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World Championship Show

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

- These rules become effective January 1, 2021, for the conduct of the 2021 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show and each subsequent year, presuming proper and adequate financing arrangements can be made and committed prior to January 1 each year. This show will follow all regulations of the Horse Protection Act of 1970, Public Law 91-540 or as amended.
- The 2021 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Show and Nutrena AQHA Level 1 Championship classes shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations and this Championship Show Handbook.
- All participants and owners agree to abide by such rules and regulations, and all decisions made by show management will be final.
- The Championship Show will be held July 28-August 8, 2021, at the OKC Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- The tentative schedule is available online and may be changed at show management's discretion.
- No official AQHA points will be earned by participation in the AQHYA World Show.
- Every horse entered for competition shall be under the control of show management, but AQHA, the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds, their agents, or employees, will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
- Oklahoma City ordinance prohibits smoking in any of the State Fairgrounds buildings. Violators will be prosecuted.
- **No one, including exhibitors,** may sell products from their stall area.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Championship Show contact email: worldshow@aqha.org

HELPFUL HINTS AND TRAVELING TIPS

- **COVID-19 health information.** Attendees should review the current CDC and WHO guidelines prior to the event and refrain from attending the show if they have been in contact with anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, have a fever or other symptoms, or are immune compromised. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any setting where people are present. If you have a professional service provider (i.e., farriers, veterinarians etc.) attending to your horses, they are required to review and adhere to these protocols, as well. For more information, please refer to the website: <https://www.aqha.com/-/ford-youth-world-health-protocols>.
- **Hotels.** To make sure your visit to the Oklahoma City area is an enjoyable one, AQHYA made arrangements with local hotels to allow you to make reservations at lower rates. These hotels are all within a 15-minute drive of the OKC Fairgrounds. The list of host hotels can be found in the Resources section of www.aqha.com/youthworld. Be sure to let hotels know you are with the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show to receive the discounted rate.
- **What to wear.** Picking out clothes for the arena or speech contest will be easy, but what to wear when you are not competing? Oklahoma City temperatures in July and August range from 74 to 100+ degrees with medium to high humidity and chances of

rain, so bring plenty of light clothing to wear when you are out and about during the day. Remember, appropriate attire will be required for all functions on grounds.

- **Traveling to the show.** Getting to Oklahoma City is easy. It is served by several major interstate highways, with I-40 and I-35 within minutes of the OKC Fairgrounds. If you fly into Oklahoma City, the closest airport is the Will Rogers World Airport.
- **Picking up your packet.** The horse show office will open at 8 a.m. local time on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. All exhibitor entry packets will need to be picked up in the show office. Other pertinent information will be available in the show office for your convenience, such as show schedule, exercise schedule, programs, etc.
- **Security.** Security is provided by the OKC Police Department, and officers will be on the grounds 24 hours a day. The trailer parking area will also have 24-hour security. Despite precautions, no one is immune to crime, so please take proper care to lock trucks, trailers, tack boxes, and tack stalls.
- **Other information.**
 - Dogs are allowed in the stall area only and must always be secured by a leash or be in a stall. **ANIMAL PATROL OFFICERS WILL PATROL THE PROPERTY AND IMPOUND ANIMALS NOT IN COMPLIANCE. THIS CITY ORDINANCE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
 - Aisle ways must not be blocked with obstructions including, but not limited to, roping dummies or golf carts.
 - Scooters are not allowed on the grounds. Anyone operating a motorized vehicle on grounds must be a licensed driver.
 - Only GFCI surge protectors will be permitted.
 - **REFRIGERATED AIR UNITS, MICROWAVES AND OTHER APPLIANCES SHOULD BE LIMITED IN THE STALL AREA.** See stall decorating contest guidelines for rules specific to that contest.
 - All horses not officially entered in the show, but assisting in cutting or team roping events, must be registered American Quarter Horses and must provide required 30-day Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) and a negative EIA test (Coggins) issued within 12 months before being allowed on the premises.
 - Contestant horses entered in the show can only be ridden as helping horses by that contestant.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES / HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Move in will begin 8:00am local time on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Trailers have a one-hour time limit for unloading. All vehicles and trailers must move to a parking space after unloading.
- All horses entering the grounds, including leased horses and help horses, must be accompanied by:
 - A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) issued within 30 days.
 - A negative EIA test (Coggins) issued within 12 months.
- Health documents, including EIA test (Coggins), must include the registered name and markings of each horse.
- Any horse arriving without the required documents will be held at the gate until examined by a veterinarian or until all paperwork is supplied. The inspection station will be manned 24 hours per day.

- The stall office is in the office adjacent to the horse show office and will open on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, and remain open 24 hours a day for the duration of the show. Contact the stall office to get the stall block locations for each state. Affiliate Youth Advisers for each state will have stall assignments for each state's stall block.

