

AQHA Direktoren bestätigen Regeländerungen ab 2007

Auf der diesjährigen AQHA Convention in Seattle, USA, bestätigten das board of directors und das AQHA Executive Committee die folgenden Regeländerungen, die ab 2007 in Kraft treten. Diese sind in Englisch wiedergegeben, die für Europa wichtigsten Regeländerungen werden in deutscher Übersetzung in Kürze nachgeliefert.

Amateur Committee

- Amended Rule 403 (a) (5) to include spouse's siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.
- Adjusted the point scale for figuring the Sooner Trailer All-Around Amateur award, beginning with the 2006 Bayer Select World Championship Show and the 2006 Bank of America Amateur World Championship Show. The points would be adjusted for any class that has less than 10 exhibitors. Example: If there are only seven exhibitors in a class, the points would be 7 points for first, 6 points for second, etc.
- Accepted the show vitality five-point plan.

Finance Committee

- Approved the finance committee guidelines of committee and member responsibilities.
- Approved the current investment policy statement and schedules.
- Approved the schedules of 2005 investment performance.
- Approved all actions of the investment oversight committee for the last year.
- Approved the September 30, 2005, fiscal "Statements of Position and Activities."

Equine Research

- Funded the following equine research projects for a total of \$501,302:
 1. University of California Davis – "Identification of the Causative Mutation for HERDA in the American Quarter Horse" for \$57,623.
 2. University of Georgia – "In Vitro Models of Cellular Level Processes in the Early Pathogenesis of Black Walnut Induced Laminitis" for \$50,890.
 3. University of Georgia – "Acute Inflammatory Changes in Skin and Lamellar Tissue During the Onset of Acute Laminitis" for \$47,979.
 4. University of Illinois – "Growth Factor Enhanced Mesenchymal Stem Cell-Based Therapies to Promote Tendon Healing" for \$32,495.
 5. Michigan State University – "Intersection Remodeling and Decreased Tissue Perfusion in Navicular Syndrome" for \$27,410.
 6. University of Minnesota – "Genetic Analysis of Glycogen Storage Disorder in Quarter Horses" for \$55,997.
 7. Mississippi State University – "Further Characterization of Hyperelastosis Cutis in Quarter Horses and Confirmation of an Autosomal Recessive Mode of Inheritance" for \$18,934 pending resolution of patent issues.
 8. University of Florida – "Effects of Acetylcysteine on Recovery of Equine Large

- Colon From Ischemic Injury” for \$29,566.
9. University of Kentucky – “Development of Real-Time PCR-Based Diagnostic Assays for Detection of Virus Infections in Horses” for \$27,751.
 10. Purdue University – “The Domperidone Response Test: A Novel Method to Investigate Equine Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (Cushing’s Disease)” for \$37,638.
 11. Washington State University – “Navicular Suspensory Ligament Desmotomy” for \$68,436.
 12. Virginia/Maryland Regional College – “Apoptosis in the Equine Intestine Following Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury” for \$46,583.

Foundation Committee

- Approved the America’s Horse Cares/therapeutic riding subcommittee recommendation to accept the modified version of the program summary with amendments to request annual information, including:
 1. The number of individuals served on average
 2. The number of services provided on average
 3. Definition of the type of program; i.e., a year-round, camp, summer-only, winter-only or combination.
- Approved the new selection process point system.
- Approved increasing the value of each scholarship only by raising additional funds.

Foundation Council

- Approved that the Foundation host “A Ride with Bob,” pending the trustees’ review of the contract.
- Approved a request on behalf of the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show to locate a historical marker on the show grounds.

International Committee

- Approved the formula for international business plan funding.
- Approved to create a quarterly newsletter for affiliates and committee members.

Judges Committee

- Approved to require judges to have additional patterns, relative to the ability of the contestants, in novice youth and novice amateur classes.
- Approved that AQHA adopt the National Reined Cow Horse Association’s new rule concerning equipment failure, which reads, “If at any time during a performance a piece of equipment breaks, the rider may continue provided the broken equipment does not pose a hazard to the rider and/or is not cruel to the horse. In the event that the fence work immediately follows the rein work, broken equipment may be repaired, within a 1 minute time period between the reined work and the cow portion of the class. Horse and rider may not leave the arena and may not receive physical assistance or equipment from outside the arena. If the rider is unable to continue because of the broken equipment, the rider will be excused with a score of zero.”
- Approved moving the 2007 Judges Conference from December to February.

