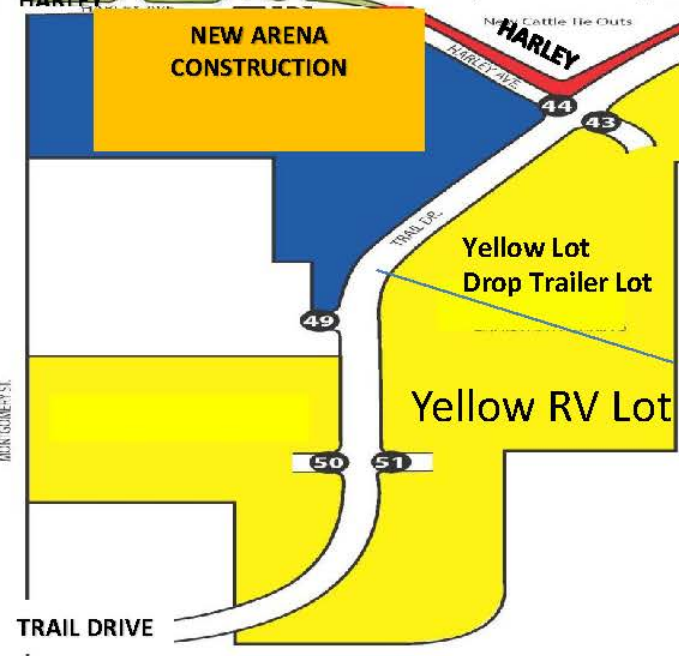
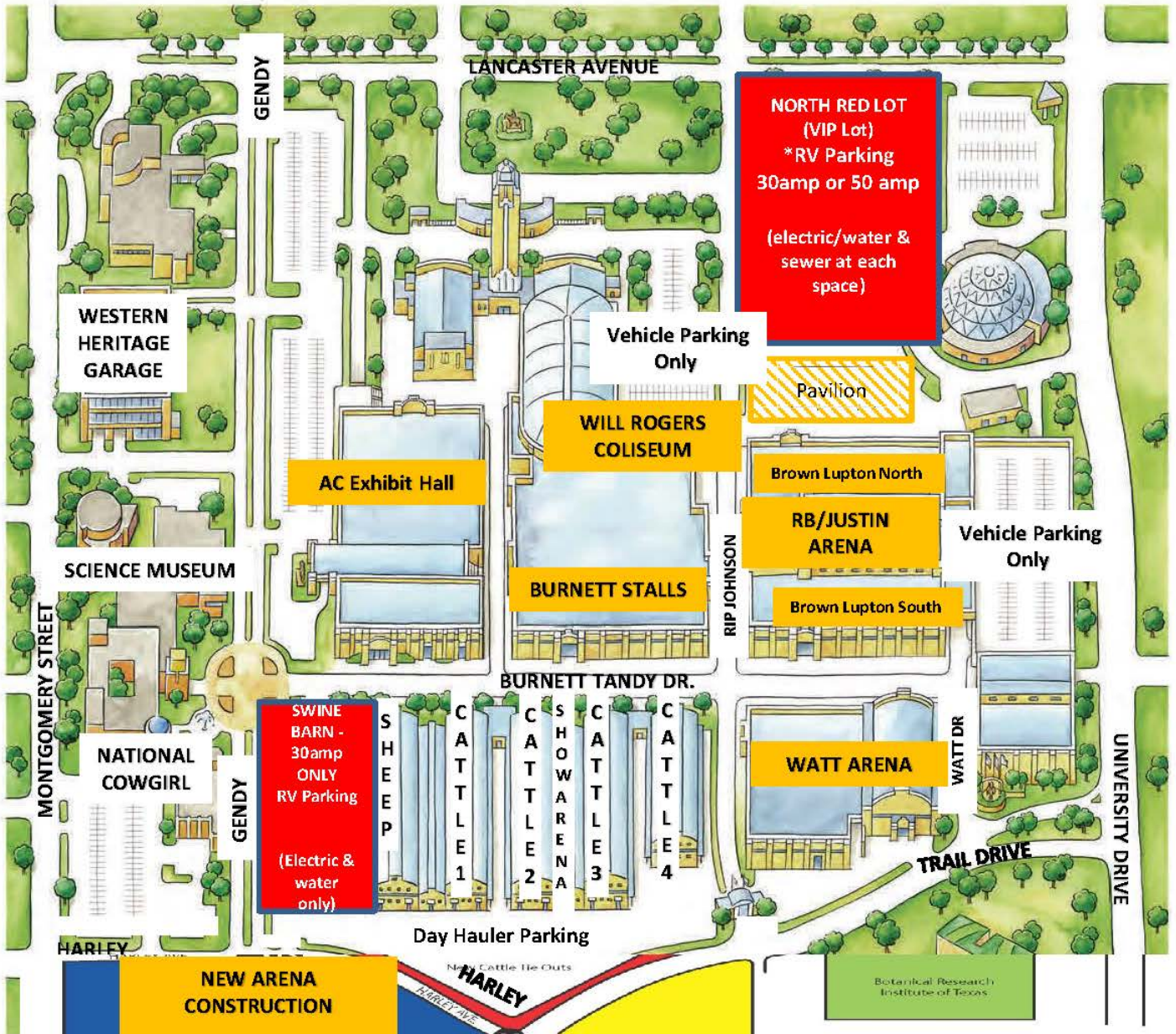


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Will Rogers Memorial Center MAP



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Take University to Trail Drive,
Yellow lot on your left

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date and Repeal

These rules become effective January 1, 2020 and apply to the Adequan[®] Select World Show Championship Show. Subject to modification, these rules will apply to subsequent Adequan[®] Select World Show Championship Show.

The Adequan[®] Select World Show shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook and the Adequan[®] Select World Show Handbook. All participants and owners agree to abide by such rules and regulations. Any rules and regulations not covered by the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook or by rules and/or regulations of the 2020 Adequan[®] Select World Show Handbook will be handled by World Show management, and their decision will be final without recourse of any nature. This show will follow all regulations of the Horse Protection Act of 1970, Public Law 91-540 or as amended.

The 2020 Adequan[®] Select World Show shall be in Fort Worth, Texas, from August 31-September 6, 2020, at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

No official AQHA points will be earned by participation in this Select World Show; however, any finalists, placings in the Top Ten, Reserve World Champion and World Champion will be recognized on the permanent record of the respective horse.

ARRIVAL/HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Horses may arrive at the facility any time after 4:00pm on Saturday, August 29th, 2020.
- Current (30-day) original health certificates will be required on **all** horses, as well as an original negative Coggins test dated within 12 months of the show.
- All health papers and Coggins results should indicate the horse's registered name.
- Horses affected by or having been exposed to any contagious disease during the 30 days preceding the Adequan[®] Select World Show will be excluded from the grounds.
- All horses (whether entered or not) and livestock that enter the grounds are subject to examination by AQHA officials/designated representatives and/or state officials (collectively "officials") for determining whether such animals are, have been infected/exposed, or are likely to be infected with an infectious or contagious disease. If after such examination, officials have reason to believe that an animal's health condition places other animals at risk, such officials, at their sole discretion, may quarantine such animal (and others that may have been infected/exposed) or, if appropriate, require that such animals be transported off the grounds. All participants (defined below) agree to fully cooperate with the officials and abide by their decisions/instructions, failing to do so shall be grounds for the participant's immediate expulsion from the grounds, disciplinary action by AQHA and/or possible action by local/state/federal officials/agencies.
- In case of outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease among the horses, AQHA nor Adequan[®] Animal Health will be liable for any damage or loss that may occur to any person or horse.
- Upon entry, every exhibitor, owner, trainer, person in care, custody or control of a horse, and all other world show participants (collectively "participants") accept the facility and grounds, including but not limited to, the arenas, barns, stalls and alleyways on an "as is" basis.
- All participants agree to obey the decisions/instructions of (1) AQHA representatives; and (2) local, state, and federal officials.

SCHEDULE

- Click [here](#) to go directly to the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show schedule.