RULES OF CONDUCT

- Any participant whose action or behavior constitutes misconduct as described below may be immediately suspended from further participation at the show and barred from the show grounds pending a disciplinary hearing.
- A participant's misconduct shall be grounds for an appropriate AQHA committee to impose certain disciplinary actions, including those disciplinary actions contained in the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations as well as revoking the participant's eligibility to participate in future AQHA Championship Shows.
- Disciplinary hearings will be conducted in accordance with AQHA rules and regulations, and procedures formulated by AQHA. Points earned by the participant at the AQHYA World in question prior to a hearing may be disallowed in the calculation of team totals.
- Misconduct shall include, but not limited to, (1) conduct in violation of the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook; (2) conduct in violation of the AQHYA World Championship Show handbook; (3) conduct unbecoming to the dignity of AQHYA and its AQHYA World Show; and/or (4) conduct in contradiction of AQHYA's objective and purpose to "encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all of its members".
- Examples of misconduct that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited to:
 - Possession or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs/substances, ON OR OFF THE SHOW GROUNDS.
 - Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs/illegal substances, ON OR OFF THE SHOW GROUNDS.
 - Intentional destruction of property.
 - Refusal to obey the direction of show officials, AQHYA or AQHA representatives.
 - Violation of the laws of the state and city where the show is being conducted.
- Upon discovery of misconduct, the youth or youths involved shall be reported to a member of the AQHA staff, AQHYA World Show staff or AQHYA Disciplinary Advisory Council.
- Any person making alcohol or illegal drugs/substances available to exhibitors at the AQHYA World Show or other youth members may be immediately banned from the show grounds for the duration of the event and future events.
- Any exhibitor or rider who refuses to obey the requests of the judge, ring steward, or show official could be barred from further competition and required to forfeit all previous winnings, entry fees, and other charges. At the discretion of show management, the offending individual and their entire exhibit may be removed from the grounds.
- Any exhibitor or owner receiving disciplinary action by the AQHA Executive Committee for show rule violations at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, may be prohibited from participating in the next year's Championship Show. This rule excludes anyone receiving a first-time administration penalty for an overage of therapeutic medication.

GOLF CARTS

- **The official golf cart vendor is Fore Wheeler Golf Cars - Contact phone 405-682-8444.**
- All golf carts on the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds must have an official permit sticker and must always be operated by a licensed driver ONLY.
- Permits are \$35 and will be issued to licensed drivers only in the horse show office. Every golf cart on the property must have a permit.
- Any person operating a golf cart in an unsafe or reckless manner will be detained by law enforcement officers. Golf carts can and will be impounded.
- Golf cart operators must always have a valid driver's license with them, and carts are prohibited in the barn area.
- Golf carts may only be driven on the streets and must yield to horses, automobiles, and pedestrians. Failure to yield to any of the three will result in impounding the golf cart and a fine of \$100. They may not be parked blocking any entrance and, if parked in front of handicapped entrances or ramps, will be impounded.
- Remember, the use of golf carts is a privilege, and abuse of this privilege will not be tolerated.
- No scooters (electric, motorized, or otherwise) will be allowed on the grounds. Such two-wheeled devices found either in operation or parked on the streets, the barn area or the sidewalks will be impounded recoverable for a fine of \$100.

VEHICLES

- Vehicles must be operated within a safe and reasonable speed limit on the fairgrounds.
- Designated fire lanes must always be clear, along with any other area posted area where vehicular traffic is prohibited.
- If a vehicle must be removed, the owner is responsible for all costs incurred with removing the vehicle.
- No vehicles, including golf carts, may be operated in the State Fair Arena, International Trade Center Building or in the Travel and Transportation Building, unless written permission is given by the manager of the OKC Fairgrounds.
- All vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver.
- Parking trailers in the lot south of the coliseum is done at your own risk.

RV / CAMPING INFORMATION

- Reservations for 20 premium VIP RV parking spots located at the north end of Barn 9 will be taken by the AQHA office. VIP RV Parking will be first come first serve based on availability through the 2021 Built Ford Tough Youth World VIP RV Reservation online form.
- Reservations for 67 additional premium RV parking spots located in the West RV Park will be taken by the AQHA office. Premium RV Parking will be first come first serve based on availability through the 2021 Built Ford Tough Youth World VIP RV Reservation online form.
- Standard RV parking is located south of the Jim Norick Coliseum on the Fairgrounds. The standard RV lot is rented on a first come first serve basis directly by the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. No reservations will be taken for standard RV parking. For questions regarding standard RV parking, contact the OKC Fairgrounds at (405)948-6700.