- Approved changing the procedure of the Judges Conference open rulebook test.
- Approved to implement a \$25 application fee to become an AQHA judge or specialized judge.
- Approved eight retired judges to judge novice classes, timed events and specialized classes.
- Approved 15 of 33 applicants to attend the 2006 AQHA Judges Qualifying Exam be approved.
- Approved 18 of 25 applicants to attend the 2006 AQHA specialized orientation.

Marketing Committee

- Approved to continue with the Association's Hispanic initiative with Inventiva and to develop a three-year plan with goals and milestones to evaluate effectiveness and impact.
- Approved to develop a co-branded marketing initiative with the HorseTV Channel.
- Approved to test enhancing the Hispanic marketing and ownership program in Mexico by installing an AQHA staff person in Mexico.
- Approved the show vitality task force's five-point plan and will work with the appropriate committees to implement and develop the marketing components.
- Approved to investigate developing an alliance with the American Riding Instructor Association and exploring relationships with other instructor-based organizations.
- Approved the Junior Master Horseman marketing plan.
- Approved to develop another special with NBC.
- Approved to establish an online pressroom.
- Approved to explore the Las Vegas American Quarter Horse event that celebrates the excellence, versatility and lifestyle of the American Quarter Horse with a centerpiece competition and extended opportunities for the broader public.
- Approved to explore the feasibility of establishing a nonhorse-owning membership level – such as an "America's Horse Club" to appeal to the passive enthusiast.

Membership Services

- Approved to continue the efforts of the Educational Task Force to catalog AQHA's educational resources in an effort to develop an online educational library.
- Approved to develop and implement a systematic member-development plan to include strategies for prospecting, recruiting, orienting, activating and renewing members.
- Approved to conduct a membership profiling and retention survey in 2006.

Professional Horsemen's Committee

- Approved that the World Show leading exhibitor award criteria be changed to require that a competitor must be at least a finalist in three categories to be eligible for the award.
- Approved to establish a crisis fund for AQHA Professional Horsemen, with members of the Professional Horsemen's Council to review and approve monetary awards on a case-by-case basis.
- Approved that stall decorations at the World Show may not extend out more than 3 feet on main aisles.
- Appointed a subcommittee to review and approve practice and show schedules for

- the World Show prior to publication. Appointed subcommittee members to include Karen Stone-Graham, Andy Moorman, Charlie Cole, Stephanie Lynn and J.D. Yates.
- Approved the show vitality five-point plan and to commit to the development of the following during the next three to five years:
 - a. to develop and test a formal scouting system;
 - b. to develop and test a formal mentoring system;
 - c. to employ the mentoring and scouting system to help people understand if, when or how to get ready to show AQHA;
 - d. to implement a trainer rebate, entry coupon or voucher program for first-time AQHA exhibitors or “trial show” participants;
 - e. to initiate a long-term, industry-wide assessment of the future of horse training/coaching to ensure it becomes and remains a viable and appealing professional career.
 - Approved that show management must choose one Professional Horseman on the grounds for each show day to act as an exhibitor representative. Members of the Professional Horsemen must check in so that show management may post a list of Pro Horsemen in attendance at the show. Show management must immediately report to AQHA any member of the Professional Horsemen who refuse to act as exhibitor representative.

Public Policy Committee

- Approved America’s Horse magazine to cover key public policy issues as requested by public policy department. Coverage will be contingent upon space available and issue importance.
- Approved to develop a contact list of influential AQHA members from each state within six months.
- Approved to identify a key contact within each Alliance partner for public policy contact.
- Approved to conduct the annual Congressional Trail Ride in 2006.
- Approved to support the historical use of trails in California through a letter of support or other intervention as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
- Approved to draft a position statement for the issue of imminent domain.
- Amended the current position statement related to gambling.

Racing Committee

- Approved to create a task force to study wind direction and speed; investigate the validity of speed indexes (including those at new racetracks) and the 1/8th pole camera program.
- Approved to change the amount of cost of tattooing from \$55 to \$60 and increase the amount AQHA pays the technician from \$14 to \$16.
- Approved to commission Jim Stuckenberg to create a new world champion trophy.
- Added a rule stating, “In order for AQHA to grade a stakes race such race must have conditions limiting entry and competition to only American Quarter Horses registered with the American Quarter Horse Association.”
- Amended Rule 300 (b) to read as follows, “In order for the results of a race to be eligible for recognition by AQHA, the race in question must (1) be run under the supervision of a state, provincial or national racing commission (collectively “Racing Commissions”) or other recognized turf governing body and (2) observe the rule and