ATTIRE/LOGOS

1. AQHA rules cover the required apparel for each class; however, this is a world class event that will receive worldwide publicity. Therefore, exhibitors are urged to be neat and clean at all times.
2. Contestants, and anyone assisting the contestants in the arena, are allowed to display up to four sponsor logos (any Company) on their equipment and apparel, etc., provided they meet the following size restrictions.
 - logos on any attire or equipment – maximum size of 2in. x 3in., or 6 square inches
 - pocket emblems and apparel manufacturer logos on clothing for sale “off the rack” may not exceed 1in. x 2in., or 2 square inches
 - contestant endorsements by current AQHA Corporate Partners will be exempt from the size requirements
 - contestants violating these guidelines will be disqualified from the competition and/or fined to a maximum of \$500.
 - The contestant, and anyone assisting the contestants in the arena, may not cover a logo of a non-AQHA corporate partner/sponsor with any sort of tape, cloth, etc. If the logo is of a company that is not an AQHA corporate partner, and is larger than the specifications listed above, anyone entering the arena cannot wear that item of clothing during competition.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Adequan® Select World Show is exclusively for amateur members age 50 and older. The amateur exhibitor must be 50 years of age or older on or before August 1, 2020.
- If an amateur exhibitor is 70 year of age or older on or before August 1, 2020, he/she is required to earn only half of the minimum number of qualifying points set by AQHA.
- If a lessee intends to exhibit an eligible horse at the Adequan® Select World Show, a showing lease must be in effect and on file with AQHA at the time the lessee (a) enters the horse into the Adequan® Select World Show, and (b) exhibits the horse at the Adequan® Select World Show. Should a showing lease expire prior to the above times, a new showing lease will be required.
- If the horse is a weanling, the ownership deadline is waived, and the weanling can be sold after the entry deadline, so long as the transfer is completed by AQHA prior to the class.
- A current membership is required for every exhibitor and owner at time of entry.
 - The exhibitor in the Amateur class(es) must be the owner or immediately related to the owner(s) at the time of entry and a current AQHA Amateur member.
 - Any exhibitor entering Level 1 classes must have a current AQHA membership at time of entry.
- The minimum eligibility points required in each class will be determined and adjusted annually.
- All 2019 Select World Show Champions will be invited to compete in the same class(es) at the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show.
 - In halter, weanling world champions of 2019 will be invited as yearlings for 2020, yearlings as two-year-old, etc. Note: if the horse was a stallion when he won the world championship, he must enter this year’s world show as a stallion – he will NOT be invited back if he is now a gelding (unless he qualifies as a gelding acquiring the number of points set for geldings).

- In performance halter, 2019 world champions will be invited back only if these horses have earned ten performance points during the qualifying period.
- All weanlings and yearlings entered in the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show must be registered and parentage verified by entry deadline of August 1, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- To enter performance halter, they must be eligible for, enter and compete in a Level 3 Performance class, other than showmanship, at the AQHA Select World Show.
- If a horse qualifies in both halter and performance halter, he/she may be exhibited in both classes.
- Performance Halter:
 - Horses competing in performance halter at the Adequan Select World Show must abide by AQHA SHW365.3 for performance halter eligibility regarding having earned a Register of Merit. With the exception of racehorses that have earned an ROM, all other performance halter eligible horses are required to enter and legitimately compete in a performance class. When showing in the performance class, exhibitors must maintain the integrity of the performance class in which they are competing. Judges will adhere to AQHA Rule SHW910.5 when judging the performance class, “eliminate any horse/exhibitor as an entry which he/she feels is in violation of the intent of AQHA’s prohibited conduct rules, or which he/she does not feel has legitimately attempted to exhibit the horse to the best of the horse’s ability.”
 - If, for any reason, the horse does not show in a Select Performance class at the Adequan Select World Show, the horse will be disqualified from the Select Performance Halter class at the Adequan Select World Show and will NOT be counted as an entry in such class. Any awards won in the Select Performance Halter must be relinquished. Entry fees are non-refundable.
 - It is not necessary for the exhibitor in the Select Performance class to be the same exhibitor in the Select Performance Halter class so long as the two different exhibitors are “immediate family members” as defined by the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook. In scored classes and timed event classes, a Select exhibitor may show up to three horses.
- All horses not officially entered in the show, but assisting in cutting or team roping events, must be registered American Quarter Horses.
 - Contestants’ horses entered in the show can only be ridden as helping horses by that contestant.
- Anyone with current AQHA membership may assist in heading and/or heeling.
- Ownership and eligibility requirements for all Adequan® Select World Show participants will be according to the rules listed in the current 2020 AQHA Official Handbook or this qualifying handbook.

OWNERSHIP

- The transfer of ownership of a horse to a non-family youth for participation in a the AQHYA World and subsequent transfer back to (a) the previous owner; (b) a joint ID of the previous owner; (c) an “immediate family” member of the previous owner, or (d) an entity owned in whole or in part by the previous owner for an entry in the Adequan® Select World Show and/or AQHA World Championship Show held in the same calendar year is prohibited and will disqualify the horse from entry in that year’s Adequan® Select World Show and/or AQHA World Championship Show.
- Further, horses cannot be transferred out of an ownership and then be shown in a different breed organization’s championship and/or world show and then transferred back into (a) the original owner’s name; (b) a joint ID of the original owner; (c) an “immediate family” member of the

original owner, or (d) an entity owned in whole or in part by the original owner so as to be shown an AQHA world show in the same year.

- An otherwise eligible entry for the Adequan® Select World Show or the AQHA World Championship Show will automatically be revoked if:
 - I. Ownership of the eligible horse is transferred to a youth or other person not having a family relationship with the transferor as specified in the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook.
 - II. The horse is actually exhibited at the Ford AQHYA World Championship Show occurring in the same calendar year as the Adequan® Select World Show or AQHA World Championship Show; and
 - III. The horse is transferred back to the former owner for entry in the Adequan® Select World Show or AQHA World Championship Show held in the same calendar year. Although the horse will lose qualifying status for the Adequan® Select World Show and AQHA World Championship Shows, points will not be revoked from the horse's permanent record.
- The same horse/exhibitor combination is not eligible to compete in the same class(es) at the Adequan® Select World Show and the corresponding Level 3 Amateur class(es) at the AQHA World Championship Show in the same year; however, a horse/exhibitor combination may show in the same class at both the Adequan® Select World Show and the corresponding Level 2 Amateur class at the AQHA World Championship Show.

ENTERING

- All entries must be submitted and received by August 1, 2020. New for 2020 entries may be completed and submitted online. If you need to mail in the entries please send to: Heidi Lane - World Championship Show, 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104, or email to worldshow@aqha.org or fax to (806) 349-6412. If you fax or email, please DO NOT then send originals – you may be charged twice if sent both ways. Any questions should be directed to worldshow@aqha.org.
- Telephone entries will not be accepted.
- Links to the online entry form will be available online July 1, 2020. Exhibitors may enter the Level 3, Level 1, and NSBA classes at that time.
 - Entries will not be accepted without complete payment.
- Schedule of Fees:
 - Level 3 Class Fee: **\$350** per class
 - Weanling Class Fee: **\$625** per class
 - Level 1 Class Fee: **\$80** per class
 - Level 3 Jackpot Optional Fee: **\$100** per class
 - Level 1 Jackpot Optional Fee: **\$50** per class
 - Trail Fee: **\$25** per class
 - Fence Fee: **\$15** per class
 - Drug Testing **\$50** per horse
 - NSBA fee (must enter Level 3 class) **\$75** per class
 - Cattle charges:
 - Roping **\$60** per class
 - Working Cow Horse **\$85** per class
 - Cutting **\$165** per class
 - Team penning/ranch sorting **\$65** per team member

All exhibitors must choose one of the following stalling options.

Tying horses to trailers will not be permitted due to heat-related animal welfare concerns.

➤ **STALLING**

➤ Stalls will be assigned first to sponsors, then by a draw according to area requested and class(es) the horse is participating in. There are three convenient stalling options available this year. Please indicate your preference when submitting your online entry form by August 1, 2020.

- **\$225** per stall available starting Saturday, August 29, until the end of the show on Sunday, September 6, 2020.
- **\$115** for a day stall with only one overnight included.
- **\$65** for a day rate to tie in the designated indoor area.

➤ Stalling procedure is as follows:

- No specific stall number requests can be guaranteed, but every effort will be made to accommodate the requests made on the stall forms.
- AQHA will not be responsible for stalls not being assigned together if a person does not list a “stall with” person on the stall form.
- Tack stalls may be requested with the purchase of a horse stall.
- In addition to stalls for help and pony horses, stalls may be purchased for horses not entered in the show, dependent on the number of stalls available.

WEANLINGS

- As there are no official AQHA points for weanlings, weanling halter classes will be considered open as far as point eligibility is concerned.
 - All weanlings (and yearlings) must be registered and parentage verified with AQHA by entry deadline August 1, 2020. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Each weanling class will have a working order according to each weanling’s age, with the youngest showing first and oldest showing last.