STALLING

- Each exhibitor must either purchase a stall or pay a grounds fee when submitting the entry online. Stalls are \$200.
- All exhibitors will be stalled with their declared Affiliate. State stalling locations will be determined by AQHA staff and will be posted online prior to the event. Individual stall assignments will be coordinated by the Affiliate Youth Adviser.
- Youth Advisers will reserve all tack stalls and additional non-competing help horse stalls. Tack stall assignments will be made by the State Advisers. One tack stall will be allowed per every two horses within the affiliate group.
- Stall mats are available through Elite Stall Mats. Visit www.stallmatrentals.com for more information.
- Feed and bedding will be available on the fairgrounds through the OKC Fairgrounds Feed and Bedding Department. For more information on pre-ordering feed & bedding, visit <https://okcfairgrounds.com/event-services/feed-and-bedding> or call (405) 945-6786.
- Individuals may bring their own feed and bedding. Sawdust is prohibited as bedding; however, wood chips and shavings are acceptable.
- Layover stalls for non-competing horses can be purchased online at www.aqha.com/youthworld. Non-entered horses will be stalled in Barn 8 or Barn 9 – no exceptions.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

- All exhibitors must be current AQHA members in good standing at the time of entry through the end of the show.
- Any participant in the Built Ford Tough AQHYA Championship Show will be considered a youth, and these rules will be applicable even though the youth may have reached his/her legal age.
- Youth must be 18 years old or under as of January 1 of the year of the show to participate.

HELP HORSE INFORMATION

- No stallions are allowed as help horses.
- Youth are responsible for providing a list of help horses to the State Adviser prior to arrival to the facility. The list should include:
 - Horse's registered name, horse's registration number, and owner name.
 - Name of person helping and which class the horse will assist.
- Horses used as help horses must be registered American Quarter Horses, even if not officially entered in the show.
- All horses not officially entered in the show, but assisting in cutting or team roping events, must be registered American Quarter Horses and must provide required 30-day Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) and a negative EIA test (Coggins) issued within 12 months before being allowed on the premises.
 - Contestant horses entered in the show can only be ridden as helping horses by that contestant(s).

OWNERSHIP POLICIES

- All owners must be current AQHA members in good standing at the time of entry through the end of the show.

- Ownership and eligibility requirements for all Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show participants will be based on the rules listed in the current 2021 AQHA Official Handbook.
- Ownership requirements must be met by the entry deadline date of July 1 of the year of the show. All ownership transfers must be complete and recorded by the AQHA office at the time of the entry deadline. Ownership records will be checked at AQHA prior to the start of the show.
- Ownership requirements are as follows:
 - The owner of a horse as of July 1 must remain the owner through the last day of the show.
 - If a horse is owned by a parent or legal guardian whose last name is not the same as the youth exhibitor, the relationship must be documented prior to AQHA accepting the entry.
 - If a lessee wants to exhibit that horse at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, a show lease must be in effect and on file with AQHA at the time the lessee (a) enters the horse into the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, and (b) exhibits the horse at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show. Should a show lease expire prior to the above timeline, a new show lease will be required.
 - The transfer of ownership of a horse to a non-family youth for participation in the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show 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 Farnam AQHA World or Adequan® Select World 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 Farnam AQHA World Championship Show.
 - Further, horses cannot be transferred out of an ownership, be shown in a different breed organization’s championship and/or world show, and 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 at an AQHA World Championship Show in the same year.
- An otherwise eligible entry for the Adequan® Select World Show or the Farnam AQHA World Championship Show will automatically be revoked if:
 - Ownership of the qualified horse is transferred to a youth or other person not having a family relationship with the transferor as specified in the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook.
 - The horse is exhibited at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show occurring in the same calendar year as the Adequan® Select or Farnam AQHA World Championship Show; and
 - The horse is transferred back to the former owner for entry in the Adequan® Select or Farnam AQHA World Championship Show held in the same calendar year. Although the horse will lose qualifying status for the Adequan® Select and Farnam AQHA World Championship Shows, points will not be revoked from the horse’s permanent record.

- An otherwise eligible entry for the Adequan® Select World Show or the Farnam AQHA Amateur World Championship Show will automatically be revoked if:
 - The horse is shown at the 2021 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship; and
 - The horse is transferred to someone that does not have a family relationship with the transferor as specified in the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook for entry in the 2021 Farnam AQHA Amateur World Show or 2021 Adequan® Select World Show.

INTERNATIONAL / ALASKA / HAWAII OWNERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Lease Eligibility:
 - Youth residing in Hawaii, Alaska, or international countries (except Mexico and Canada) will be eligible to show leased horses. Participating countries must be recognized youth affiliates of AQHYA. Applications for youth affiliation and/or youth affiliation of international associations must be on file with AQHA and updated annually.
 - Individual youth members may participate at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show; however, they must represent the country in which they reside. Exhibitors may lease a horse for the AQHYA World Championship Show to avoid the cost of transporting the horse overseas, but must be the recorded lessee or be immediately related to the lessee to participate, as per AQHA rules.
 - All transfers and leases must be complete in the AQHA office no later than July 1 of the show year.
- During a qualifying year, horses acquired for international, Hawaiian or Alaskan competition may be qualified nationally in the U.S. or Canada for the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show.
- International youth that submit their online entry form by July 1, 2021, will be responsible for transportation, feeding, bedding and other costs.