regulations contained in Section III of the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules & Regulations. As of April 1, 1992, there will be a moratorium on applications for AQHA sanction and regulations contained in this Section III, it is not AQHA's intention that they conflict with the rules and regulations of Racing Commissions or recognized turf governing bodies in regard to racing. In cases where races eligible for AQHA approval are run under the supervision of a Racing Commission or recognized turf governing body, the rules of such Racing Commission or recognized turf governing body take precedence. While the rules of Racing Commissions or recognized turf governing bodies take precedence, AQHA reserves the right to deny or revoke its approval of a race which does not observe the rules and regulations contained in the Section III."

- Approved to allow the enrollment fees and race nominations for the South American Challenge to be combined with the MBNA America Challenge general fund.
- Approved that the Racing Council can appoint a replacement for anyone who is unable to vote on the graded stakes of champions selection committee.

Recreational Riding

- Approved to accept and begin implementing the recreational riding strategic plan, which includes the following recommendations:
 - a. Enhance the horseback riding program by adding a recognition plan geared toward youth.
 - b. That staff study the possibility of adding a recreational riding committee within AQHYA Affiliates.
 - c. That AQHA implement a pilot program for family-targeted trail rides hosted by AQHA Affiliates.
 - d. That a joint task force be formed of the Professional Horsemen's committee and recreational riding committee to study the opportunities for the recreational horse market.
 - e. That a joint task force be formed of the marketing committee and recreational riding committee to study possible outreach efforts to nontraditional recreational riders (i.e., open shows and ranch horse shows)

Show Committee

- Approved to add approved halter classes and award points to the novice amateur and novice youth divisions at all-novice shows only.
- Amended rule 448 (i) to read "Broodmares: Mares that produced and carried a full-term foal in the current year or the previous year."
- Added to rule 441 Prohibited Conduct to change 441 (e) to be 441 (f) then add new 441 to read, "No individual shall tie or fasten any foreign object onto a horse, halter, bridle, saddle in order to desensitize the horse at an AQHA-approved function. This would incorporate any variation of an individual ponying, longeing, or riding a horse in an attempt to desensitize the animal by hitting, batting or banging on the horse's head neck, sides or legs with foreign objects, which include but are not limited to plastic bags, milk jugs filled with rocks/marbles and or buckets with cans/rocks."
- Approved to add ranch sorting as an AQHA-approved event.
- Revised Skill Set G to be western pleasure, 2-year-old western pleasure and western horsemanship. Also revised Skill Set H to be hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation.

- Amended Rule 407 (s)(3) to read, “The novice youth or amateur class must be held prior to the corresponding amateur or youth class if the same judge is judging the novice and corresponding class, with the exception of pattern classes at show management’s option.”
- Approved the concept of the show vitality task force five-point plan.
- Approved performance halter as outlined from the Executive Committee memorandum with the additional amendment that lip chains cannot be used on stallions in performance halter.

Show Management Subcommittee

- Amended rule 407 (g) and 410 (a) to include, “must submit class schedules with the show application.”

Western Subcommittee

- Approved to delete Rule 469(b), Dally Team Roping. At the option of show management, two judges may be used at the same time, with one judging heading horses and the other judging heeling horses. The judge judging heading horses must judge all heading horses, and the judge judging heeling horses must judge all heeling horses.
- Approved the concept of applying description of gaits for applications to western pleasure classes with wording to parallel reining and trail (i.e. extremely poor, very poor, poor, correct, good, very good, and excellent) and develop similar standards for hunter division.
- Amended Rule 456 (i) Barrel Racing to add, “If a tie occurs where points are involved, placing will be worked off if the tied exhibitors agree to participating in a run-off, if not, a coin toss will be used to separate the ties.”
- Amended Rule 457 (f) Pole Bending to add, “If a tie occurs where points are involved, placing will be worked off if the tied exhibitors agree to participating in a run-off, if not, a coin toss will be used to separate the ties.”
- Amended Rule 457 (d) Pole Bending and 458 (h) Stake Race, to add the wording, “If a rider intentionally grasps a pole, as to intentionally alter the course, will result in a five-second penalty per pole grasped.”
- Approved aligning AQHA team penning rules with the current competition structure governed by the United States Team Penning Association in regards to all wording referring to “neck bands or neck banding” being eliminated. Also add to Rule 455 (a) following the existing wording “after 60 seconds” (recommended for arenas 100 x 200 feet or smaller).
- Accepted NRCHA patterns 9 and 10 to the list of AQHA-approved working cow horse patterns.
- Amended Rule 451, Reining.
 - a. (g)(8) – Balking or refusal of command where performance is delayed.
 - b. (j) – A judge is required to penalize a horse one-half point for a delayed change of lead by one stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description.