If a weanling is a stallion on the entry deadline, he must remain a stallion and be shown as a stallion; he cannot be a stallion on the entry deadline and then be gelded and shown as a gelding at that show. Therefore, if an owner wishes to geld a weanling stallion and plans to show him as a gelding, he must be entered as a gelding and then actually gelded and be recorded with AQHA as a gelding prior to the show.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

- A full refund will only be given if requested prior to the entry deadline.
- A partial refund may be considered if a horse becomes severely injured, disabled or deceased, but only if requested a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of competition.
 - Documentation from an AAEP-approved veterinarian stating the severity of the debilitating injury or illness is required. Stall, drug, obstacle and entry fees will be refunded; however, office fees and cattle charges will be not be refunded.
- Illness, accidents or other incidents concerning people will not be eligible for refund.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- If a Select Amateur exhibitor’s horse should die that is eligible in showmanship, western horsemanship, hunt seat equitation or equitation over fences, the amateur may substitute another horse for a deceased horse so long as the following elements are met:
 - 1.) Original entry must have been received by AQHA prior to August 1, 2020.

- 2.) Review of AQHA official records prior to the class in question reflect that the substitute horse meets applicable amateur ownership requirements; and
 - 3.) The Select Amateur exhibitor submits the following documentation for AQHA's receipt before the class in question:
 - a. Written statement reporting the death of the deceased horse.
 - b. Original registration certificate of the deceased horse to be properly marked and returned by AQHA; and
 - c. Completed Adequan® Select World Show entry form (no additional fees required) reflecting the substitution of the substitute horse for the deceased horse.
 - 4.) All the items referenced above must be verified at least one hour prior to the class in question.
- For amateur weanling classes only, an immediate family member, as outlined in Rule SHW220, may substitute as exhibitor.

TEAM PENNING/RANCH SORTING ENTRIES/ALTERNATES

- All entries in team penning and ranch sorting must list the other team member(s) at the time of entry, along with horse's name and registration number.
- Each team will be considered one entry and rules referring to entries in this handbook refer to a team (i.e. calculation of points toward All-Around Amateur, etc.)
- Any number of team penning, and ranch sorting alternates may be named at the time of entry; however, the alternates must consist of qualified horses and riders.
- Alternates must be entered one hour prior to start of the class.
 - Alternates must pay a \$100 fee at the show, and such fee will not be added to the purse.
- Absolutely no changes or additions in alternate horse/riders listed in team penning or ranch sorting will be allowed after the entry deadline, August 1, 2020.

AQHA SELECT ALL-AROUND AMATEUR AWARD

- A special award, known as the AQHA Select All-Around Amateur Award, will be given to the contestant earning the greatest number of points while meeting the requirements specified below:
- To be eligible for this award, a Select amateur must enter and show one horse in a minimum of three events in two categories (listed below) at the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show.
 - Points are to be compiled on a one-horse, one-amateur basis. A Select rider may exhibit more than one horse; however, points earned by the exhibitor with each horse will be compiled separately.
 - Select exhibitors, or teams, in the case of team penning and ranch sorting, will be awarded base points towards the Select All-Around Amateur Award as follows:
 - 10 points for first
 - 9 points for second
 - 8 points for third
 - 7 points for fourth
 - 6 points for fifth
 - 5 points for sixth
 - 4 points for seventh
 - 3 points for eighth
 - 2 points for ninth
 - 1 point for tenth
- For classes with more than ten entries, additional points are based on SHW261 Points Chart:

- Example: First place in a class of 45 or more entries would receive 10 base points, plus 9 additional points, for a total of 19 points; second place would receive 9 base points, plus 8 additional points, for a total of 17 points, etc.
- Example: First place in a class of 25 entries would receive 10 base points, plus 5 additional points, for a total of 15 points; second place would receive 9 base points, plus 4 additional points, for a total of 13 points; etc.
 - For classes of less than ten entries, points will only be awarded for the corresponding number of entries. Example: First place in a class of 8 receives 8 points, second receives 7 points, etc.
 - The Select exhibitor accumulating the greatest number of points with one horse at the Adequan® Select World Show will be declared the 2020 Select All-Around Amateur. Prizes are as follows:
 - 1st Horse Trailer
 - 2nd \$2,500
 - 3rd thru 5th \$1,000
 - In case of a tie, the winner will be determined in the following manner:
 - The horse earning points in the greatest number of classes will be the winner
 - The horse placing over the greatest number of entries in the classes in which it competed will be the winner.
 - Any amateur that enters and shows one horse in at least three classes in two or more categories is automatically eligible.
 - Categories:
 - I – halter, performance halter
 - II – reining, working cow horse, boxing, western riding, trail, ranch riding
 - III – barrel racing, pole bending, stake race, team penning, ranch sorting
 - IV – jumping, working hunter, hunter hack
 - V – western pleasure, hunter under saddle, pleasure driving
 - VI – tie-down roping, heading, heeling, breakaway roping, cutting
 - VII – showmanship, western horsemanship, hunt seat equitation, equitation over fences
 - NOTE: Any horse receiving the Adequan® Select World Show All-Around or Reserve All-Around Amateur awards later found to be in violation of Association rules prohibiting administration, internally or externally, to a horse of medication, drug, mechanical device, surgical procedure or artificial appliance, as a result of inspection, testing of blood and/or urine sample, occurring or taken during the show, shall be disqualified and forfeit all prizes and placings in all show classes.

GENE GRAVES SUPER-SELECT SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

- A special recognition award will be given to the Super-Select exhibitor, age 70 and over, earning the greatest number of points while meeting the requirements specified below, in competition at the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show:
 - To be eligible for this award, a Super-Select amateur must enter and show one horse at the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show.

- Points are to be compiled on a one-horse, one-amateur basis. A Super-Select rider may exhibit more than one horse; however, points earned by the amateur with each horse will be compiled separately.
- Super-Select exhibitors or teams, in the case of team penning and ranch sorting, will be awarded base points towards the Gene Graves Super-Select Special Recognition Award as follows:
 - For classes with 10 or more entries
 - 10 points for first
 - 9 points for second
 - 8 points for third
 - 7 points for fourth
 - 6 points for fifth
 - 5 points for sixth
 - 4 points for seventh
 - 3 points for eighth
 - 2 points for ninth
 - 1 point for tenth
 - For classes with 10 or more entries, additional points are based on SHW261 Points Chart:
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 - For classes of less than 10 entries, points will only be awarded for the corresponding number of entries
 - Example: First place in a class of 8 receives 8 points, second receives 7 points, etc.
 - The Super-Select exhibitor accumulating the greatest number of points with one horse will be honored with the Gene Graves Super-Select Recognition Award.
 - The prize is a special award by AQHA's trophy company, Awards Recognition Concepts.
 - In case of a tie, the winner will be determined in the following manner:
 - The horse earning points in the greatest number of classes will be the winner.
 - The horse placing over the greatest number of entries in the classes in which it competes will be the winner.
 - Any amateur age 70 and over that enters and shows one horse is automatically eligible.

NUTRENA SENIOR ATHLETES

- The Nutrena Senior Athletes will be awarded at the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show Championship Show.
 - The award is presented to the exhibitor and American Quarter Horse at the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show with the highest combined age.
 - The rider and horse with the greatest combined age receives a prize package of Nutrena Feed.
 - No formal entry is necessary for the Nutrena Senior Athletes Award.
 - Any amateur that enters and shows at the 2020 Adequan® Select World Show is eligible.

PRIZE MONEY

- \$200 of each class fee is considered the entry fee. 70% of that entry fee will be paid into the purse and 30% of the entry fee will be retained by AQHA.
- For weanling halter classes, \$500 of each class fee is considered the entry fee. 70% of that entry fee will be paid into the purse and 30% of the entry fee will be retained by AQHA.
- The optional jackpot is a chance to earn additional money in each respective class. Any exhibitor that pays into the jackpot has the chance to earn payback according to the class placings.
 - Example: 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place in the class placings do not enter the jackpot but 4th place does. 4th place would earn the 1st place jackpot money.
- **100% of the jackpot money paid into the pot will be paid out. AQHA does not retain any of the money paid into the jackpots.**
- Each class will be placed through ten places and checks will be paid to the recorded owner or lessee of the horse according to AQHA records at the time of entry, with the exception of weanlings. The owner at the time the class is held will be the one who receives the payout check.
 - All transfers of ownership should be completed according to AQHA records prior to entry, except for weanlings, who can be transferred up to 24 hours prior to its class.
- Premiums will be paid by check and mailed by the American Quarter Horse Association after the report of all drug and/or tail test results.

