

Q19 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Australian Quarter Horse National Championship Show

AELEC Tamworth NSW 4 -14th April 2019

All horses must be registered with the AQHA. NO PENDING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All horse owners must be financial members and riders/handlers must hold a financial membership in their own right.

Performance rules of the AQHA and the AmQHA, where appropriate, shall apply and shall take precedence over all other rules where conflict arises.

ENTRIES – Open Monday 28th of January 2019. Close Friday 15th March 2019.

(Except Cattle events, Campdraft when cattle are allocated, Cutting will close 8th Feb 2019)

Admin Fees - \$15 Levy per horse

\$15 AmQHA Admin Fee per horse

*further Merchant surcharge fees apply.

LATE ENTRIES - Will be accepted up until 12 noon the day before each show starts, \$10 late entry fee per class will apply.

A late entry fee of \$10 per class will be added to the class entry fee. \$50 late fee for any new horse not already entered in the show.

CANCELLATION - all cancellations must be received in writing at AQHA office.

Any cancellation up to 5pm 15th March 2019 must be in writing and the refund will be minus 25% of all fees paid.

Any cancellation received after 5pm 15th March 2019 up to 5pm 3rd April 2019, must be in writing and will be minus 50% of all fees paid.

Cancellations received after 5pm 3rd April 2019 must be accompanied by vet certificate and a refund may be considered.

AQHA POLICIES

No alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas.

Competitor's/participants at any event run by the AQHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with the Association and other competitors. To uphold the rules and regulations of the AQHA at all times. Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules and to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated.

All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event, must have written permission from their parent/guardian to be at that event as a contestant or participant, **IF** their parent or guardian is not in attendance at that event. In the case of a contest, the parent/guardian must also sign the entry form. All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the youth is in attendance at that event.

6.2 Incidents at Shows:

- a) Will be investigated by the Show Manager;
- b) The Show Manager, informed of the incident, will speak to the alleged offender and inform him/her that a report will be filed with the Association regarding this alleged incident;
- c) If the Show Manager cites an alleged incident, they must take action as per this rule;
- d) The AQHA Office will put forward any incident reported, to the Investigate Committee to determine whether the alleged incident is founded and if further action is required;
- e) If an exhibitor, owner, and/or his/her representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor, is found to have engaged in:
 - i) Unsportsmanlike conduct;
 - ii) Inhumane treatment of a horse; or
 - iii) A breach of any rule in this Rule Book; then they will be reported to the Association.
- f) The Association can give a warning, fine and/or suspend the showing rights of the exhibitor, owner and/or his/her representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor/owner, to participate in future approved shows for such period as the Association deems appropriate;
- g) A decision on the level of offence, (being mild, moderate or severe) will be determined by the Investigative Committee. If a fine or penalty is to be imposed, it will be determined by the table listed below;
- h) If an adverse decision is reached by the Investigative Committee, then the member in question has the right to appeal to the Board of Directors.

ANIMAL HEALTH

A Veterinarian will be on call. In the case of outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease amongst horses, neither the AQHA nor the Sponsors or Show Organisers will be liable for any damage or loss that may occur to any person or animal.

The AQHA Statement of Animal Welfare will apply in all cases to all horses exhibited at the show.

DRUGS/MEDICATION

2.8 a) A horse that has had any prohibited foreign substance or drugs administered internally or externally cannot compete.

Exception: Acceptable foreign substances listed in Rule 2.9; drugs as administered under rule 2.8 c);

b) A patch of any type, medicinal or otherwise cannot be on a horse when that horse is being exhibited;

2.8 c) A horse that is injured or taken ill once it has arrived at the official show venue, or whilst on the ground during the course of the event, may compete after that horse has been treated by a veterinarian at that show. The attending veterinarian must sign a certificate which states:

i) What the horse is suffering from;

ii) What treatment, including any substances that have been administered internally or externally; and

iii) That the horse is sound enough to compete at that show;

d) The certificate must be given to the Show Secretary/Show Manager prior to the horse competing;

e) A horse cannot be injected at a show unless the Veterinarian, that attended the horse at the show, has otherwise instructed. A Vet Certificate showing the treatment required must be obtained.

2.9 Acceptable Foreign Substances: The following substances are acceptable: Antiprotozoals; Anti-ulcer medication; Insect repellent; Anthelmintics; Rehydration fluids; B vitamins (orally); Regumate/Altrenogest (mares only); Topical ointments not containing Corticosteroids, irritant, or painkillers; Preventative joint restorative therapies and general "over the counter" feed store supplements;

All horses are subject to drug testing and all owners agree that by making their entry, they will submit their horses to be drug tested if/when requested.

RISK

Competitors realise that horse related competition has an inherent risk and as such compete at this competition at their own risk. The AQHA and show organisers will accept no liability for accident, loss or injury. This applies to all competitors, their connections, horses and spectators. Entries will not be accepted unless the Liability Waiver has been signed by owners and exhibitors of all horses.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Riders and handlers must be correctly attired at all times whilst in the Marshalling area and Show arena.

Lunged and ridden horses are not to be exercised together in the same area. Times and arenas will be allocated by Show management who will advise the appropriate areas and timetables accordingly.

