

**Racing Committee  
2022 Convention  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Mr. President, by way of background, the racing committee recommendations are sent to the racing council which may approve, deny, or modify such recommendations. The following report represents the racing committee's recommendations that were approved by the racing council:

1. With regard to agenda item 7, approve removing the voting protocol regarding even numbers of voters for the racing champions selection committee as outlined in section III "The Voting Process", subsection F of the Racing Champions Guidelines and replace as follows:

"If a tie occurs in the voting process and there are more than two horses receiving votes, the parties voting for horses other than those who are tied shall be given the opportunity to cast a vote amongst the two that are tied. In the event that there is still a tie, then one voter amongst the group will be drawn out and thus break the tie. In the event there are only two horses receiving votes, then there shall be a draw out whereby one committee member does not vote in the given category and thus break the tie."
2. With regard to agenda item 7, approve to implement a guideline under section III "The Voting Process" of the Racing Champions Guidelines to keep the results confidential for any category in which the results are not required to be announced to the champions selection committee as a condition of continued voting. These categories include Champion Owner, Breeder, Jockey, and Trainer awards, as well as Canada, Mexico, and South America Champions.
3. With regard to agenda item 8.a., approve the concept presented by the Racing Challenge task force for the Challenge Side Pot program, and direct staff to take the necessary steps to:
  - a. Update the AQHA Racing Challenge Rulebook, as required, to incorporate this concept.
  - b. Create the necessary committee and/or organizational structure to manage these changes to the AQHA Racing Challenge.
  - c. Determine and set a final implementation plan.
4. With regard to agenda item 10, amend RAC312 to adopt microchipping as the identification method of racing Quarter Horses as follows:

**RAC312.1** Unless otherwise stipulated by the responsible Racing Authority, every horse registered with AQHA prior to participating in an AQHA recognized

race shall be identified **with an ISO compliant microchip in the upper lip or nuchal ligament by an AQHA-authorized identifier or approved veterinarian.**

**RAC312.2** The official **microchip** identification number shall be noted on the horse's registration certificate and become part of the identifying markings of the horse.

**RAC312.4** The **implantation of microchip and the use of this microchip's unique ID number on a horse** is another means of identification only and, in no event, constitutes a waiver by AQHA of its authority to correct and/or cancel a registration certificate for cause under AQHA's rules and regulations.

**RAC312.5** In order to be eligible to be **microchip** identified, all horses foaled on or after January 1, 1992 shall be parentage verified through genetic testing. The horse's registration certificate shall be issued or reissued designating that the horse has been parentage verified. Payment of all fees, for parentage verification is the expense of the owner of the horse for which **microchip** identification is requested.

**RAC312.6** If a horse is presented for **microchipping** identification with a significant discrepancy in markings, age or other features of the horse according to the registration certificate, the **AQHA-authorized identifier or authorized veterinarian shall refuse to microchip** the horse and report such discrepancies to AQHA. Refer to REG121, for rules pertaining to age determination by tooth examination and ineligibility to compete, if age shown by teeth does not correspond with age shown on registration certificate.

**RAC312.7** A horse owner's refusal to comply with the requirements regarding **microchip** identification or parentage verification shall automatically disqualify such horse from participation in AQHA-approved racing until such time as the owner complies with such requirements. Such refusal is grounds for possible disciplinary action by AQHA.

5. With respect to agenda item 9, approve modifications to the Awards & Media Policy, effective January 1, 2022, as follows:
  - a. For purposes of this policy, the term "Violation" shall mean:
    - i. a positive test for ~~a Class 1 substance, Class 2 substance, Class 3 substance, Glenbuterol~~, any prohibited substances in the presiding jurisdiction, or any medications on the ARCI Uniform Classification of Foreign Substances that is assigned a penalty of A ~~or B~~;
6. With respect to agenda item 6, the following individuals were selected to serve on the 2022 Champions Selection Committee. Geographic representation was considered when selecting the committee members.

- 1) Ross Brigden (CAN)
- 2) Ed McNelis (ID)

- 3) Carol Cooper (CA)
- 4) Mark Brown (NM)

- 5) Cheryl Pevehouse (OK)
- 6) Tim Williams (OK)
- 7) Bobby Simmons (TX)
- 8) Monica Williams (TX)

- 9) Jacob McGee (LA)
- 10) Bruce Salard (LA)
- 11) Sharon Brandsness (NV)

The following individuals were selected by the racing council to serve on the champions selection committee to meet the requirement of a 21-person committee:

- 12) Walt Wiggins (NM)
- 13) Pete Scarmardo (TX)
- 14) Bob Broadstock (CAN)
- 15) Dino Perez (CA)
- 16) G. R. Carter, Jr. (OK)
- 17) Paris Wixon (AL)
- 18) Dr. Larry Findley (LA)
- 19) Ed Burgart (CA)
- 20) Rod Lowe (OR)
- 21) Matt Witman (OK)

The following individuals – Dave Nelson, Clayton Russell, Lee Jenkins – shall be designated as the alternates.

- 7. With respect to agenda item 22, a recommendation was made for AQHA staff to explore opportunities to report social media accounts centered on the purpose of raffling horses in instances that such groups violate social media policy and/or promote illegal activities.
- 8. To re-elect G.R. Carter, Jr. as the racing committee chair.

On behalf of the racing committee, I move that the board of directors approve these recommendations.

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G. R. Carter, Jr., chair