Adequan® Select World Show Payout Schedule

No. Paid	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
1 place	100%									
2 places	60%	40%								
3 places	50%	30%	20%							
4 places	40%	30%	20%	10%						
5 places	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%					
6 places	30%	24%	18%	12%	9%	7%				
7 places	28%	23%	16%	12%	9%	7%	5%			
8 places	25%	20%	15%	12%	10%	8%	6%	4%		
9 places	23%	18%	15%	11%	9%	8%	7%	5%	4%	
10 places	20%	16%	14%	11%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%

IMPORTANT PAYOUT INFORMATION

Please be advised that if you earn money premiums, the United States Internal Revenue Service regulations require we **withhold 28%** of those earnings unless AQHA has a W9 form on file. If you have already submitted a W9, you need not do so again.

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We ask that you please complete a W-9 form, making sure you provide the SSN/tax number of the owner of the horse at the time of entry via the online entry form, or return to the AQHA offices with your entry forms.

JUDGING/MONITORING PROCEDURES

- All events will be judged according to the rules listed in the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook. No other publication will supersede the rules of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook, or the Adequan® Select World Show Qualifier's Handbook, including the show program.
- An Adequan® Select World Show judge may not judge a horse if:
 - he/she was the owner, trainer, agent in any capacity or conditioner of that horse within the previous three months.
 - he/she has received a salary, commission, or any kind of remuneration for selling or buying a horse for the owner or exhibitor for the horse in question within the previous three months.
 - he/she, in any capacity and regardless of whether a horse was involved in the transaction, has been in the employ or has represented the owner or exhibitor of the horse in question within the previous three months.
- Before any horse can enter the show arena, he/she must be inspected for lameness by AQHA Stewards. If the stewards determine the horse is "obviously lame" as described in Rule SHW325 of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook, he/she will be disqualified from competition and not allowed to enter the show arena. If the horse is not "obviously lame", he/she will be allowed to show in the competition where the final determination will be made by the five judges.
- Help horses are also subject to lameness testing.
- All judges are to inspect each and every horse in all classes for possible lameness.
 - In both performance and halter classes, a horse shall automatically be disqualified if three or more judges call the horse lame during the class.
 - If, prior to the end of the class, a total of three or more judges (including judge(s) making the initial call(s)) have called the horse lame, the horse shall automatically be disqualified.
 - If one or two judges (but less than three) call a horse lame during a halter class, the horse will be required to re-track the entire pattern. If, prior to the end of the class, a total of three or more judges (including judge(s) making the initial call(s)) have called the horse lame, the horse shall be automatically disqualified.
 - No announcement will be made over the public address system that a horse is being excused.
 - If it is determined that an entry does not fit the criteria of Rule SHW325 of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook of being obviously lame, the horse will not be excused and will remain in the arena.
 - Judge rulings regarding lameness are official and are not subject to review.
- Five (5) judges will judge all scored and placed classes. In timed-speed event classes there will be two judges and team penning and ranch sorting where there will be one or two judges.
 - Judges will score each class independently and will place thru 15 places.
 - Their individual score or placing card will be given to the Adequan® Select World Show management for tabulation.
 - For placed classes:
 - The high and low placing will be discarded and placing shall be determined by combining the remaining three placings.
- Finalists in all placed classes will be announced and posted by back number order only prior to finals.
- Level 2 riders and the top three in each class will be recognized before or during final placings.
- The top three exhibitors 70 years of age and older in each class will be recognized before or during final placings.

- Ties:
 - In the case of a go-round, the ties will be left unbroken. All ties for 15th place in each preliminary class (timed, scored, placed) will advance to the finals.
 - Placed events:
 - In the finals, all ties will be broken by totaling all five judges' placings.
 - If the ties then cannot be broken, it will be done by using the tie-breaker judge. Judge number 1 is the first tie-breaker; if judge number 1 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge number 2 becomes the tie-breaker judge; if judge number 2 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge number 3 is used, etc., until the judge is found that used at least one of the tied horses.
 - This judge's placing will be used to break the tie. This method, and only this method, is used to break all ties in placed events for both the go-round and finals.
- If, by chance, the same horses were tied in the go-round, and ties were left unbroken, or there was not a go-round, then the ties must be worked off until there is a winner.
 - Please refer to the chart below for the numerical value associated with each place for **placed** classes only:

1. 120	9. 28
2. 105	10. 21
3. 91	11. 15
4. 78	12. 10
5. 66	13. 6
6. 55	14. 3
7. 45	15. 1
8. 36	
- Timed events:
 - Any horse (or in the case of team penning or ranch sorting, team) receiving no time on its first run, is eliminated.
 - If there is a tie for the world championship, the tie will be run off until there is a winner.
 - In the case of a go-round, the ties will be left unbroken.
 - In the case of a final, for placing other than the world championship, the ties will be broken by the placing received in the go-round.
 - If, by chance, the same horses were tied in the go-round and the ties were left unbroken, or there was not a go-round, then the ties must be run off until the placing is decided.
- Scored events:
 - Any horse receiving no score on his first run, whether in the go-rounds or the finals, is eliminated.
 - If there is a tie for the world championship, except in working cow horse (see the individual class for procedure), the tie will be worked off until there is a winner.
- Final placings will be determined by the placing or score in the finals only.
- In the finals of western riding and trail, the score will not be announced until the end of the class.
- In team penning and ranch sorting, the preliminary and finals times and number of cattle will be added together for the final placing. If a team receives a no time in the finals, the preliminary time and number of cattle will be used to determine the final placing. Any team that pens or sorts (receives a time) in both the preliminaries and finals will place above any team that only pens or sorts (receives a time) in the preliminaries.

- A monitoring system involving penalty reviews will be implemented not only as an aid to assist the judges, but also in an effort to provide the exhibitors with a fair and accurate score or time. A run will not be reviewed if, after giving back the penalty points in question, the exhibitor's score would not be enough to: a) advance to the finals, or b) place in the top ten in the finals.
- The monitor system will be used:
 - To review any lack of concurrence in scores or times when major penalties, disqualifications, zero scores, "re-rides", "no times" are involved (hereafter "Major Penalties"; see specific classes), or
- Only major penalties may be reviewed.
- Under no circumstance will the run content or any one-half (1/2) penalties or one (1) point penalties be adjusted.
- Lack of concurrence concerning lameness will not be reviewed.
- A penalty review will not have any impact on the run content. The judge may only add or subtract the penalty value to the score.
- All penalty reviews will take place during the next drag, break, cattle change or at the end of the class.
- At no time may an exhibitor request a review of a class or go.
- It is possible that a public announcement may not be made that an exhibitor's performance is being reviewed.
 - Regardless of whether a public announcement is made, no scores or times are official until penalty reviews are completed.
- No judge shall be required to change his/her score following a video replay. Each judge's decision is an individual call and based on the individual decision from a video replay.
- Movement of horses in any class will be at the discretion of the judge; however, horses will not be pulled out or lined up in placing order by any judge at any time.
- Judge(s) may excuse any horse from the competition for poor mannerisms.
- A hard hat and full harness are always mandatory requirements while jumping over fences anywhere on the grounds. Please refer to Rule SHW320.2.

CLASS ROUTINE

- The American Quarter Horse Association and the 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 changes and check with the show office for changes.
- Exhibitors must have their horses in place in the make-up arena 15 minutes before the class in which they are entered begins.
- Working orders will be posted for all classes, including non-individual working classes, such as halter, western pleasure, hunter under saddle and pleasure driving, and all exhibitors must enter the arena at the direction of show officials in the drawn order. Each weanling class will have a working order according to each weanling's age, with the youngest showing first and oldest showing last.
- When an exhibitor or horse is disqualified from showing by management or by officials of the Adequan® Select World Show, that decision is final.
- Announcements regarding the progress of the preceding class will be given over the PA system in the stall areas.
- Show management shall exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the horse into the ring.
 - In the event a horse is excluded from competition, all entry fees and charges will be forfeited without liability to the Adequan® Select World Show.