RESIDENCY/CHANGE OF AFFILIATE REQUIREMENTS

- Other than team penning and ranch sorting exhibitors, affiliate qualifiers must be residents of the state, province, or country they represent. If the exhibitor is not a resident of the state, province, or country they represent, a Change of Affiliation form must be submitted at AQHA Headquarters by May 15.
- Residency is determined by the state, province, or country of domicile of the parents or legal guardian, which is the state, province, or country where such persons physically reside, having intent to make it their permanent home.
- Evidence of residency is determined by paid tax receipts and a voter's certificate.
- Change of Affiliation must be approved by using the following system:
 - Change of Affiliation form signed off by home state/provincial youth adviser and the youth adviser of the requested affiliate.
 - Change of Affiliation must be received by AQHA by May 15.
 - Youth must apply each year for Change of Affiliation approval.

ENTRY INFORMATION

- Entry deadlines are calculated using Central Daylight Time.
- Entries are due by midnight on July 1, 2021.

- Entry verification and eligibility validation will be completed by AQHA prior to the show.
- Should discrepancy in eligibility or class placings arise, the protest period ends 24 hours following the award presentation for the class. No changes will be made to the placings after the 24-hour protest window has closed.
- No payments of cash or checks will be accepted at the show. Please be prepared to pay with a credit card for any miscellaneous charges.
- Online entry forms will be available through the Youth Advisers or Affiliate. The contact information for Youth Advisers can be found here: <https://www.aqha.com/-/aqhya-affiliate-youth-advisers>.
- A horse may be shown only once in any specific class.
- In individual working classes, a youth may exhibit up to three horses.
- In classes worked a group, a youth may exhibit one horse.
- Level 3 Classes
 - Level 3 13 & under classes will be held as one final go only.
 - 14-18 classes with 20 or more entries may be held with preliminary and finals rounds.
 - 14-18 classes with 19 or fewer entries may be held as one final go only.
 - The winners of both the 13 & under and 14-18 classes will be crowned as World Champions, second place as Reserve World Champions, etc., and the horses' records will reflect such.
 - A horse may be shown in a Level 3 class by one sibling and in Level 2 of that same class by a different sibling, so long as all exhibitors are properly eligible.
- Level 2 Classes
 - Level 2 classes will be held as 18 & under classes and will be held as one final go only.
 - Level 2 is not offered in boxing or jumping.
 - Upon completion of Level 2 classes, Level 2 awards will be presented. Top Ten and five Finalist placings will be put on the horse's permanent record for Level 2 classes.
 - Horses having placed Champion or Reserve Champion (top two placings) in the in Level 3 classes in the past three years, are not eligible for Level 2 for in that class, regardless of points earned in the past three years.
 - Level 2 Eligibility is based on the 2021 year. Please check your leveling eligibility prior to entering these classes. Instructions to find your level are located here: <https://www.aqha.com/find-your-level>
- Level 1 Classes
 - Level 1 classes will be held separately from the Level 2 and Level 3 classes.
 - Level 1 Eligibility is based on the 2020 year. Please check your leveling eligibility prior to entering these classes. Instructions to find your level are located here: <https://www.aqha.com/find-your-level>
 - Level eligibility also incorporates awards and money earned in any equine organization. Refer to SHW 245 for detailed information.
- **IMPORTANT FOR TEAM PENNERS AND RANCH SORTERS:**
 - Team penners and ranch sorters must list their team members, horse information, and the state/province in which they live with the entry form.

- The American Quarter Horse Association and show management reserve the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fee(s) before or during the show without being held liable for compensation.

ENTRY FEES

- Level 3 Entry Fee - \$100 per class
- Level 2 Entry Fee - \$90 per class
- Level 1 Entry Fee - \$80 per class
- NSBA Entry Fee - \$65 per class
- Trail / Over Fence Obstacle Fee - \$35 per class
- Cattle Fees, in addition to class fee:
 - Roping/Working Cow Horse/Boxing - \$60 per class
 - Penning/Sorting - \$ 60 per horse
 - Cutting - \$120 per class
- Grounds Fee for non-stalled horses - \$60 per horse (one-time charge)
- Stall Fee for competing horses - \$200 per stall
- Stall Fee for help horses/tack stalls, managed by State Affiliates - \$200 per stall
- Drug Testing Fee - \$50 per horse
- Office Fee - \$50 per horse
- Stall fee for non-competing horse - \$300 per stall

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

- Full refund will only be given if requested prior to the entry deadline of July 1, 2021.
- Partial refund may be considered if a horse becomes severely injured, disabled, or deceased, but only if requested at least two weeks prior to the first day of the Championship Show. 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, the office fee portion of the entry fee and cattle charges will not be refunded after entry deadline of July 1, 2021.
- Illness, accidents, or other incidents concerning people are NOT eligible for refund, except COVID-19-related cancellations, which are eligible for a refund of class fees, excluding the office fee portion of the entry fee(s) and cattle fee(s).
 - A formal request for this refund must be made to worldshow@aqha.org prior to 8:00 a.m. Central Time on Monday, July 26, 2021.
 - The current health protocols may be found at www.aqha.com/youthworld.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- In the event of the death of a horse entered in the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, a substitution will be allowed provided the substituted horse meets applicable eligibility and ownership rules. The death must be reported in writing to the show secretary by noon (12:00 p.m.) Central Time the day prior to the class entered. The original registration certificate must be surrendered.
- In the event a horse becomes severely injured or disabled, a substitution will be allowed provided the substituted horse meets applicable eligibility and ownership rules. A written statement from an AAEP-approved veterinarian explaining the severity of the debilitating injury or illness and lack of the probability of short-term recovery is provided by noon (12:00 p.m.) Central Time the day prior to the class entered.

