

Show Committee Agenda 2020 Report

English Subcommittee

1. Amend SHW311.1 (English Optional Equipment) to read as follows: “Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round or that include a smooth rolling rubber **or stainless-steel ball** and no longer than one inch.”

Executive Committee: Approved

2. Amend penalties for Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat as follows:

SHW621.2.1 (Three (3) points):

~~Break of gait at the walk or trot up to 2 strides-~~

~~Over or under turn from 1/8 to 1/4 turn~~

Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail

SHW621.2.2 (Five (5) points)

~~Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail~~

Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail

SHW621.2.3 (Ten (10) points)

~~Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail~~

Executive Committee: Table until 2021 Convention due to GEN103.2

3. Amend penalties for Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat as follows:

SHW621.2.1 (Three (3) points)

~~Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals~~

Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail

SHW621.2.2 (Five (5) points)

Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals

~~Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail~~

Executive Committee: Table until 2021 Convention due to GEN103.2

4. Amend penalties for Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat as follows:

SHW621.2.2 (Five (5) points)

~~Loss of iron Head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical while the~~

horse is in motion, showing the appearance of intimidation

SHW621.2.3 Ten (10) points

Loss of iron.

Executive Committee: Table until 2021 Convention due to GEN103.2

5. Amend rule SHW637.3 (Working Hunter; Course or Arena Arrangement) to read as follows: "Distance between fences is recommended to be in 12-foot (3.5 meters) increments with the exception of some combinations: one stride in and out, 24-26 feet (7 meters); two strides in and out, 36 feet (11 meters); three strides, 48 feet (14.5 meters). **In Rookie classes, exhibitor may add one stride in standard set line without penalty as long as it is done consistently throughout the course. Footage of distance between fences must be on the posted courses. If footage is not posted then management is required to allow a course walk prior to class.**"

Executive Committee: Approved

6. Amend SHW638 (Fence Heights) by creating a chart of fence heights for all Over Fence classes based on the heights in 2020 AQHA Rule Book.

Executive Committee: Approved

7. Amend SHW638.6 as follows: "Minimum height for Rookie class must be a 2' with maximum height of 2'3". ~~Due to low fence height in Rookie over fence events it is recommended that the distance between fences be in 11-foot increments. Also recommended that the course not contain combinations such as one or two stride elements or oxers for use in Level 1 and Rookie events.~~ **If Select amateurs are required to combine to regular amateur classes because of rule SHW117.1.1, the resulting all-age amateur class fence height should be set as 2'9"**.

Add: **SHW638.7 to read: "Rookie classes may not have oxers in class. In and outs are not allowed in any rookie or level 1 class."**

Executive Committee: Approved

8. Amend SHW618 (Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat. Basic Position) as follows: ~~To mount, take up reins in left hand and place hand on withers. Grasp stirrup leather with right hand and insert left foot in stirrup and mount. To dismount, rider may either step down or slide down. The size of rider must be taken into consideration.~~ **Judges should not ask exhibitors to mount or dismount."**

Executive Committee: Approved

General Subcommittee

1. Amend SHW127 (Show Officials) as follows: Show Officials are defined as any person performing the duties of a show manager, ~~steward~~, ring steward or show secretary. Show officials, with the exception of ring stewards, must have a current AQHA individual membership. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of a show official who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience.

Executive Committee: Approved

2. Add new classes to rule to SHW764. AQHA Approved Equestrians with Disabilities (EWD) Classes.

Executive Committee: Appointed Task Force

3. Amend rules SHW774.4 (EWD Showmanship at Halter – Individual Work), SHW775.3 (EWD Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat – Individual Work), SHW776.3 (EWD Walk, Trot, Canter, Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat – Independent – Individual Work), SHW779.3 (EWD Walk & Jog Western Horsemanship – Independent or Supported – Individual Work), SHW780.3 (EWD Walk, Jog and Lope Western Horsemanship – Independent – Individual Work) such that the judge may - not must - select an AQHA-approved EWD pattern.

Executive Committee: Appointed Task Force

4. Amend the last sentence in rules SHW775.2 (EWD Walk & Trot Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat), SHW776.2 (EWD Walk/Trot/Canter hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat – Independent), SHW779.2 (EWD Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship – Independent or Supported), and SHW780.2 (EWD Walk/Jog/Lope Western Horsemanship – Independent; Class Procedure) as follows: “The whole class, or just the finalists, ~~must~~ may work at the appropriate gaits at least one direction of the arena.”

Executive Committee: Appointed Task Force

5. Amend rules SHW783.4 EWD Walk, Jog/Trot Tail Horse Class – Independent or Supported) and SHW784.3 (EWD Walk, Jog/Trot, Lope Trail Horse Class – Independent; Course) as follows: “Refer to SHW461 for acceptable and unacceptable obstacles. Safety should be the first consideration in designing and

setting up the course. **The gate must be an open ride through obstacle.** All obstacles found in SHW461 are acceptable however the following are unacceptable: carrying an object, water hazard, slicker, mailbox.”

