

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

Mr. President, the show committee makes the following recommendations:

**GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. With respect to agenda item 8 to amend SHW764.1 to include EWD walk only Showmanship (electric wheelchair only) class, it is recommended to refer to EWD task force to report back to general subcommittee in 2024.
2. With respect to agenda item 9 to consider aligning the scoring system for all EWD classes with the non-EWD classes, it is recommended to refer to EWD task force to report back to general subcommittee in 2024.
3. With respect to agenda item 10 to amend SHW775, SHW776, SHW779 and SHW780 to make the rail work optional in EWD horsemanship and hunt seat equitation, it is recommended to refer to EWD task force to report back to general subcommittee in 2024.
4. With respect to agenda item 11 to amend SHW783.4 and SHW784.3 to require the gate to be an open ride through obstacle in EWD trail, it is recommended to refer to EWD task force to report back to general subcommittee in 2024.
5. With respect to agenda item 15 to amend SHW771 patterns, it is recommended to refer to EWD task force to report back to general subcommittee in 2024.
6. With respect to agenda item 17 to amend SHW220 to allow international only youth members to show a non-owned, non-leased horse in regular youth division classes, it is recommended to accept International Committee recommendation but amended to exclude Canada. \*\*
7. With respect to agenda item 18 to amend SHW400.8 to allow family members to show a horse in up to two youth or amateur subdivisions of any type of event, it is recommended to approve.
8. With respect to agenda item 23 to approve the International Virtual Shows Task Force proposal for international shows only, to be titled Virtual Judging: AQHA-approved virtual judging to take place via a live feed in extenuating circumstances, such as the pandemic, when an AQHA judge cannot enter an international country.

## SHOW & FORMAT SUBCOMMITTEE

9. With respect to agenda item 31, it is recommended to add SHW127.1 (d) **owners and tenants of international showground facilities, including the horses registered in their names, may compete at AQHA show hosted on their property.** \*\* To assist AQHA staff with tracking of show rule SHW127 domestically, we recommend adding two items to the show approval application to track relationship between the Show Sponsor and the Facility.
10. With respect to agenda item 32, it is recommended continue review of the task force report to investigate all alliance rules and/or associations and possible AQHA rules to support mounted shooting with AQHA as the governing body.
11. With respect to agenda item 33, it is recommended to continue with the current AQHA show calendar (weekends of the year) and conclude the study of the AQHA Show Calendar.
12. With respect to agenda item 34, it is recommended to accept the review of actions taken by show council to deny the study of multi-breed concurrent classes.

## LEVELING & AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

13. With respect to agenda item 38, it is recommended to continue the Green Non-pro Task Force to consider proposal for show management to offer Amateur/Select subdivisions of respective performance classes for Amateur/Select exhibitors on Level 1 horses and to recommend adding it as an exhibition class at the World Show. \*\*
14. With respect to agenda item 39, it is recommended to form a task force to study data in consideration of the proposal to adopt a new model for Skill Leveling. \*\*
15. With respect to agenda item 42, it is recommended to modify SHW400.1 and SHW400.2 to be consistent with existing rule SHW400.3 and SHW400.4. SHW400.1 Exhibit **four** horses in a junior class. SHW400.2 Exhibit **four** horses in a senior class. \*\*
16. With respect to agenda item 43, it is recommended to modify SHW246: If an exhibitor wins a class at the Level 1 Championships, he/she is no longer **eligible to compete in all exhibitor age divisions and/or all sex divisions** of that class at any future Level 1 Championships; however, if an exhibitor is Level 1 eligible, he/she may continue to show in that class in Level 1 competition. \*\*

17. With respect to agenda item 44, it is recommended to add SHW247: If an exhibitor wins a class at the Level 2 Championships, he/she is no longer **eligible to compete in all exhibitor age divisions and/or all sex divisions** of that class at any future Level 2 Championship for the subsequent 3 years; however, if an exhibitor is Level 2 eligible, he/she may continue to show in that class in Level 2 competition. \*\*
18. With respect to agenda item 45, it is recommended to amend SHW813 to add High Point year-end recognition for the Select Division for individual classes and to use the existing budget for Amateur awards to be split over both divisions of Amateur and Select. The Amateur and Select High Point winners, by class, cannot be the same horse/rider combination. A horse/rider combination can only win in their respective division. \*\*

#### **WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE**

19. With respect to agenda item 59 to consider a proposal to add a Ladies Breakaway Roping class, it is recommended to approve but amend proposal to approve an Open Breakaway Roping class. \*\*
20. With respect to agenda item 60 to consider a proposal to approve a new Working Western Rail class, it is recommended to approve. \*\*