ARENA EQUIPMENT / PROCEDURES

- No horses should be turned loose in any arena on the grounds of the OKC Fairgrounds at any time.
- Practice arenas will be monitored by video camera for the duration of the event.
- No training devices may be used in the make-up arena during competition. Belly bands are prohibited.
- When riding as practice or in competition anywhere on the grounds, please keep in mind Rule SHW305 of the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook pertaining to the use of a curb strap: “when a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, but must meet the approval of the judge [or AQHA steward], be at least one-half inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse. Curb chains cannot be tied to the bit with string or cord.”

ATTIRE / LOGOS

- AQHA rules cover the required apparel for each class; however, this is a world class event that will receive worldwide publicity, so exhibitors are urged to be neat and clean at all times.
- Except for amateur and youth members, anyone assisting contestants in the arena may display sponsor logos on equipment and apparel, provided the following size restrictions are met:
 - Logos on attire or equipment may not exceed a maximum of 2 in. x 3 in. or 6 square inches.
 - Pocket emblems and apparel manufacturer logos on clothing for sale “off the rack” may not exceed 1 in. x 2 in. or 2 square inches.
 - Non-AQHA corporate partner or event sponsor logos, larger than the specs listed above, may NOT be worn in the arena during competition.
 - No logo may be covered with any sort of tape, cloth, etc., to circumvent these rules for any reason.
 - Current AQHA Corporate Partner and Event Sponsor logos are exempt from the size requirements.
- Youth members may not wear endorsement logos or signage on equipment or apparel in the show arena for the purpose of advertising said product. This applies to endorsement logos. Logos on award apparel and logos for personally owned entities are allowed.
- Anyone violating these guidelines will be disqualified from the competition and/or fined a maximum of \$500 by show management.
- It is mandatory that a properly fastened ASTM/SEI approved hard hat with harness secured be worn in all English flat (Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation) and over fence classes as well as when jumping anywhere on the competition ground.

ANIMAL WELFARE GUIDELINES

- Please refer to the 2021 Official AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations to familiarize yourself with the following rules: VIO100 through VIO406.
- 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.
- Prohibited equipment and/or devices may not be used anywhere on the grounds.

- All horses are subject to tail testing under the provisions of VIO330 which states, “For the purposes of this rule, normal tail functions 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.”
- Any use of artificial appliances is prohibited; however, the use of cotton in horses’ ears is allowed.

LIABILITY / RISK

- Participants (and, if 17 years old or younger, participants’ parents and/or legal guardians) agree that they understand the nature of the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship 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.
- A participant 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 the owner and lessors of premises on which the activities take place or their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees (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’s willful act(s) or omission(s) during or related in any way to the activities.

AQHA PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY POLICY

- To learn more about the AQHA Photography and Videography Policy or to apply for media credentials, visit <https://www.aqha.com/youth-world-resources>.

CLASS PROCEDURES

- Each horse will be assigned an entry number by the show secretary.
 - Exhibitors will be provided two copies of each horse's entry number.
 - Exhibitors not in compliance with proper number placement or wearing an incorrect number will be disqualified.
 - The correct number must be clearly visible on both sides of the saddle pad when the exhibitor enters the arena, except in halter, working hunter, equitation over fences, and jumping classes where the correct number must be worn on the exhibitor's back.
 - In halter and showmanship, the correct number must be worn on the exhibitor's back.
 - In western performance classes as well as hunter under saddle, working hunter under saddle, and hunt seat equitation on the flat; the correct number must be worn 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 one correct number on the back or one correct number on each side of the saddle or saddle pad.
- Work orders will be posted for all classes. All exhibitors must enter the arena at the direction of show officials in the order drawn.
- Exhibitors must be checked in with the paddock manager and ready to enter the arena at least 15 minutes prior to showing.
- Management will make every effort to announce the progress of the classes throughout the day.
- Show management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing their horse to the class. If a horse is excluded from competition, all entry fees and related charges will be forfeited without liability to AQHA.
- Youth being judged in heading, heeling, and/or cutting may be assisted by any youth contestant, non-contestant, or adult.
 - Those not able to bring their own help should coordinate with the State Adviser. The Adviser will assist in ensuring proper help is found in conjunction with AQHA staff, as needed.
- The Level 2 finals class for Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Equitation on the Flat, Hunter Under Saddle, Working Hunter and Hunter Hack will run separate from the Level 3 prelims.
- Halter – Level 2 and Level 3 classes will be held concurrently, so that both classes will be shown at one time. If an exhibitor is eligible, he/she may enter both levels, but the horse will be shown only once.
- Team Penning and Ranch Sorting – Level 3 will have a work order and run first followed by Level 2 competitors with a different work order. If a team wants to ride in Level 2, all team members must be Level 2 eligible. Level 3 teams can be made up of members who are Level 3 and/or Level 2 together.

