



Dear AQHA Judge,

We are currently experiencing unprecedented times with the rapid changes worldwide regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 outbreak is challenging, and we want you to know the health and safety of AQHA judges, stewards, show managers and secretaries, exhibitors and members are of utmost concern.

As an AQHA judge, you may be faced with cancellation of shows and events, travel restrictions, as well as concerns regarding your own health. Please note the following regarding AQHA's judging policies and procedures:

- **Show and Event Cancellations** – If you were contracted to judge a show(s) or special event(s) that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this information will be noted when the judges committee review files of judges who did not judge the minimum three-show requirement this year. Please refer to SHW905.3 in the [AQHA Rulebook](#).
- **Travel Restrictions and Health Concerns** – If travel restrictions are in place in your area or if you are uncomfortable traveling due to health concerns, you must notify AQHA and show management in writing and email to judges@aqha.org. It is your responsibility to assist show management in finding a suitable replacement. Refer to SHW910.8.
- **Amendments** – Please note SHW909, SHW911 and SHW912.2-4 concerning the number of shows and special events judged within states, provinces and countries may be modified on a case-by-case basis. Show management must contact the judges department for possible approval and/or assistance with options.

Please email judges@aqha.org with any changes to your judging commitments so that these can be noted. You can reference the rules in the [2020 AQHA Rulebook](#).

This week, AQHA cancelled the three Nutrena AQHA Level 1 Championships and waived qualifying for three 2020 AQHA world championship shows. Here are links to those articles for more information:

- [AQHA Cancels Nutrena AQHA Level 1 Championships](#)
- [AQHA Waives 2020 World Show Qualifying](#)

As we all navigate new temporary procedures and policies, we appreciate your patience and understanding. We know the current pandemic is affecting not only your daily life, but your livelihood. Our main priority is your safety and well-being, and we are committed to working with you as we navigate this pandemic. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact judges@aqha.org.