

# WYOMING QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES REVISED 2016

## 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. Each member receives the official WQHA newsletter, The Wrangler.

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

Dues are \$35.00 for a family, partnership or group. The membership year extends from January 1 through December 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 \$65.00 per day/show.

## 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 six (6) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) WQHA approved shows held in the state. In the event there are fewer than nine (9) WQHA approved shows held in the state, the member and horse must show at three (3) 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. The horse does not need to show in a particular class six 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 September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**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 case of 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 six (6) WQHA shows in Wyoming. A minimum of ten (10) WQHA open halter points and ten (10) WQHA open points in each of two (2) separate AQHA performance categories is required. A horse must show in each class a minimum of three (3) times. Junior horses placing in all-age classes will be given points. Amateur points do not count towards this award.

**2. HIGH-POINT PERFORMANCE HORSE:** The award will be given to the horse which has the most points in performance classes in the open division. The horse must be shown in at least six (6) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming. The horse must earn a minimum of ten (10) points in the open division in each of three (3) separate AQHA performance categories. The horse must be shown at least three (3) times in each class. The award may be combined with other year-end awards at the discretion of the awards committee. Amateur points do count toward this award.

**3. ALL-AROUND AMATEUR:** In the amateur all-around competition, the horse and rider are a team. The award

will be given to the amateur horse and rider team which has the most points. In case of a tie, the amateur team with the most performance points will win the award. The other amateur team will receive a lesser award chosen by the awards committee. The amateur team must have shown in at least six (6) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming. A minimum of ten (10) WQHA amateur halter points and ten (10) WQHA amateur performance points in each of two (2) separate AQHA performance categories is required. The amateur team must show in each class a minimum of three (3) times for points to be counted.

**4. NOVICE AMATEUR HIGH POINT:** In novice amateur high point competition, the horse and rider are a team. The award will be given to the novice amateur horse and rider team which has earned the most WQHA novice amateur points. The novice amateur team must have shown in a minimum of six (6) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming. A minimum of ten (10) WQHA novice amateur points in each of two (2) separate AQHA novice amateur classes is required. Points in all novice amateur performance classes will count, provided the requirement of ten (10) WQHA novice amateur points in each of two (2) separate WQHA novice amateur classes has been met. The novice amateur member must have a current year AQHA novice amateur membership card.

**5. SELECT AMATEUR HIGH POINT:** In select amateur high point competition, the horse and rider are a team. The award will be given to the select amateur horse and rider team which has earned the most WQHA select amateur points. The select amateur team must have shown in a minimum of six (6) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming. A minimum of ten (10) WQHA select amateur points in each of two (2) separate AQHA select amateur classes is required. Points in all select amateur performance classes will count, provided the requirement of ten (10) WQHA select amateur points in each of two (2) separate WQHA select amateur classes has been met. The select amateur member must meet current AQHA requirements for showing in the select amateur division.

**POINT SYSTEM:** The point system is based on the awarding of 1 point for each horse participating and defeated in a class according to the judges placings. In the event that only one horse is shown that horse shall receive one point. 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										1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

The grand champion of each sex division will receive at least one more WQHA point than any other horse in its sex division. The reserve champion of each sex division will receive as many points as any horse in its sex division except the grand champion.

**QUALIFYING FOR THE LEVEL 1 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS**

Qualifying System

A) The qualifying dates for the Novice Championship Shows will be May 1-August 31 of the current year and will be for the Championship shows that fall after August 31 of the current year and before May 1 of the following year.

B) In order to be eligible for qualification through the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association the amateur or youth must be a current WQHA member. The three individuals, who have not nationally qualified, with the most WQHA points in any novice class will have their names submitted to AQHA as being qualified to participate in any novice class offered at the championship show.

**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 \$300, 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.