.org. \*\*
- 60. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW108.9.1 Freestyle, Suitability, Hack and Dressage Seat Equitation are not recognized for AQHA competition. \*\*
- 61. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW108.9.2 <u>Show approval as well</u> <u>as horse and exhibitor eligibility requirements must be met.</u> \*\*
- 62. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW108.9.3 <u>POINTS. The</u> <u>percentage score will be converted into a point value. Points will be awarded</u> <u>in each division and recorded on horse's records. AQHA points can be</u> <u>earned starting at Training Level and going through FEI Grand Prix.</u> \*\*
- 63. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW686 <u>EVENTING. An AQHA-approved event. AQHA will recognize these levels of eventing competition</u> starting with the Beginner Novice Level, continuing through Novice Level, <u>Training Level, Preliminary Level, Intermediate Level and Advance Level.</u> \*\*
- 64. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW686.1 Eventing will be offered and approved through USEA-licensed competitions holding an AQHAapproved class. \*\*
- 65. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW686.2 <u>Show approval as well as</u> horse and exhibitor eligibility requirements must be met. \*\*
- 66. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW686.3 <u>A one-time license of \$85</u> for the horse must be recorded with AQHA prior to the competition. \*\*
- 67. Review member proposal to add new Rule SHW687 POINTS. The final penalty score will be converted into a point value. Points will be awarded in each division and recorded on the horse's records. AQHA points can be earned starting at Beginner Novice Level going through Advanced Levels. The points are listed on the horse's record and count for awards such as Register of Merit and year-end high-points. AQHA recognizes high-points (first through 10<sup>th</sup>) for open, amateur and youth divisions for each level.\*\*

- 68. Review member proposal to modify Rule SHW619 Class Procedure: Exhibitors may be worked individually from the gate or they may all enter at once, but a working order must be drawn regardless. The entire class, or only the finalists, must work at all three gaits at least one direction of the arena. Rail work can be used to break ties and possibly adjust placings. <u>At the discretion of the judges, the whole class or just the finalists may be asked to come back and perform on the rail at the conclusion of the pattern work.</u>
- 69. Discussion Items

### WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

- 70. Review member proposal to add new rule to the World Show Handbook: Political banners, drapes, flags and signs will be limited to specific size restrictions [to be determined by committee].
- 71. Review member proposal to continue the 3-year-old Western Pleasure class at the World Show as a standard World Show class.\*\*
- 72. Review member proposal to eliminate shootouts at the championship shows and replace with: In Level 3 scored classes with 65 or more entries SHOWN, the top 20 scoring horses (plus ties) will advance to the finals.\*\*
- 73. Review member proposal to modify performance halter entry requirements for the World Show.\*\*
- 74. Review member proposal for World Show halter classes, change current 5-judge system (loss of high & low placings, average of 3 median placings) to a 4-judge system (loss of low placings only).\*\*
- 75. Review member proposal to offer an optional jackpot at Youth World to serve as a self-funding scholarship opportunity.\*\*
- 76. Review member proposal to offer Level 2 Select amateur core classes at the Open and Amateur world shows.\*\*
- 77. Review member proposal to permit Select amateurs to show in their respective Amateur Level 2 and Level 3 classes at the World Show.\*\*
- 78. Report from World Show Task Force(s) and Cattle Advisory Group
- 79. Discussion Items

# HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

- 80. Review member proposal to allow a qualified person (chosen by AQHA) to track a halter horse if this is requested by an exhibitor due to age or disability.
- 81. Review member proposal to amend SHW350.2 All horses whose registration certificates are marked with a parrot mouth notation per registration rules, cryptorchid notation per registration rules or excessive white notation per registration rules are ineligible to compete in any halter class including performance halter. Horses whose registration certificates are marked with an excessive white notation per registration rules are ineligible to compete in any halter class. except performance halter.\*\*
- 82. Review member proposal to amend SHW567.3 All horses whose registration certificates are marked with a parrot mouth, cryptorchid or excessive white notation are ineligible to compete in the ranch horse conformation class. All stallions shall be examined to confirm that they have two visible testicles. All stallions and mares shall be examined for parrot mouth. If examination reveals that a horse has parrot mouth or is cryptorchid, such horse should be excused from the ring prior to final placing by the judge regardless of whether the parrot mouth or cryptorchid condition is marked on the horse's registration certificate.

### Proposed New Rule

Any AQHA registered horse is eligible to compete in VRH conformation regardless of genetic defects designated on the registration certificate. The VRH conformation is a stand-alone category unlike halter and performance halter.\*\*

83. Review member proposal to amend SHW567.6 Exhibitors may qualify and show more than one horse in ranch conformation classes. Not allowing these horses to be shown by other exhibitors will make them ineligible for the all-around which will also affect the overall all-around results for other exhibitors. Open exhibitors cannot show another youth or amateur horse; however, a youth or amateur exhibitor can show other youth, amateur <u>or open horses.</u> The preference is for another family member to show the additional horse(s). This guideline is similar to SHW369.4 for other halter classes. For additional rules concerning halter not addressed in ranch conformation see SHW350 HALTER CLASSES.\*\*

84. Discussion Items

# **CLOSING BUSINESS**

- 85. Voting by full committee on agenda items
- 86. Election of Committee Chair
- 87. Adjourn
- \*\* Denotes Computer Programming Requirement