- Any horse not matching its registration certificate may be prohibited from participation without recourse of any nature.
- No one, other than contestants in the class and show officials, will be allowed in the arena or in the lower alleyway during the judging except herd holders and turnback men in cutting or help horses in roping.
- If a horse enters the arena without a back number placed in the proper position for that class, that entry will be disqualified. The proper placement of the back numbers is defined below:
 - In halter and showmanship, the correct number must be worn on the exhibitor's back
 - In western performance classes and English classes on the flat, each exhibitor will have two numbers assigned which must be placed on each side of the saddle or saddle pad.
 - In jumping, working hunter, equitation over fences and hunter hack classes, it is optional to wear the correct number on the back or on each side of the saddle or saddle pad.
 - In pleasure driving, the correct number must be placed on each side or the back of the cart.
- Any exhibitor or rider who refuses to obey the requests of the judge, ring steward, equipment judge, AQHA steward or an Adequan® Select World Show official is automatically barred from further competition and forfeits all previous winnings, together with entry fees and other charges.
 - At the discretion of the show management and/or the World Show Committee, the offending individual and his/her entries exhibited may be removed from the grounds.
- Level 2 recognition:
 - The top three Level 2 placings in each finals class will be recognized. If there are not three Level 2 exhibitors in a finals class, top placing exhibitors from the prelims class will be named to make the top three placings for that particular class.
 - If, in individually worked classes, an exhibitor shows more than one horse and is eligible for Level 2 recognition in that class, and that exhibitor places more than once in the top three placings, that exhibitor will be awarded the highest Level 2 placing only once. *Note: All halter age/gender classes, including performance halter, will be grouped together for eligibility purposes; however, Level 2 exhibitors will be recognized in each halter class.*
- Any horse qualified for the finals may only be excused from said finals by show management or the official show veterinarian and will be subject to drug and/or tail testing. Failure to comply will result in possible disciplinary action.
 - Any horse scratched from finals will be considered a finalist, eligible for awards, with a notation added on the horse's record.
- If a horse is disqualified or receives a no time in the finals or scratches before the finals due to lameness, it will still be considered a finalist and eligible for awards. In the finals, if a horse is excused due to lameness, abuse or unsportsmanlike conduct of the exhibitor, it will not be considered a finalist and will not be eligible for awards.
 - Horses placing first through tenth in the finals will receive the top ten awards and the achievement will be recorded on the horse's record. All remaining placings in the class will be considered as finalists, and such will be recorded on the horse's record. If a horse is disqualified or receives a no time in the finals (unless excused due to lameness, abuse or unsportsmanlike conduct), it will still be considered a finalist and eligible for awards.
- In scored and placed classes, all horses enter the finals with a clean slate. No score or placing is carried over from the preliminaries. A qualified run must be made in the finals for the horse to be eligible for a top ten placing.
- A score of zero or a disqualification will still be considered a finalist.

- In barrel racing, pole bending and stakes race, all horses enter the finals with a clean slate. No times are carried over from the preliminaries. An official time must be made in the finals for the horse to be eligible for a top ten placing. A no-time or a disqualification will still be considered a finalist.
- In team penning and ranch sorting, the preliminary and finals times and number of cattle will be added together for the final placing. If a team receives a no time in the finals, the preliminary time and number of cattle will be used to determine the final placing. Any team that pens or sorts (receives a time) in both the preliminaries and finals will place above any team that only pens or sorts (receives a time) in the preliminaries.
- In breakaway roping, only the time received in the finals will be used to determine the final placing. To place in the top ten, a horse must receive a time in the finals. All others receiving a no time in the finals will be considered a finalist.
- Shootouts:
 - In scored classes with 65-74 entries, the top 15 placing horses (plus ties) in the prelims will advance to the finals. Immediately following the preliminary round, there will be a “shootout” competition for the next ten highest scoring horses (including ties). These ten will perform again and the top five placing horses (ties will be broken) from the shootout round will also advance to the finals.
 - In scored classes with 75-99 entries, the top 15 placing horses (plus ties) in the prelims will advance to the finals. Immediately following the preliminary round, there will be a “shootout” competition for the next 15 highest scoring horses (including ties). These 15 will perform again and the top five placing horses (ties will be broken) from the shootout round will also advance to the finals.
 - In scored classes with 100 and more entries, the top 15 placing horses (plus ties) in the prelims will advance to the finals. Immediately following the preliminary round, there will be a “shootout” competition for the next 20 highest scoring horses (including ties). These 20 will perform again and the top five placing horses (ties will be broken) from the shootout round will also advance to the finals.
 - In classes where the exhibitor is judged (showmanship, horsemanship and equitation on the flat), if the class has more than 100 entries, the class will be split in half and the top 15 exhibitors, plus ties, from each section will be taken to a semi-finals. These 30 exhibitors, plus ties, will immediately perform the pattern again. In showmanship, the top 15 plus ties will advance to the finals. In horsemanship and hunt seat equitation, the top 20 plus ties will advance to do rail work. From the rail work, the top 15 plus ties will advance to the finals.
 - In Level 1 classes where the exhibitor is judged (showmanship, horsemanship and hunt seat equitation), if the class has more than 100 entries, the class will be split in half, and the top 15 exhibitors (plus ties) from each section will be taken to the finals. These 30 exhibitors (plus ties) will immediately perform the pattern again. In showmanship, the top 15 (plus ties) will then receive awards. In horsemanship and hunt seat equitation, the top 15 (plus ties) will advance to do rail work and receive awards.
- .All halter classes will be held regardless of the number of horses qualified and entered by the entry deadline of the Show, August 1, 2020.
A preliminary go-round will be held in all performance classes with more than 15 entries.
 - To compete in the finals, entries must compete and qualify in the preliminary go-round.
 - Any entry disqualified in the preliminary go-round cannot advance to the finals.
- If 15 entries or less are entered in a particular class, there will not be a preliminary go-round and only the final performance will be held (except in pleasure driving – see below).

- In pleasure driving, if 12 or less entries are received, there will not be a preliminary go-round and only the finals performance will be held.
- A judge, or judges, may excuse a horse from competition for poor manners.
- A contestant will be disqualified and immediately excused for abuse of a horse.

DRAW PROCEDURES

- World Show management's decisions regarding the draws shall be final.
 - Draws for preliminary and finals classes shall be conducted by a computer program designed to randomly draw positions. All preliminary draws will be conducted prior to the Select World Show and posted on AQHA's website and at the show grounds prior to the classes. Working orders for finals classes will be posted as soon as reasonably possible prior to the classes being held.
 - For purposes of the draw procedures listed below, a "Multiple Horse Exhibitor" or "MHE" is an exhibitor that is listed to show more than one entry in the same class.
 - Draw Procedures for individually worked classes (with the exception of cutting – see below)
 - A working order for a class will be drawn, and redrawn if necessary, until the random computer program produces a working order that spaces at least four runs by other exhibitors (three runs by other exhibitors in the case of Finals) between MHE working order positions. Every attempt will be made to give exhibitors at least 4 positions between their multiple runs in the Preliminary round and 3 positions in the Final round.
 - If, after repeated attempts, the random computer program does not produce a working order for a particular class in accordance with the above, World Show management, in the interest of time, has sole discretion to discontinue its draw attempts for that particular class and accept any randomly produced working order – even if such working order places an MHE in back-to-back positions.
 - Draw Procedures for Group Classes:
 - Regardless of whether an exhibitor is listed to show multiple horses in group classes, no attempt will be made to space any particular number of runs between the positions drawn for such multiple entries as an exhibitor may only show one horse in a group class.
 - Draw Procedures for Cutting Classes:
 - In accordance with NCHA procedures, for all Cutting classes, exhibitors will compete exactly as drawn in the working order, even if the same exhibitor draws back-to-back positions.

RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

- ***BARREL RACING/POLE BENDING/STAKE RACE***
 - In all barrel, poles and stake racing classes, the following disqualifications may be monitored:
 - Failure to follow pattern.
 - Excessive use of whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.
 - In stake racing, the following disqualifications may be monitored:
 - Failure of contestant to cross the start and finish line between the markers.
 - Failure of contestant to cross over the center line between the markers before turning the second pole and cross back over the center line after turning the second pole.
 - In the case of a go-round, the ties will be left unbroken.

- In the case of electric timer malfunction, re-runs may be required as directed by show management and their decision shall be final.
- The finals working order will be a random draw (not the slowest to the fastest time from the preliminaries).
- In barrels, poles, stake race, and breakaway roping; all horses that qualify for the Level 3 finals do so with a clean slate. No times will be carried over from the preliminaries. An official time must be made in the finals for the horse to be eligible for a top ten placing. A no-time or a disqualification will still be considered a finalist.