#### **ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE**

21. With respect to agenda item 65, it is recommended to approve with amendment SHW682. Suggested points to score of 60-65= 4 pts, 66-70= 7 pts, 71-75= 10 pts, 76+ =13 pts. \*\*
22. With respect to agenda item 66 to modify SHW682.3, it is recommended to approve. The percentage score will be converted into a point value. Points will be awarded in each division and recorded on horse's records. AQHA points can be earned starting at Basic Level and going through Level 5. **The points are listed on the horse's record and count for awards such as Register of Merit, and year-end high points. AQHA recognizes high-points (first through 10<sup>th</sup>) for open, amateur and youth divisions for each level.** \*\*
23. With respect to agenda item 67 to consider a proposal to recognize Eventing as an AQHA-approved event, it is recommended to approve. \*\*
24. With respect to agenda item 68 to consider proposal to adopt AQHA point scale for horses competing in all levels in Eventing, it is recommended to approve. \*\*

25. With respect to agenda item 71 to amend SHW312, it is recommended amend SHW312 to add **the stirrup leather, saddle pad or stirrup iron may not be connected by string or any other material.**

## WORLD SHOW COMMITTEE

26. With respect to agenda item 75, it is recommended to forward this proposal to staff for reviewing the Dressage and Western Dressage schedule at the World Show. The request is to focus on the World Show experience, including live feeds, class scheduling, and class location, and to not consider Dressage or Western Dressage as potential World Champion classes until 2023.
27. With respect to agenda item 76, it is recommended that non-qualifying stakes classes and weanling halter be open for late entry up to 72 hours prior to 8:00 a.m. before the class. This includes entry into the class, NSBA, and the jackpot. These classes will be drawn following the closing of entries. Stalls are not guaranteed for late entries.
28. With respect to agenda item 77 to consider a proposal to require Select All-Around have 3 categories at World Show, it is recommended to approve.
29. With respect to agenda item 78, it is recommended to forward proposal to staff to review hunter hack and Amateur pleasure driving scheduling at the World Show.
30. With respect to agenda item 83, it is recommended to refer to a task force comprised of chair of show committee, each subcommittee chair, a representative from international committee, and 3 other individuals appointed by show committee chair. The task force is to provide a report to Show Council after reporting task force recommendations to show committee. These actions will occur prior to 2023 Convention. It is recommended for a 30-day review by show committee prior to sending to Show Council.
31. With respect to agenda item 85 to add AQHYA World Championship Show awards to recognize the all-around champion and reserve champion for both the 13 and Under and 14 to 18 division, it is recommended to approve.
32. With respect to agenda item 86, amend SHW251.9 to add the Global Handicap Rating system in open team roping classes at the 2022 and future World Shows. Exhibitors with Global Handicap Rating higher than elite 5 heading would only be eligible for Level 3 in open heading. Exhibitors with Global Handicap Rating higher than 7 heeling would only be eligible for Level 3 in open heeling. \*\*

33. With respect to agenda item 87, it is recommended to approve as the proposal was written to include green working hunter and green hunter hack as World Show stakes classes.

## HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

34. With respect to agenda item 89 regarding a proposal to allow a qualified person to track a halter horse if this is requested by an exhibitor due to age or disability, it is recommended to approve the following rule proposal: **Exhibitors with Special Needs: Any Youth, Amateur or Select Amateur exhibitor who is physically challenged to perform the tracking portion within a halter class may request a disability card with AQHA. Request must be made on Official Special Needs Form with medical documentation or complete an Emergency Medical Form at the horse show, to be approved by the Show Manager, effective and only valid at that show. If granted, the special needs variance will be valid through December 31 of the current calendar year. The disability card will be valid for all AQHA-approved shows and World Show competitions. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to present the card or photocopy to show management when making their entries. It is the show management's responsibility to inform the judges of special needs accommodations being used within a halter class. Show management will assign a steward or allow a carded youth or amateur to take the horse through the tracking portion of the class and lead the horse into the lineup. The exhibitor will then set the horse up and compete within the class. The tracker shall remain in the class at a safe and reasonable distance for the duration of the class. In the event of a disruption, the tracker may assist. Refer to SHW362.4 regarding disruptive behavior of assisted horse.**

35. With respect to agenda item 91, the show committee recommended approval and **the membership subsequently denied** the recommendation to modify SHW362.10 and SHW350.2 to allow geldings with excessive white markings to be shown in performance halter classes since they are not able to reproduce. Rule SHW362.10: **Geldings with excessive white or** spayed mares may be shown only in performance halter and ranch horse conformation classes and may not be shown in any other halter class and are not eligible for grand and reserve. Rule SHW350.2: All horses whose registration certificates are marked with a parrot mouth notation per registration rules, cryptorchid notation per registration rules or excessive white notation per registration rules are ineligible to compete in any halter class including performance halter. **Geldings with the excessive white notation or spayed mares may be shown only in performance halter and ranch horse conformation classes and may not be shown in any other halter class and are not eligible for grand and reserve. (refer to SHW362.10).**

36. To re-elect Robin Frid as show committee chair

On behalf of the show committee, I move that the board of directors approve the recommendations as read.

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Robin Frid, Chair

PENDING E.C. APPROVAL