- Speed events (barrel racing, pole bending, stake race and breakaway roping): If a horse is entered in both Level 3 and Level 2 with the same exhibitor, the exhibitor may elect to roll over their time from the Level 3 class to the Level 2 class or make two individual runs for Level 3 and Level 2, respectively. If the exhibitor wants to roll their time from Level 3 to Level 2, it must be declared at the time of entry. **No changes to roll times can be made after the entry deadline.**
- Horses entered only in Level 2 will be included in the draw with the corresponding Level 3 class.
- If a horse is entered in both levels ridden by different riders (declared at the time of entry); horse will run a second time in the draw.
- Scored 18 & Under Level 3 and Level 2 events (equitation over fences, cutting, working cow horse, tie-down roping, heading, heeling, reining, western riding): Same horse entered in both levels ridden by the same rider – Level 3 score will roll over and be counted also as the Level 2 score for the Level 2 placing. These dual entries will be depicted on the work order.
- For the Trail both class entry fees will be paid, but the trail fee will only pay the trail obstacle fee once.
- Same horse entered in both levels shown by different exhibitors – horse will work a second time in the draw.
- For scored 13 & Under classes (trail and ranch riding), riders entered in both Level 3 and Level 2 will show Level 3 during the scheduled 13 & Under finals, and again in the Level 2 18 & Under finals.
 - If needed, shootouts will occur only in 14-18 and 18 & Under Level 3 classes and will be held following the completion of the class.
 - In the Level 3 finals of western riding and trail, the score will not be announced until the end of the class.
 - In placed classes, preliminary placings will not be posted at the show or online until after the finals of those classes are complete.
 - Finalists will be announced and posted by back number order only prior to the finals.
 - Zero (0) scores, five (5) point and ten (10) point penalties may be monitored.

JUDGING / MONITORING PROCEDURES

- All AQHA events will be judged according to the rules listed in the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations, and no other publication will supersede these rules.
- There will be five judges for Level 3 and Level 2 classes, and three judges for Level 1 classes; and placings will be combined.
- Judges will score each class independently and will place through 15 places.
- All ties for 15th place in timed, scored, and placed events will advance to the finals.
- In placed classes, a judge's individual scores or placings will be given to show management for tabulation. The high and low score or placing will be discarded and placing shall be determined by combining the remaining three scores or placings.
- Judges shall examine and check all horses in each class for lameness as per SHW325 of the 2021 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
 - In all classes, a horse shall automatically be disqualified if a majority of the judges call the horse lame during the class.

- Lameness is evaluated on a class-by-class basis. A horse determined to be lame in a specific class will be disqualified in that class but remains eligible to be shown in remaining class(es) entered.
- If an exhibitor or horse is disqualified from showing by show management or by officials of the Championship Show, the decision is final.
- A monitoring system to review major penalties will be in effect for all classes.
- The monitoring system enhances the ability of judges to assess major penalties fairly and accurately.
- In all scored classes, the monitoring system will automatically be used to review any lack of concurrence in major penalties of two points or more, excluding marker penalties in reining, working cow horse, and boxing, off patterns (OP) disqualifications, zero scores, or no scores.
- In western horsemanship, hunt seat equitation, and showmanship the monitoring system will automatically be used to review any lack of concurrence in major penalties of five points or more, off patterns (OP) disqualifications, or no scores.
- Judges cannot review for lameness, non-major penalties, maneuver evaluation, or lack of concurrence in score or placing.
- Reviews will have no impact on run content except to add or subtract the penalty value to the score. Under no circumstances will the run content.
- All reviews will take place during the next drag, break, cattle change, or at the end of the class. It is possible that a public announcement may not be made for all pending reviews. Regardless of whether a public announcement is made, scores are not official until reviews are complete and scoresheets are mathematically verified.
- No judge shall be required to change his/her score following a video replay. Each judge's decision is made independently after reviewing the video replay.
- Any clear evidence of blood on the horse, including but not limited to the nose, chin, mouth, tongue, or gums, regardless of cause, shall be cause for disqualification.
- No horse may be shown under a judge if that judge has been the owner, trainer, conditioner, or agent in any capacity of that horse within the previous three months.
- Further, a judge may not judge a horse that is owned or exhibited by anyone from whom the judge has received a salary, has been in the employ or has represented such individual in any capacity for remuneration within three months from the date of the show, whether the horse being judged was concerned in the transaction.

TIES

- Placed events:
 - In the finals, all ties will be broken by totaling all five judges' placings.
 - If the ties then cannot be broken, the tie-breaker judge(s) will break the tie. Judge #1 is the first tiebreaker. If judge #1 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge #2 becomes the tie-breaker judge. If judge #2 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge #3 becomes the tie-breaker judge, etc., until a 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.