➤ **CUTTING**

- Three (3) and five (5) point penalties may be reviewed
 - The penalty review will not have any impact on the run content except to add or subtract the penalty value (3 or 5 points) to the score.

➤ **HALTER/PERFORMANCE HALTER**

- No preliminaries will be held in halter classes.
- The winner of each halter class will be designated the World Champion in that class. There will be no grand champion or reserve grand champion in these events.
- In all halter classes, horses will walk to the five judges, one at a time. As the horse approaches, the judges will step to their right to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 30 feet away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall of the arena. After trotting, the horses will line up per the ring steward's instructions.
- Exhibitors may use a safety lead or lip cord per Rule SHW355.2 of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook.
 - Manners of horses:
 - A well-mannered horse is defined as a horse that is under control by the exhibitor while tracking and standing for inspection such that it may be exhibited safely and viewed safely by the judge. The horse should stand reasonably still and flat-footed. At their discretion, the judge may fault a horse that is poorly mannered (including, but not limited to, biting, rearing, striking or bucking) but does not disrupt or endanger other horses or exhibitors around them, and is able to be inspected by the judge. A horse that is excessively unruly or poor mannered (see Rule SHW363 of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook), not clearly under the control of the exhibitor, and/or disruptive to the point that the safety of other horses or exhibitors or the judge is jeopardized, should be disqualified and excused from the class.
 - Any horse that becomes detached from its handler and is no longer under control by the handler will automatically be disqualified and excused.
- If the initial horse exhibiting poor mannerisms (i.e., kicking, rearing, striking, biting, or backing or falling into others, etc.), causes other exhibitor(s) to lose their horse(s), only the initiating horse will be disqualified and excused. The decision of the judge(s) and/or ring steward(s) will be final.
- The fall of a horse being judged shall be cause for disqualification.
 - A horse is considered having fallen when on his/her side with four feet extended in the same direction.
- Horses will not be pulled out or lined up in placing order by any judge at any time.

- If one or two judges (but less than three) call a horse lame during a halter class, the horse will be required to re-track the entire pattern. If, prior to the end of the class, a total of three or more judges (including judge(s) making the initial call(s)) have called the horse lame, the horse shall be automatically disqualified.

➤ ***HUNT SEAT EQUITATION***

- Zero (0) scores, five (5) point and ten (10) point penalties may be monitored.
- Each exhibitor will complete the pattern individually.
- The top 20 scoring exhibitors, including ties will be invited back to perform on the rail.
- All exhibitors invited back to work on the rail will work in one heat, no matter the number returning. There will be no splits or cuts for rail work.

➤ ***HUNTER HACK***

- The exhibitor will complete the course.
- The exhibitor will be scored from 1-100 during the pattern or fence work, with the high and low scores being discarded.
 - The top 20 scoring exhibitors, including ties, will be invited back to perform on the rail.
 - All exhibitors invited back to work on the rail will work in one heat, no matter the number returning. There will be no splits or cuts for rail work.

➤ ***HUNTER UNDER SADDLE***

- An exhibitor who fails to take the prescribed gait when called may be penalized at the judges' discretion.
- Preliminary placings in rail classes will not be posted at the world show or on the internet until after the finals of those classes.

➤ ***JUMPING***

- Jumping is a scored and timed event. All rounds will be timed. In the case of ties with faults for the top 15 finalists in the first round, the tie will be broken by the time taken in that round, but no horses jumping clean in the first round will jump off against the clock to determine first place.
- Time allowed will be used under the direction of show management, judges and professional course designer.
 - The time allowed to complete the course will be calculated from an actual measurement of the course's length.
 - The length of course will be announced and posted prior to the start of the class.
 - The judges will assure that the course has, in fact, been properly measured and the time allowed calculated according to the default speed of 350 meters/minute.
 - The judges may change the time allowed if they feel it is inaccurate, but only after consultation with the course designer.
 - The time allowed may be adjusted after the first competitor completes the round without a disobedience, and not later than following the third competitor to complete the course without a disobedience.
 - After the first competitor has completed their round, the time allowed, and the competitor's time should be announced.
- The time limit to complete the course is double the time allowed. Refer to Rule SHW658 of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook regarding calculation of time allowed.

- Go-rounds:
 - All horses disqualified in the first jumping round will not qualify for the finals.
- Finals:
 - All jump-offs will be timed.
 - The time taken will be used to break all ties (except for Select World Show Champion) on horses with jumping faults and/or combination of jumping and time faults.
 - If there is a tie for the Select World Show Championship, regardless of faults, the tie will be jumped off until there is a winner.
 - All horses disqualified in the first round of the finals will be considered finalists.
 - The go-round placing will be used to break the tie-on horses jumping clean in the first round of the finals that are tied because of a disqualification in the jump-off.
- If a major penalty, one that would result in elimination, is unclear to a judge(s), he/she will submit his/her score (faults and/or time) and ask that the score be held, pending a review of the video at the next break or at the end of the class.
 - Should the judge(s) determine via video replay that elimination was incurred, the entry shall be disqualified. If, however, no elimination occurred, the score will be announced as originally submitted.
- The following eliminations may be monitored:
 - Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course.
 - Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for signal to proceed.
 - Starting before judge's signal to proceed.
 - Failure to enter ring within one minute of being called.
 - Failure to cross the starting line within 45 seconds after an audible signal to proceed.
 - Jumping an obstacle before crossing start line unless said obstacle is designated as a practice obstacle, or after crossing the finish line, whether forming part of the course or not.
 - Off course.
 - Deliberately addressing an obstacle (penalized at any time the horse is in the ring).
 - Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course (penalized at any time the horse is in the ring).
 - Excessive use of whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.
- If there is a tie for the World Championship, the tie will be jumped off until there is a winner.
- All jump-offs will be timed.

➤ **RANCH RIDING**

- Zero (0) scores, three (3) point, five (5) point, and ten (10) point penalties may be monitored.
- Off Pattern - Incomplete maneuvers or exhibitors that eliminate a maneuver(s) may be monitored.

➤ **RANCH SORTING**

- Any team receiving a no-time in the preliminaries is eliminated.
- There will be a 90, 75 or 60 second clock for each class, at the option of show management.
- The official clock is the electronic display clock.
- The official time of each run is determined by the amount of time used until all 10 cattle are sorted or the time limit has expired.

- Time will continue until all cattle are sorted in the correct order or the time limit is reached, either of which becomes the official time for that team.
- A lap timer is to be used in all sorting classes to break ties where the cattle count is equal in runs of less than ten cattle sorted and the official time is the same.
- Lap times are cumulative in multiple go-round events, as well as, the number of cattle sorted, but do not replace the official time of each run.
 - Lap times only come into play when the cattle count and the official times are identical.
- Prior to a team crossing the start/foul line, the team must notify the judge of any unnumbered, injured or unfit cattle. No re-rides will be given once a team has committed to the cattle by crossing the start/foul line. If, at the judge's discretion, a re-ride is given because of unnumbered, injured or unfit cattle, the re-ride will occur immediately using the same numbered cattle once the unnumbered, injured or unfit cattle are replaced.
- From the preliminaries, the top 15 fastest times with the greatest number of cattle sorted will advance to the finals.
 - Ties at 15th place in the preliminary round will be broken based on the number of cattle sorted and their lap times.
 - The tie will be broken based on one of the following methods:
- The official time clock will be used to break all ties for 15th place when ten head of cattle are sorted. The team(s) with the fastest official time(s) will advance to the finals.
- The lap time will be used to break all ties for 15th place for teams sorting less than ten head of cattle. The team(s) with the fastest lap time(s) will advance to the finals.
- In any case, only the fastest 15 teams in the preliminaries will advance to the finals except where cattle count and lap times are tied.
 - The final placing will be determined based upon the following:
 - Total number of cattle sorted adding preliminary and final go rounds together.
 - Ties for number of cattle sorted in the finals will be broken by adding preliminary and finals official times together with the fastest combined time placing best.
- Cattle count and times in both rounds always beat cattle count and times in one round.
- The following no-times, disqualifications or re-rides may be monitored:
 - If any part of a numbered cow crosses the start/foul line prior to its correct order.
 - If any part of a sorted cow re-crosses the start/foul line.
 - If any part of any unnumbered cow crosses the foul line before the tenth cow is cleanly sorted.
 - If a numbered cow jumps any fence and either leaves the arena or ends up in the opposite pen but did not pass through the gate.
 - Should a herd be numbered incorrectly or have too many non-numbered cattle.
 - Unnecessary roughness to cattle or horses or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Excessive use of whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.