No training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance arena from one hour before the show starts or one hour after the completion of the show on each day.

Any rider/handler who does not comply with these requirements will be removed from the area and may be disqualified from competition for the duration of the show.

COMPETITOR PACKS will be available from the Show Office.

Every horse entered for competition shall be under the control of the Show Manager or such persons he/she appoints to act on his/her behalf.

Only contestants in the specific classes and Show Officials will be allowed in the competition arena or marshalling area during the judging except for handlers assisting disabled riders.

AEEC will be under the control of the Show Manager or such person he/she appoints to act on his/her behalf, and shall have the discretion to eject any exhibitor from the said area for inhumane treatment and/or training of any horse or the failure to observe the Rules and Regulations of the competition and the Rules & Regulations of the AQHA or any reasonable request. Your co-operation is expected.

Any necessary Rules & Regulations not covered by the Australian Quarter Horse National Championship Rules will be determined by the Show Management and their decision will be final and without recourse of any kind. The Show Management reserves the right to add any further applicable Rules & Regulations before, or during the Show. These rules will be posted at the Secretary's office and will be announced over the public address system, such instances could be out of bounds working areas, closure of areas to the public or horses or any other instance that may arise.

Show Management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary or embarrassing delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the horse into the competition arena. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present themselves at the competition arena gate when called. Failure to report on final call will result in disqualification from the class. In the event that a horse is excluded from entry, all entry fees and charges for the class are forfeited without liability, to the show organisers/committee.

Show Management reserve the right to change the order of classes before or during the show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware of any changes, which will be posted at the Show Secretary's office. Every endeavour will be made to give one (1) hours' notice of any changes to the running order of events; however, every endeavour will be made to avoid changes.

Any exhibitor or rider, who refuses to obey the request of the Show Manager, will after consultation with the Show Committee, may be automatically disqualified from further competition at the show and forfeits all previous winnings together with all entry fees and other charges. At the discretion of the Show Manager, after consultation with the Show Committee, the offending individual and his/her entire exhibit may be removed from the grounds.

PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing to the Show Secretary and be lodged within 30 minutes of the completion of the disputed event. A cash fee of \$50 must accompany any protest lodged. The Show Disputes Committee will consist of the Show Manager, a Show committee member and a Competitor (not a youth).

SUBSTITUTIONS

YOUTH CLASSES – A horse entered in a youth class, and is vetted out of the show, then that Youth can use a replacement horse as long as the replacement horse has been previously entered in Q19. The horse that is vetted out will remain ineligible for further competition for the duration of the show.

AMATEUR – In an Amateur class, if the Amateurs horse is vetted out they will be permitted to use a replacement horse for that class as long as the replacement horse had been previously entered in Q19. The replacement horse must be eligible according to the AQHA Amateur Rules. NB: A Junior

Horse cannot replace a Senior Horse. The horse that is vetted out will remain ineligible for further competition for the duration of the show.

OPEN – Change of rider/handler is permitted

The above substitutions must be made to the Q19 Show Office no later than 1 hour prior to the commencement of the respective class.

PRIZE MONEY

All classes that do not stipulate prize money, those classes will be jackpotted on the number of entrants that take part in the class minus 30%.

AmQHA show prize money will be paid on judge A results only, (\$25 Entry Fee component for judge A, minus 30%).

All prize money will be paid by direct deposit or cheque within 14 days of the conclusion of Q19.

AELEC VENUE

All buildings are NO SMOKING ZONES including the undercroft, Stables, Sales Arena and Stadium area.

As AELEC is required to comply with strict environmental standards, the release of grey water is prohibited in the exhibitor parking zones, therefore it is necessary for all vehicles, that may discharge grey water, to be fitted with a grey water retention tank or have a 50mm hose and attachment which can be fixed to the AELEC's grey water drainage attachment.

PETS - No DOGS allowed in the sale Arena, Indoor Arena or Concourse. Any Dogs on the grounds must be tied up safely and securely. When not tied up, the Dog **must be** on a leash and handled by an adult.

TRAFFIC - All vehicles are to obey all road and traffic signage including the 10km speed limit. All motorized vehicles are to adhere to RTA legislation. No vehicles except for emergency or medical vehicles are to drive into the stable areas. Vehicles are prohibited in the stable rows, stable paths & surrounds. Only authorised small vehicles may use the paths and surrounds.

No pushbikes, skateboards, scooters and quad bikes etc. are to be ridden within the stable block or the arena arenas.

Any person under 18 years of age must be under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times. If riding pushbikes, skateboards, scooters and quad bikes etc. a safety helmet must be worn.

GOLF CARTS – all rules stipulated by the hire company must be adhered to. Golf carts **MUST** only be driven on the bitumen areas and **NO FASTER** than 10km speed limit. AQHA hold no responsibility for the misuse of these vehicles.

EXERCISE FACILITIES - There are designated warm up arenas at AELEC

No lunging or exercising of horses is permitted on the grass areas at AELEC.

First Aid facilities will be available on the grounds while the competition is in session.

EVACUATION POINTS - Spectator and competitor evacuation points are at each entrance of the Centre. Horses are to be evacuated into the campdraft arena in the case of an emergency situation. Site and evacuation maps will be posted throughout AELEC

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