- Please refer to the chart below for numerical scores in placed classes only:

1 ST – 120	6 TH – 55	11 TH – 15
2 ND – 105	7 TH – 45	12 TH – 10
3 RD – 91	8 TH – 36	13 TH – 6
4 TH – 78	9 TH – 28	14 TH – 3
5 TH – 66	10 TH – 21	15 TH – 1

- Timed events:
 - Any horse (or team) receiving a No Time on its first run will be eliminated.
 - If there is a tie for the World Championship, the tie will be run off until there is a winner.
 - In the go-round, ties will be left unbroken.
 - In the finals, 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 a No Score on the first run will be 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.
 - All ties, except in working cow horse, (see the individual class for procedure) will be broken by totaling all five judges' scores.
 - If the horses are still tied, then ties will be broken by the same method listed above under Placed Events.
 - If all five judges scored the tied horses alike, then the ties will be broken by the following method:
 - In the go-round, ties through 15th will be left unbroken.
 - In the finals, 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 ties were left unbroken, or there wasn't a go-round, then the ties must be worked off until there is a winner.

RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

BARREL RACING / POLE BENDING / STAKE RACE

- In all barrel racing, pole bending 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 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 prelims except for those horses whose riders choose to carry over their time to Level 2.

HALTER / PERFORMANCE HALTER

- In halter, exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by January 1 of the show year, except in performance halter, where the youth can be any age 18 or under.
- If a horse is eligible for both halter and performance halter, the horse may be exhibited in both classes.
- 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 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
- Judges will disqualify and excuse from the ring prior to the final placing any horse that fails to complete the prescribed pattern correctly in three (3) attempts (SHW362.4.8).
- 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 SHW362 of AQHA's 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.
- Any judge may request a horse to retrack for any reason. Judges may call a horse lame without retracking.
- Level 3 & Level 2 Performance Halter
 - Horses competing in performance halter at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show must abide by AQHA Rule 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, excluding Showmanship. 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 Youth Performance class at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, the horse will be disqualified from the Youth Performance Halter class at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show and will NOT be counted as an entry in such class. Any awards won in the Youth Performance Halter must be relinquished. Entry fees are non-refundable.
 - If a speed event is chosen to satisfy Performance Halter requirements, the time ran must be within three seconds of the fastest time, exclusive of any time penalties, in order to be considered a valid entry.
 - The exhibitor in the youth performance class at the AQHYA World Show must be the same exhibitor that qualified the horse for the youth performance class. However, it is not necessary for the exhibitor in the youth performance class to be the same exhibitor in the Youth Performance Halter class so long as the two different exhibitors are “immediate family members” as defined by AQHA Youth eligibility rules.
- Level 1 Performance Halter
 - Horses competing in performance halter at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show must abide by AQHA Rule

SHW365.3 for performance halter eligibility regarding having earned a Register of Merit.

HUNTER HACK

- The exhibitor will complete the course and 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.
- Judges may ask horses to hand gallop.
- Preliminary placings in rail classes will not be posted at the show or online until after the finals of those classes.
- Finalists will be announced and posted by back number order only prior to finals.

JUMPING

- Jumping is a scored and timed event. All rounds will be timed. In the case of ties with faults in the go-round or finals, the time taken will be used to break all ties on horses with jumping faults, time faults and/or the combination of jumping and time faults.
- Time allowed will be 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 speed.
- 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 only 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. Any competitor whose time, including penalty seconds, exceeds the time limit is eliminated.
- Go-rounds: Any horses disqualified in the first jumping round will not advance to the finals.
- Finals: All horses disqualified in the first round of the finals will be considered finalist.
- Times will be used to break all ties between horses with the same faults (jumping and/or time faults).

- If horses are tied by faults and time, the go-round placing will be used to break the tie.
- If the go-round cannot break the tie, a coin will be flipped to decide the placing.
- All horses jumping clean in the first round of the finals will advance to the jump-off. In the jump-off, if multiple horses jump clean, the World Championship will be determined by the horse with the fastest time. For horses in the jump-off without clean rounds, jumping faults, time faults and/or the combination of jumping and time faults will be used to break all ties.
- 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 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 scored accordingly. If, however, no elimination occurred, the score will be announced as originally submitted.

RANCH SORTING

- Any team receiving a no-time in the preliminaries is eliminated.
- There will be a 60 second clock. 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.

SHOWMANSHIP

- Showmanship is a placed class.

TEAM PENNING

- Any team receiving a no-time in the preliminaries is eliminated.

- From the preliminaries in Level 3, the top 15 fastest times with the greatest number of cattle penned will advance to the finals. Level 2 riders will run only once, and that time and number of cattle penned will be their score.
- 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 from both goes will be added together. The total time and the total number of cattle penned will be used to determine the final placing. The greatest number of cattle penned always beats the times. If, after adding both preliminary and finals times and the total number of cattle penned from the prelims and finals are the same, the World Championship will be worked off.
- For all other placings, the fastest finals time with the greatest 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.
 - If more than three head of cattle are across the start/foul line at the same time.
 - 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 the trash animal that crosses the line will invoke a no time.