English Subcommittee

- Amended Rule 460 (f) (6) Working Hunter to read, “In case of refusal or run out at one element, entry must re-jump the previous elements.”

- Approved to lower the fence heights to a minimum of 3 feet 3 inches with a maximum of 3 feet 6 inches in senior working hunter.
- Added to Rule 473 (B)(c) (Class Procedure) the wording, “When performing a leg-yield, the horse should move forward and lateral in a diagonal direction with the horse’s body straight with a slight flexion of the head in the opposite direction of lateral movement. When a horse yields to the right the head is slightly (just to see the eye of the horse) to the left. A horse yielding to the left the head is slightly flexed to the right.”
- Approved a dressage task force to be reassembled for one year.
- Amended Rule 444(b), in reference to mouthpieces, “Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar). Solid and broken mouthpieces must be between 5/16 inches to ¾ inches (8mm to 20mm) in diameter, measured 1 inch (25mm) from the cheek and may have a port no higher than 1 ½ inches (40mm). They may be inlaid, synthetic-wrapped, including rubber or plastic or encased. Delete current wording concerning mouthpieces, “bars must be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and unwrapped metal.” Also delete “but must be smooth or latex wrapped.”

World Show Subcommittee

- Approved jumping courses be simplified by keeping the height at a maximum of 3 feet, 6 inches in open or 3 feet, 3 inches in amateur and youth classes for the first rounds. If a more complex presentation is desirable, then the course designer should accomplish by design and not height.
- Approved for staff to investigate scheduling one “aged” halter class during an evening finals performance
- Approved to recognize the world champions during each evening performance from that previous morning or afternoon by using the big screen with video of winners.
- Appointed a task force to investigate lameness procedures involving lack of concurrence among judges and monitoring procedures

Versatility Ranch Horse Subcommittee

- Approved AQHA staff to review the possibility of developing a World Show event.
- Amended Rule 476(g), Ranch Trail under Optional obstacles to add back and sidepass as additional options.
- Approved to allow exhibitors the option of using a mounting block to remount.
- Amended Rule 476(h)(7), Ranch Cutting to read “Two hands on reins except when exhibiting a junior horse in either a snaffle bit or hackamore.”
- Approved moving “not penning cattle before 2 ½ minutes” from a five-point penalty to a 0-Score.
- Approved moving “not driving cow between marker and corner of pen prior to penning” from a 0-Score to a five-point penalty.

Stud Book and Registration Committee

- Amended Rule 214 as follows: Each horse for which registration is applied must be given a name acceptable to AQHA.
 - (a) The name must not exceed 20 characters, including letters, numbers and blank spaces.
 - (b) Roman numerals are not permitted in a name. Arabic numerals are permitted as

a suffix, if separate from the remainder of the name.

(c) Punctuation marks are not permitted.

(d) A name may be reused if all of the following criteria are met. The horse originally issued the name:

1. Must be deceased as evidenced by AQHA records;
2. Does not have a performance record (show or race);
3. Does not have offspring with a performance record (show or race);
4. Has not received any AQHA special achievement recognition award or affiliate recognition that appear on AQHA records as an award; and
5. Must not have produce or get younger than 10 years of age, nor any with a performance record (show or race), nor any AQHA special achievement recognition award or affiliate recognition that appear on AQHA records as an award.

- Amended Rule 212 as follows:

(a) remove all references to “fertilized egg”;

(b) remove the requirement that an embryo be implanted within 24 hours of its removal from the donor mare; and

(c) add the following as subparagraph (e): “In the event a mare owner wishes to sell a mare, but retain rights to use frozen embryos, he may purchase frozen embryo permits for \$50 each from AQHA. The application for purchase of a permit must be on a form provided by AQHA. Once a mare is sold, a former owner cannot purchase additional permits from AQHA.

(1) The application for a frozen embryo permit must be signed by both the mare owner and the stallion owner at time of breeding. This permit, when used to register a foal, will serve as both the stallion breeding report and the breeder’s certificate.