➤ **REINING**

- Zero (0) scores, no scores, two (2) point penalties, with the exception of marker penalties, and five (5) point penalties may be monitored.

➤ **SHOWMANSHIP**

- Showmanship is a placed class.
 - Zero (0) scores, five (5) point and ten (10) point penalties may be monitored.

➤ **TEAM PENNING**

- Any team receiving a no-time in the prelims is eliminated.
- From the preliminaries, the top 15 fastest times with the greatest number of cattle penned will advance to the finals.
 - All ties for 15th place will advance to the finals.
- To determine final placings, the preliminary time and the finals time, and the total number of cattle penned in both rounds, will be added together. The accumulated time and cattle count will be used to determine the final placings. The greatest number of cattle penned wins, regardless of time. If the total number of cattle penned is the same, the fastest time will win. If the total number of cattle penned and total time are the same, the world championship will be worked off.
 - For all other placings, the fastest final time and the number of cattle penned will be used to separate the ties.
 - If the teams are still tied, then the ties must be run off until the placing is decided.
- The following disqualifications and no-times may be monitored:
 - If an animal is knocked or cut into the pen after time is called.
 - If an animal escapes from the pen after time is called but prior to the time that any unpenned cattle are on the cattle side of the line.
 - If an animal escapes as a team is calling for time.
 - Contact with cattle by hands, hats, ropes, bats, romal or any other equipment.
 - Any attempt by a dismounted rider to work cattle before remounting.
 - Unnecessary roughness to cattle or horses or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Excessive use of whip, rope, crop, bat, or reins anywhere on the horse.
 - Any part of a wrong numbered cow that crosses the line will invoke a no time.

➤ **TIE-DOWN ROPING / BREAKAWAY / HEADING / HEELING**

- In tie-down, the roper may throw only two loops and must be done within a one-minute time limit.
- In tie-down, the one-minute time limit is from the time the calf leaves the chute until the roper signals the time is complete. Although the time limit stops when the roper signals the tie is complete, the horse will continue to be judged until the rider has mounted the horse and ridden forward. The calf must remain tied until the roper remounts and steps forward.
- In breakaway roping, exhibitors must attach the rope to the saddle horn with string.
- In heading/heeling, legal catches are both horns, half-head and around the neck.
 - In tie-down, heading and heeling, zero (0) scores, two (2), three (3) and five (5) point penalties may be monitored.
- In the heeling class, any head catch made by the header must be a legal catch.
 - Legal catches are both horns, half-head and around the neck.
- Anyone with a current AQHA membership riding a registered American Quarter Horse may assist in heading and/or heeling.

➤ **TRAIL**

- Three (3) point penalties, five (5) point penalties, and zero (0) scores may be monitored.
- Only two refusals are permitted at any obstacle in the trail class.
 - After two refusals, the contestant must go to the next obstacle.
- Trail is a scored class.

➤ **WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP**

- Five (5) point penalties, ten (10) point penalties, and disqualifications may be monitored.
- Each exhibitor will complete the pattern individually.
- The top 20 placed exhibitors will be invited back to perform on the rail.
- If there is a tie for 20th, the tie will not be broken.
- All exhibitors invited back to work on the rail will work in one heat, no matter the number returning. There will be no splits or cuts for rail work.

➤ **WESTERN PLEASURE**

- An exhibitor who fails to take the prescribed gait when called may be penalized at the judges' discretion.
- Preliminary placings in rail classes will not be posted at the World Show or on the Internet until after the finals of those classes.

➤ **WESTERN RIDING**

- Zero (0) scores, three (3) point penalties, and five (5) point penalties may be monitored.

➤ **WORKING COW HORSE/BOXING**

- All exhibitors will complete their reined work, and immediately follow with the cow work, except in the finals, where the reined and cow work may be held separately.
 - The judges may, at their discretion, award new cattle to enable the contestant to show his or her horse's ability on the cow.
 - Horses should keep working until the judge blows the whistle. If exhibitor quits working before the judge blows the whistle, a score of 0 will be given.
 - All horses must be shown in the same bit, snaffle, hackamore, and reins in the cow work used in the reined work.
- One score will be tabulated from the reined work with the high and low discarded, and one score will be tabulated from the cow work with the high and low discarded. A total score will then be tabulated from both work scores.
- Any rework will be of the cow portion only.
- Two (2) (except marker penalties), three (3) and five (5) point penalties, and Zero (0) scores may be monitored.
- If there is a tie in the top 15 placings, including for World Champion, the tie will be broken by adding all five judges' scores in the cow portion only. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by the tie-breaker judge (Judge #1). (For further procedures, see the tie-breaking portion in GENERAL JUDGING/MONITORING PROCEDURES).

➤ **WORKING HUNTER**

- In all working hunter classes, the following eliminations may be monitored:
 - A total of three disobediences, which can include any of the following: refusal, stop, run out or extra circle.
 - Jumping an obstacle before it is reset.
 - Bolting from the arena.
 - Off course.
 - Deliberately addressing an obstacle.
 - Failure to trot a small circle on a loose rein for soundness after jumping the last fence.

ANIMAL WELFARE

- **Inhumane Treatment Rules, AQHA Rules VIO200 —204 and VIO330.1, pages 35—37 and 41 in the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook & AQHA’s Fines and Penalties**
- **VIO200. INHUMANE TREATMENT.** No person shall treat any horse in an inhumane manner. This prohibition against inhumane treatment applies to AQHA members and non-members. Inhumane treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the prohibited conduct specified below. Inhumane treatment to horses other than American Quarter Horses and other animals used in competition is included in this prohibition as it indicates a general course of dealing with horses which is unacceptable to AQHA.
- **VIO200.1** For purposes of this rule, a person responsible for the care of a horse is also responsible for and may be disciplined for the inhumane conduct of their trainers, agents, representatives and employees. For violation of this rule, an individual may be disciplined, suspended, fined, denied AQHA privileges, disqualified, expelled from show grounds and/or expelled from AQHA.
- **VIO201.** Inhumane treatment of any horse or any other animal on show grounds is strictly prohibited. Treatment of any horse will be considered inhumane if a person, educated or experienced in accepted equine training techniques, would perceive the conduct of an individual to be inhumane.
- **VIO202.** For purposes of this rule, a fines and penalty system has been established based on the severity of the offense. All offenses per VIO204 below will be assigned a minimum level of offense (level 1 = mild; level 2= moderate; level 3 = severe). Depending on the facts of a situation, the level of offense may be increased.
- **VIO203.** Warning or Show Ground Removal cards will be issued based on the frequency and level of offense.
- **VIO204.** Inhumane treatment includes, but is not limited to:
- **VIO204.1** placing an object in a horse’s mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress (minimum level 2).
- **VIO204.2** leaving a bit in a horse’s mouth for extended periods of time so as to cause undue discomfort or distress (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.3** tying a horse’s head up (above withers), back or around in a stall or anywhere at an AQHA event in the manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress (minimum level 2).
- **VIO204.3.1** tying a horse in a stall without access to food or water for an extended period of time. (Minimum level 1)
- **VIO204.4** longeing or riding a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress to the horse (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.5** tying or fastening any foreign object onto a horse, halter, bridle and/or saddle in order to de-sensitize the horse (minimum level 2).
- **VIO204.6** use of training techniques or methods such as poling or striking a horse’s legs with objects (minimum level 2).
- **VIO204.7** excessive spurring or whipping (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.8** excessive jerking of reins (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.9** excessive fencing (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.10** excessive spinning (defined as no more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction) (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.11** schooling over ramped oxers in reverse order (i.e., from highest to lowest instead of lowest to highest) (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.12** schooling using rails higher than four (4) feet (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.13** use of prohibited equipment, including, but not limited to: lip chains, saw tooth bits; hock hobbles; tack collars; tack curb straps or tack hackamores; whips used for showmanship; war bridles or like devices; wire or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded; wire cavesson; wire or cable tie-downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); metal longeing hackamores; chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on a horse’s head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit or a bonnet); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops (minimum level 2); belly bands; excessively tight cavessons; riding in a curb bit without a curb strap; draw reins attached between or around the front legs will not be allowed; side reins (direct rein from bit to cinch or surcingle) (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.14** use of any item or appliance other than a weighted tail that restricts movement of the horse’s tail (minimum level 1), use of any drug, chemical, foreign substance, surgical procedure or trauma that would alter a horse’s normal tail function (minimum level 2);