TIE-DOWN ROPING/BREAKAWAY/HEADING/HEELING

- In tie-down roping, the roper may throw only two loops and must be done within a one-minute time limit.
- In tie-down roping, 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.

TRAIL

- Only two refusals are permitted at any obstacle in the trail class.
- After two refusals, the contestant must go to the next obstacle.
- No horse may cross-enter trail and ranch trail, in any level.

WESTERN PLEASURE

- An exhibitor who fails to take the prescribed gait when called may be penalized at the judges' discretion.
- At the option of the judge, horses may be asked to lengthen their stride at the walk or lope, one or both ways of the ring.
- Preliminary placings in rail classes will not be posted at the show or on the Internet until after the finals of those classes.
- Finalists will be announced and posted by back number order only prior to finals.
- No horse may cross-enter western pleasure and ranch riding, in any level.

WORKING COW HORSE / BOXING

- All exhibitors will complete their reined work and will immediately follow with working the cow, 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/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 that was 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.
- If there is a tie in the top 15 placings, 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 number 1).

WORKING HUNTER / EQUITATION OVER FENCES

- In all working hunter and equitation over fences 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.

WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

- All horses entered in working hunter under saddle must be entered and shown in a Level 3 or Level 2 over fence class (working hunter, equitation over fences, jumping, hunter hack).
- If for any reason the horse does not show in a Level 3 or Level 2 over fence class at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, the horse will be disqualified from the working hunter under saddle class at the Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show and will NOT be counted as an entry in such

class. Any awards won in the working hunter under saddle must be relinquished. Entry fees are non-refundable.

- An exhibitor who fails to take the prescribed gait when called may be penalized at the judges' discretion.
- Judges may ask horses to hand gallop.
- Preliminary placings in rail classes will not be posted at the show or online until after the finals of those classes.
- Finalists will be announced and posted by back number order only prior to finals.

VETERINARIANS

- Veterinarians wishing to practice at the 2021 Ford AQHYA World Show, either inside the barns or outside, will be charged a fee of \$500 per day the veterinarian is onsite during the show. Should a veterinarian request stalls, they will be provided, if available, at a fee of \$300 per stall requested in addition to the daily fee.
- 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.
- The on-site Official Show Veterinarians are with Equine Sports Medicine. Please rely on their staff for all your horse's health needs.

WORLD SHOW IV BAG RULE

- AQHYA's World Championship Show marks the highest point of competition for youth and their American Quarter Horses 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 Oklahoma. If the person in the care, custody and control of a horse ("Authorized Party") desires the AQHA 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 World Show veterinarian from any liability associated with the IV administration.
4. With respect to any IV administration on 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 AQHA World Show veterinarian who shall acknowledge receipt by his/her signature and date. Such report must include:
 - (a) Diagnosis of illness/injury, reason for administration, and name of administering and/or prescribing veterinarian.
 - (b) Identification of the fluid and/or medication (the name, amount, strength/concentration).
 - (c) Date and approximate time of anticipated IV administration.
 - (d) Identification of the horse: name, age, sex, color and entry number.
 - (e) Signature of veterinarian to administer the medication; and
 - (f) 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 AQHA 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.
 6. 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.
 7. 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.

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FOR LIVESTOCK

1. There shall be NO plastic or vinyl material in the buildings, coverings for stalls, or used for temporary security of retail storefronts.
2. Only stalls for tack storage, entertainment, or sleeping can be covered on the top, and will require a smoke detector.
3. The stalls can only be covered in a red rosin construction grade paper or (butcher block paper), cheesecloth, either regular or restaurant type grade. Wood strapping-3' maximum on center to attach paper is allowed.
4. Sleeping areas to be equipped with a smoke detector and fire extinguisher.
5. Any aisle space between stalls can be covered only if equal open space to material not to exceed four feet (i.e., if your material is maximum of four feet, then the space between material shall be a minimum of four feet).
6. No two (2) continuous stalls per aisle shall be covered at any time.
7. Combustible storefront elevations shall be treated in ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 701 to make them flame retardant and certificate to or similar proof is supplied to the Oklahoma City Fire Marshal's Office prior to its placing. Material that is being treated by user must be done in the presence of an Inspector from the City of Oklahoma City Fire Marshal's Office.
8. Awning shall not exceed out of stalls any further than four feet.
9. No portable heaters of any type are allowed in Oklahoma City Fairground livestock facilities.
10. No tents or canopies are allowed inside the barns, arena or livestock area. This includes, but is not limited to, EZ-UP pop-up tents.
11. NO SMOKING will be permitted in Arena or Livestock areas (BARNs).
12. No hay, straw, shavings, or similar combustible materials used for decorations, are permitted within any facility unless they have been treated in ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 701 to make them flame retardant and a certificate or similar proof is supplied to the Oklahoma City Fire Marshal's Office prior to its placing. (Hay or straw for animals is permissible and can be kept in stall areas for feeding and/or bedding).
13. Combustible trash shall be removed at least once a day during the period the arena/exhibit is occupied.

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