

## YOUTH & AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

### *AQHA World Championship Shows*

- Q Unless otherwise stated, these guidelines apply to international exhibitor eligibility for the AQHYA (Youth), Select, Open/Amateur and Versatility Ranch Horse World Championship Shows.
- Q Exhibitors residing and exhibiting in countries other than the United States are eligible to participate in AQHA World Championship Shows under these guidelines. Exhibitors residing and exhibiting in Alaska and Hawaii are also eligible to participate under these guidelines.
- Q Participating countries must have a recognized international AQHA affiliate.
- Q Each exhibitor must be a current-year individual member of the AQHA.
- Q Any International Exhibitor eligible to show at an AQHA World Show may extend their World Show invitation by one year to allow for travel and horse lease planning. If an exhibitor qualifies for the 2020 World Show, they may elect to show in the 2020 or 2021 World Show. This applies to earned or invited qualifiers for all AQHA World Shows.
- Q In order to compete at an AQHA world show, individuals must have qualified by points or received an invitation from the AQHA. The process for invited entries is as follows:
  - o For all world shows other than the AQHYA World Show: If no horse/exhibitor from a particular country qualified by points in a specific class, AQHA will invite the horse/exhibitor from that country that earned the highest number of points in that class. For those who tied with the highest number of points in that class, they will also be invited by AQHA. Exhibitors who are invited and did not qualify by points must represent the country in which they reside.
  - o For the AQHYA World Show only: A country may send representatives of their country as **Affiliate Invitation Entries**. The affiliate may send up to 6 Affiliate Invitation Entries per class, totaling no more than 140 entries for the show. These entries are in addition to any youth who qualified by points. Entry forms for youth competing as Affiliate Invitation Entries must be accompanied by a statement from the affiliate declaring the exhibitor, horse and each class in

which they will be representing the affiliate. For Affiliate Invitation Entries, the youth must be residents of the country whose affiliate they will ride for.

- Q Youth and amateur international owners/exhibitors have the option of showing the horse they qualified on or leasing horses to exhibit at the world shows. Guidelines for youth and amateur international owners/exhibitors are as follows:
  - o Youth or amateur international owners/exhibitors must be the recorded owner of the horse they exhibit, or may lease a horse to avoid the cost of transporting the horse overseas.
  - o If using a leased horse at the world show, the leased horse does not have to be qualified in the event in which they will be exhibited.
  - o If using a leased horse, the **International Lease Form** must be completed and submitted to [international@aqha.org](mailto:international@aqha.org) prior to the entry deadline for the event.
  
- Q Exhibitors are responsible for the feed, bedding and other care as required for horses they exhibit, whether owned or leased. AQHA is not responsible for the care, safety or management of these horses at any time. Horses must meet all health requirements as outlined in AQHA's Official Handbook or specific world show qualifying handbook.
  
- Q In individually worked classes, Amateur or Youth exhibitors may ride up to three horses.
  
- Q All international exhibitors who meet eligibility requirements and wish to compete at a specific AQHA world show must have all entry forms and fees to the AQHA office no later than the specified entry deadline. AQHA will accept entries via e-mail, fax or guaranteed delivery at the following contact information. No late entries will be accepted, and no entries will be accepted via phone.
  - o Email: [international@aqha.org](mailto:international@aqha.org)
  - o Fax: +1-806-349-6408
  - o Mail: 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79104
  
- Q Following are entry deadlines for the 2019 AQHA World Championship Shows:

Event	Event Date	Location	Entry Deadline
AQHYA (Youth) World	July 30 – August 8, 2020	Oklahoma City, OK	June 30, 2020
Select World	September 1-6, 2020	Fort Worth, TX	August 3, 2020
Open/Amateur World	November 5-21, 2020	Oklahoma City, OK	September 15, 2020
Versatility Ranch Horse World	June 23-28, 2020	Guthrie, OK	April 30, 2020