- **VIO204.15.** the use of any substance, including, but not limited to, any type of colorant, dye, glue or hair to hide an injury created by intentional or negligent treatment, prohibited training techniques or prohibited equipment. For purposes of this rule, “injury” is defined as an open wound, raw area and/or scabbed area (minimum level 2).
- **VIO204.16** a horse which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired (minimum level 1).
- **VIO204.17** intentional or negligent treatment which results in any bleeding, open wound and/or raw area – intentional (minimum level 3); unintentional (minimum level 1); for purposes of this section, “negligence” is the failure to exercise care that a reasonably prudent person would exercise. Regardless of whether the bleeding, open wound and/or raw area resulted from intentional or negligent treatment, the horse shall be disqualified.
- **VIO204.18** applying excessive pressure on or excessively jerking of a halter lead shank or an allowed lip cord (minimum level 2).
- **VIO204.19** any other treatment or conduct deemed by a show official to be inhumane or abusive (minimum level 1).
- **Per VIO250: the exhibitor, Absolutely Responsible Person and owner are presumed to know all AQHA rules and regulations. Therefore, please familiarize yourself with the following rules related to the welfare of the horse (refer to the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations) VIO300 – VIO305.4 Prohibited Medication, Drug, Substance: pages 38-39**
- **VIO320 – VIO322 Prohibited Surgical Procedure, Mechanical Device or Artificial Appliance: page 40**
- **VIO330 – VIO334.2 Alteration of Tail Function: pages 40-41**
- **VIO400 – VIO401.7 Therapeutic Medication Addendum: pages 41-42**
- **VIO402 – VIO404.2 Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication: pages 42-44**
- **VIO405 – VIO406 Quantitatively Restricted Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication: pages 44-46**

ADEQUAN® SELECT WORLD SHOW IV BAG RULE

- The Adequan® Select World Show marks the highest point of competition for American Quarter Horses and competitors aged 50 and over competing in their respective events. Additionally, AQHA’s World Shows annually attract tens of thousands of visitors, as well as corporate and community sponsors who look forward to touring the stall areas and seeing the world’s most premier equine athletes. As such, in order to preserve the integrity of the show and the public’s positive perception, some hard and fast rules must be imposed as they relate to all disciplines. Toward that end, AQHA has adopted the following policy regarding the intravenous use of fluids that has become almost commonplace in the stall area of many shows.
- In short, we want to encourage people to tour the barn area as well as enjoy the competition itself. Our goal is that people leave with a long, lasting positive memory of horses that are happy, healthy, well-cared for and perfectly capable of competing at the event. IV bags hanging in stalls do not give this impression. We appreciate your help and understanding on this matter.
- The following rules apply with respect to the administration of any fluids and/or medications to a horse on World Show grounds via IV bags:
 - (1) IV administration must be for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury.
 - (2) IVs may only be administered in a specific stall area designated by AQHA. The IV may not be administered in any other area on the show grounds including, but not limited to, rented stalls, barns, trailers, etc....The only exception to this rule shall be IV administration to a horse that, because of a legitimate illness or injury, is unable to be led to the specific stall area designated by AQHA (note: see #4 below).
 - (3) The IV must be administered by a Veterinarian who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Texas. If the person in the care, custody and control of a horse (“Authorized Party”) desires the Adequan® Select World Show veterinarian to administer the IV, the Authorized Party shall be required to sign a general release and waiver of liability releasing AQHA and the Adequan® Select World Show veterinarian from any liability associated with the IV administration.
 - (4) With respect to any IV administration on Adequan® Select World Show grounds (see #2 above), a written IV Administration Report available from AQHA or show management must be completed in its entirety and filed with the Adequan® Select World Show veterinarian who shall acknowledge receipt by his/her signature and date. Such report must include:
 - (i) Diagnosis of illness/injury, reason for administration, and name of administering and/or prescribing veterinarian.
 - (ii) Identification of the fluid and/or medication (the name, amount, strength/concentration).
 - (iii) Date and approximate time of anticipated IV administration.

- (iv) Identification of the horse: name, age, sex, color and entry number.
 - (v) Signature of veterinarian to administer the medication; and
 - (vi) Signature of veterinarian prescribing the IV administration. If by prescription, a copy of the prescription must be attached to the IV Administration Report.
- (5) If the Adequan® Select World Show veterinarian, in his/her sole discretion, determines that a proposed IV administration is not for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury, the horse may still receive the IV administration in the specific areas referenced in #2 above. However, should an IV be administered in such case, the horse must be withdrawn from any classes to occur within 24 hours of the IV administration.
 - (6) Failure to abide by these rules shall subject a responsible party, as defined by AQHA rules and regulations, to disciplinary action including but not limited to requirement that the responsible party immediately remove the horse in question from show grounds.
 - (7) The above rules are in addition to AQHA’s drug rules contained in the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules & Regulations which also must be strictly adhered to.

DRUG TESTING/TAILS/APPLIANCES

- All horses are subject to drug and/or tail testing under the provisions of Rule VIO330 of the 2020 AQHA Official Handbook, which states: For the purpose of this rule, normal tail function is defined as “being able to raise the tail to or above the horizontal plane.” A horse’s inability to raise its tail to or above the horizontal plane in response to a tail test conducted on site by an AQHA-approved veterinarian shall be considered a violation of this rule.
- Weighted tails are allowed.
- Any use of artificial appliances is prohibited; however, the use of cotton in horses’ ears is allowed.

VETERINARIANS

- Attending veterinarians must check in at the stall office and sign a statement verifying they have read and agree to abide by AQHA therapeutic medication rules.
- Any veterinarian practicing on the grounds who is not licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine will be removed from the premises and could face possible penalty or fine by the State.
- Veterinarians other than the official show veterinarian are prohibited from setting up offices or operating a clinic out of any of the barns on the show grounds.

AQHA Show Fines and Penalties			
Regarding Inhumane Treatment and Unsportsmanlike Conduct – VIO200-204 & VIO220			
White=First Warning Yellow=Warning Card Red=Show Grounds Removal Card Example: 1 offense on 3 horses = 3 offenses or 3 offenses on one horse = 3 offenses	Level 1 Mild	Level 2 Moderate	Level 3 Severe
1st Offense	Warning – no fine or penalty Steward issues white warning card. Name placed in warning database	Fine \$500 - \$15,000	Fine \$5,000 - \$25,000 Suspension up to Permanent Expulsion
2nd Offense	Suspension up to 36 months Mandatory Probation		Mandatory Probation
3rd Offense	Name placed in database		Name placed in warning database

More than 3 offenses in 120 days or more than 4 offenses in a 12-month period.

**Fine \$5,000 - \$25,000
Suspension up to Permanent Expulsion
Mandatory Probation
Name placed in warning database**

The AQHA Executive Committee has ultimate authority to impose less or more severe penalties as compared to this chart as it deems necessary. This chart may be modified at any time by AQHA's Executive Committee. All fines and penalties are cumulative and run consecutively in the case of multiple offenses. Habitual offenders are subject to the severest fines and penalties above.

LIABILITY/RISKS

- Participants agree that they understand the nature of Adequan® Select World Show participation and attendance activities (“Activities”) and that the Activities include, but are not limited to, “inherent risks of equine activities” that may result in property damage and bodily injury, including, but not limited to, permanent disability, paralysis, and death (collectively “risks”); that such risks may be caused by participant’s own action or inaction, the action or inaction of others participating in the activities, the condition of the premises at which the activities take place, and/or the negligence of the “releasees” named below.
- Participants understand that “inherent risk of equine activities” means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury or loss to persons on or around the equine; (b) the unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (c) hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; (d) a collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; and (e) the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.
- A PARTICIPANT FULLY ACCEPTS AND ASSUMES ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES PARTICIPANT INCURS AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT’S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES. PARTICIPANT HEREBY RELEASES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE AQHA, AQHA CORPORATE PARTNERS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATORS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNER AND LESSORS OF PREMISES ON WHICH THE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE, (EACH CONSIDERED ONE OF THE “RELEASEES” HEREIN) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES WHENEVER OR HOWEVER ARISING AS TO INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT’S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OR CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
- A Participant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend releasees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from all third party claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature arising out of (i) participant’s negligent act(s) or omissions during or related in any way to the Activities; and/or (ii) Participant willful act(s) or omission(s) during or related in any way to the Activities.

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