

**QUOTE:**

“The true test of a man’s character is what he does when do one is watching”

John Wooden

Send me your favorite quote –I’d love to share.



## HAPPY SPRING

I hope this newsletter finds everyone having a happy and healthy spring.

## JANUARY RE-CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

- You may view your 4-horse video scores by logging on to your AQHA University account at [www.aqhuniversity.com/learn/sign\\_in](http://www.aqhuniversity.com/learn/sign_in). Click on the down arrow next to your name in the top right corner and choose Profile. Your tests and scores will be in the ‘A little info about yourself’ box.
- You should have received your rule book score at the completion of the test. If you did not, please email [tlovelady@aqha.org](mailto:tlovelady@aqha.org) for your score.
- The 100 question rule book test had two questions removed due to technical errors( #82 and #90)

### Most Missed Questions

- T At the discretion of the judge, a horse may be penalized or eliminated from a class if the horse appears sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired.
- T In the youth division, age groups may never be split at the show.
- F In ranch riding, use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two rein) will result in disqualification.
- F A horse is considered having fallen when its shoulder and/or hip and/or underline touches the ground.
- F All AQHA-approved judges are subject to an automatic review within three years of becoming an AQHA judge.
- In trail, missing or evading a pole that is a part of a series of an obstacle with more than one foot results in which penalty?
  - a. one (1) point penalty per step
  - b. three (3) point penalty
  - c. **five (5) point penalty**
  - d. disqualification
- If an exhibitor uses electronic communications to contact a judge after a show with questions/comments about the competition, how should the judge respond?
  - a. click like and share the comments publicly
  - b. share the comments privately with fellow judges, seeking their input
  - c. **refrain from responding**
  - d. none of the above

- The 60 VRH rule book test also had two questions removed due to technical errors( #43 and #48)

#### VRH Most Missed Questions

- In VRH classes, the use of two hands (except junior and Level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore) results in which penalty?
  - a. Five (5) points
  - b. Off pattern (OP)
  - c. Disqualification
  - d. None of the above
- In VRH ranch cow work, a two-loop run in amateur and youth classes is assessed which penalty?
  - a. 1 point penalty
  - b. 2 point penalty
  - c. 3 point penalty
  - d. 5 point penalty
- F Protective boots and leg wraps are prohibited in VRH ranch riding.
- T Riders in VRH limited ranch cow work may also compete in VRH ranch cow work at the same show, if entered on a different horse.
- F The tail of the reins must be crossed on the opposite side of the neck when riding with two hands on split reins in VRH classes.
- Voice overs and officials from January re-certification will be available at AQHU by April 12th replacing the 4 run video test.

## MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> VRH WEBINAR

You won't want to miss the next AQHA Webinar- Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Every VRH class will be covered.

Instructed by Bill Enk and Todd Crawford

Conducted by Livestream

For more information go to your [Educational Judging Seminars](#)

## COMING THIS SUMMER:

Cutting Webinar-Instructed by Russell McCord

For more information go to your [Educational Judging Seminars](#)

# DECEMBER JUDGES WORKSHOP

Save the Dates: December 16/17, 2019

Topics;

Halter

Western pleasure

Hunter under Saddle

Western Riding

Animal Welfare

Info on new 2020 AQHA classes

Judges Forum –give the judges committee input on hot topics

Guest Speakers

WCHA Judges will be recertifying

NRCHA workshop

APHA recertification

And more.....

To book a room call:

Hyatt Regency DFW Airport

2334 N International Pkwy

Room rate: \$119

1-800-233-1234

Ask for the AQHA room block

Registration forms will be available in the next Judges Newsletter. Note: As a bonus, your registration fee was included in your tuition to AQHU!



## PATTERN CLASS SCORE SHEETS

- Remember you'll need to have 6 to 10 maneuvers in each the patterns you use.
- In showmanship, make sure the set-up and inspection maneuvers are separate.
- Be sure to use your number ranges (+3 to -3). Be cautious not to get stuck on the +1 to -1 range. Use your full range of scoring.

## AS A REMINDER:

- Judging an IHSA or NCEA show can count toward one of your required three credits.
- Use your AQHU membership to prepare for your upcoming judge assignments. Make sure you are ready to score the first exhibitor in each class!
- Review the AQHA Judges Electronic Communications Document. It contains important reminders that are always good to review the [Electronic Communication Policy](#).

# LEVEL 1 JUDGE TESTING

Why test for your Level 1 Judges card?

- Gives “foot in the door”
- It gives a credential to be able to judge Level 1 shows, and some shows that require Level 1 or above cert such as ISHA, some NCEA, and certain larger 4-H and Open shows.
- It also puts you in the continuing education loop, and puts you in some company within judges.
- Could potentially be considered by the Judge's committee when applying for all-around judge.

Online testing will be available June 1-14, 2019, through AQHU.

Skype Interviews take place June 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm (CST) – 6:00pm (CST) and June 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm (CST) – 6:00pm

Classes to be tested on: Halter, Showmanship, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Reining, Western Riding, Ranch Riding, Trail and Working Hunter.

If someone you know is interested have them submit the following supplication [Specialized Judge Application](#) by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## NOTE:

As an AQHA-approved judge, you are recognized and respected as a knowledgeable horseman and a leading professional in this industry, so it's important you belong to the Association of AQHA Professional Horsemen. If you're not already a member, please consider sending your application today.

Check out the [benefits](#) of becoming a Professional Horseman and if you have any questions feel free to contact Karen McCuistion any time at [kmccuistion@aqha.org](mailto:kmccuistion@aqha.org).

The benefits of membership are many:

- Financial support
  - Pro Horsemen's Crisis Fund - if disaster strikes
  - Guy Stoops Scholarship Fund – exclusively for the children of Pro Horsemen
- Accident Insurance - available to Pro Horsemen and their families and employees
- [Nutrena Certified Farm Program](#) for Pro Horsemen
- [Awards Recognition Concepts \(ARC\) discount on Pro Horseman](#) - clothing, banners, awards, and many more products
- Exclusive access to the International Leasing Program
- Net-working support
  - Listing on the Find a Trainer site on AQHA.com
  - Opportunities to make new connections
    - As Ride the Pattern clinician
    - Ask A Pro Help Desk
    - Level 1 Mentor Program
    - Industry Work Shops
  - Pro Horsemen Town Hall Meetings
- Opportunities
  - Potential features in AQHA publications
  - Potential recognition as state/provincial/international affiliate MVP
  - Potential recognition as Pro Horseman and Pro Horsewoman of the Year
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  - Potential to become a member of Team Wrangler
  - Potential to serve Pro Horsemen's Council