Executive Committee: Appointed Task Force

Halter Subcommittee

1. Add new provisions to SHW350 (Halter Classes) which would add minor, major, and severe fault wording in cooperation with WCHA and other standard wording used in judging halter. [Judges Committee to make recommendation to Halter subcommittee as primary]

Executive Committee: Approved

2. Add new rule to SHW362.4.8 (Procedure for Judging Halter) to read as follows: [Judges should disqualify and excuse from the ring prior to final placing a horse that:] **does not complete the prescribed pattern correctly in three attempts** [Judges Committee recommendation to Halter subcommittee as primary]

Executive Committee: Approved

Leveling Subcommittee

1. Review with an intent to make appropriate improvements where and if necessary, to all rules pertaining to Leveling. **

Executive Committee: Refer to Subcommittee for review and recommendation at 2021 Convention

2. Amend rule SHW400.4 (Performance Classes) as follows: “In a leveled class that is run concurrent [Level 2 and Level 3], an exhibitor may show a maximum of four horses. If less than three entries in Level 2 ~~or Level 3~~, entries will be combined with Level 3.” **

Executive Committee: Refer to Subcommittee for review and recommendation at 2021 Convention

3. Modify SHW245.3.5. (Level 1 Eligibility) as follows: “won a total of \$5,000 in cash **and prizes with any equine organization or association by class including earnings reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources**”.

[Make verbiage consistent when earnings are referenced throughout the rulebook.]

Executive Committee: Approved

Show Format & Procedures Subcommittee

1. Add new rule to SHW112. (Classes) to read as follows: **“Allow AQHA and other registered breed horses to show concurrently in the same class at an AQHA show with up to 500 entries (from the previous year). Each respective breed to be placed separately. Where there is a conflict, AQHA rules and Animal Welfare standards will be followed.”**

Executive Committee: Refer to Subcommittee for further review and recommendation at 2021 Convention

Western & Timed Events Subcommittee

1. Amend SHW416.1 (Ranch Riding) as follows: “For horses three years of age and older, offered as a Level 1, junior, senior or all-age open division class, and as an all age class for Level 1 youth, youth, **13 & under and 14-18 youth**, Level 1 amateur, **Level 1 Select amateur**, Select amateur, and amateur.” [Western subcommittee recommendation to Ranching Committee as primary] **

Executive Committee: Approved

2. Amend penalty rules as follows:

SHW437.1 (Three (3) points): ~~Obviously looking down to check leads.~~

SHW437.2 (Five (5) points): **Obviously looking down to check leads.**

Executive Committee: Tabled until 2021 Convention due to GEN103.2

3. Amend SHW520 (Roping Events) by adding the following: **“If the barrier works and the contestant breaks out, a penalty will be assessed. The penalty will be carried over on a re-run.”**

Executive Committee: Approved

4. Consider proposal to add a new class Working Western Rail. **

1. As a new class, offer only for Open, Youth & Amateur, per AQHA rules
2. This class would not be in the Ranching division

3. Form a Task Force to further define the class as to the rules, eligibility for points, awards, all-arounds, et cetera.

Executive Committee: Approved

5. Amend the last sentence of SHW452. (Western Riding) to read as follows: “The three Level 1 western riding patterns **and their reverse pattern layouts** may be used for Level 1 or Level 1 youth.”

Executive Committee: Approved

6. Amend the second sentence of SHW461 (Trail) as follows: “Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style, some degree of speed, **positive expression, and minimal visible or audible cueing**, providing correctness is not sacrificed.”

Executive Committee: Approved

World Show Subcommittee

1. Consider proposal to implement the five-judge judging system for Level 1 Stakes Classes. **

Executive Committee: Approved (pending programming)

2. Consider proposal to implement participation qualification for all classes at the World Show. **

Executive Committee: Appointed Task Force

3. Consider proposal to add a Level 2 division to the 2-year-old Western Pleasure class at the World Show, leveled on the exhibitor. **

Executive Committee: Approved (pending programming)

4. Consider proposal to add the time element to the scoring of the Heading and Heeling classes at World Show.

Executive Committee: Appointed Task Force

5. Amend World Show rule as follows: “~~No~~ Weanlings **may** be shown at both the Select World and the Amateur division at the World Show in the same year

even with different exhibitors.” [Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary] **

Executive Committee: Approved (pending programming)

6. Add a new World Show rule to read as follows: “For countries that have an AQHA Affiliate, an exhibitor who qualifies for any AQHA World Show using the International qualifying system, must be a member of that AQHA Affiliate operating in the coinciding country.” [International Committee recommendation to World Show subcommittee] **

Executive Committee: Approved (pending programming)

7. Amend the AQHYA World Championship Show Handbook to increase the number of affiliate entries allowed per state based on six entries multiplied by the total number of classes offered with no limit on individual class entries. [Youth Committee recommendation to World Show subcommittee]

Executive Committee: Approved

8. Add Amateur Horsemanship Challenge Event to 2020 AQHA World Show [Amateur Committee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary]

Executive Committee: Approved

9. Allow for All-Around Awards at Select and Amateur World Shows [Amateur Committee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary]

Executive Committee: APPROVED WITH CONSIDERATION FOR EXISTING SUNDOWNER AGREEMENT

- 10.A) With respect to AQHA Championship Shows (Open, Amateur, Youth, Select, ~~Level 4~~) Performance Halter eligibility, that barrel racing, pole bending, stake race classes that race against the clock, require a horse complete the pattern, without disqualification, and with a clock time within 3 seconds of the fastest time, exclusive of any time penalties.

Executive Committee: Approved

17. Elect Robin Frid as Show Committee Chair

**pending programming