(2) Each of the frozen embryo permits purchased may be used for the registration of only one foal. AQHA will record the number of outstanding certificates for each individual mare and that number will be a matter of public record. It is the ultimate responsibility of a prospective buyer to confirm with the seller, the number of outstanding permit applications not yet recorded on AQHA records as of the date of sale.

(3) The ownership of the permit may be transferred. Each transfer of ownership of the embryo permit shall be recorded by AQHA. The rules for transfer of ownership as listed in rule 224 for transfer of ownership of a horse shall apply, except the request for transfer of the permit shall be accompanied by the embryo permit instead of the certificate of registration.

(4) When a frozen embryo permit is used to register a foal, the owner of the permit shall sign the registration application as the owner at time foaling.”

- Amended Rule 211 as follows:

(a) add the following phrase to 211(a): “When a frozen embryo is implanted, the original purchaser of the frozen embryo permit shall show as the breeder”

(b) add the following phrase to 211(b) “When a properly signed frozen embryo permit is used to register a foal, no additional breeder’s certificate is required. The breeder certificate requirements were met when application to purchase the frozen embryo permit was made.”

- -Amended the following rules to allow for the use of frozen semen permits with regard to the retention of breeding rights: 209 (e) In the event a stallion owner wishes to sell a

stallion, but retain rights to use frozen semen, he may purchase retained semen rights permits for \$50 each from AQHA. The application for purchase must be on a form provided by AQHA. The application must be signed by the record owner or lessee of the stallion and only the record owner or lessee can purchase retained semen rights permits. Once a stallion is sold, a former owner or lessee cannot purchase additional permits from AQHA.

(1) Each of the retained semen rights permits purchased may be used as the stallion breeder's certificate for the registration of only one foal. These permits shall require only the signature of the permit owner. AQHA will record the number of outstanding permits for each individual stallion and that number will be a matter of public record. It is the ultimate responsibility of a prospective buyer to confirm with the seller, the number of outstanding permit applications not yet recorded on AQHA records as of the date of sale.

(2) The ownership of the retained semen rights permits may be transferred. Each transfer of ownership of the permit shall be recorded by AQHA. The rules for transfer of ownership as listed in rule 224 for transfer of ownership of a horse shall apply, except the request to transfer ownership of the permit shall be accompanied by the retained semen rights permit instead of the certificate of registration.

(3) Purchaser of the retained semen rights permit is responsible for filing the appropriate stallion breeding report as required by rule 208 and paying the requisite filing fees.

208 (c) Persons using a retained semen rights permit (refer to rule 209) must file a stallion breeding report or supplemental stallion breeding report listing mares bred using the stored semen by November 30 of the breeding season and pay fees specified in rule 222. If the report is filed after November 30, a late fee of \$10 in addition to the usual filing fee will be required for each mare reported after the deadline.

211(b)(4) When a retained semen rights permit is used to register a foal, AQHA shall require only the signature of the permit owner on the permit to verify the service of the sire. Record owner of the dam at time of breeding must sign the appropriate breeder's certificate on the registration application.

- That a system to allow the reservation of a horse's name choice be instituted and the cost of such to be \$75 with the name choice being reserved for one year.
- Increase the yearling registration fee from \$100 to \$125; the 2-year-old registration fee be increased from \$250 to \$300 and that the 3-year-old registration fee be increased from \$500 to \$550.

Youth Activities Committee

- Approved the Junior Master Horseman Marketing Plan.
- Approved a youth ethics tag line to be added to print material that includes the acronym C.A.R.E, which stands for Courtesy And Respect Everywhere.
- Approved the implementation of a policy for screening volunteers.
- Approved the clarification of the AQHYA World Championship Show judging contest rules to invite two AQHYA teams, two FFA teams and two 4-H teams from each state
- Approved the addition of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and spouse's siblings to rule

404 (a).

- Approved that youth advisers may nominate any AQHA judge for the Ford Youth World, regardless of where he or she lives.
- Approved the formation of a task force to research changing the Youth World dates for 2008 and beyond.
- Approved the addition of team demonstration contests to the AQHYA World Championship Show and the formation of a task force to finalize contest details.
- Approved the formation of a “coaches cut committee” to set cuts in the Ford Youth World and World Show judging contests.
- Approved a \$20 entry fee for each individual in each contest at the Ford Youth World with the exception of the scrapbook contest, which will remain without fee.
- Approved the formation of a task force to make recommendations to enhance the youth racing program.
- Approved a \$10 entry fee increase at the Ford AQHYA World Championship Show to support trophies and division awards.