

**Amateur Committee Meeting Agenda
2021 Convention
San Antonio, Texas**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Youth Participation report from AQHYA Representative
6. Nominations for committee chair

Agenda Items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

7. Review member proposal to amend rule SHW225.5. SHW225.3.1-5, an individual who is 65 years of age or older and who was previously ineligible as outlined above is eligible to immediately apply for amateur membership so long as he/she meets all other amateur eligibility requirements and relinquishes his/her horse show judging credentials, his/her AQHA Professional Horseman membership, and any other professional memberships.

~~SHOW225.5 Notwithstanding SHW225.3.4 above, an individual who is 65 years of age or older and holds horse show judging credential for AQHA or any other equine organization but has not judged in the previous twelve months is eligible to immediately apply for amateur membership so long as he/she meets all other amateur eligibility requirements and relinquishes his/her horse show judging credentials.~~

~~SHOW 225.6 Notwithstanding SHW225.3.5 above, an individual who is 65 years of age or older and is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association of Professional Horsemen is eligible to immediately apply for amateur membership so long as he/she meets all other amateur eligibility requirements and relinquishes their Professional Horseman membership.~~

8. Review staff request for clarification on the Select Amateur All Around guidelines and whether the approval of 4 amateur performance classes per show qualify for Select Amateur All Around.

SHW117. AMATEUR DIVISION APPROVAL. An amateur division may be approved separately or in conjunction with an AQHA-approved show for all ages and/or a youth show, provided at least four AQHA-approved amateur performance events are offered.

SHW803.4 Only Select classes count for earning a Select all around trophy, only amateur classes (not select amateur classes) count toward earning an amateur all around. If the class is offered as an all age class, the points will follow their respective age division. Should the Select class be combined with the amateur all-age class, the

points earned by the Select will count toward their all-around eligibility as a Select. (Amateur Committee recommendation to Show Committee as primary)

9. Review staff request for considering the necessity to continue the permit program.

SHW230. AMATEUR PERMITS. Amateur card holders may ride horses owned by someone other than immediate family members in any open division performance class for which they have been granted exemption by AQHA with no penalty, provided the amateur member pays all entry fees and expenses in connection with showing. Upon written request to AQHA's Competition Department, and after receiving from them a permit authorizing such, an amateur member will be permitted to exhibit a horse he/she does not own in open division classes at a maximum of two AQHA-approved shows. The amateur member seeking exemption must submit to AQHA's Competition Department the names and exact dates of the two shows, as well as the horse's name and AQHA registration number which they will exhibit.

SHW245.8 Level 1 exhibitors, in Amateur or Youth, may participate on a non-owned horse in Level 1 Amateur or Youth classes. The recorded owner retains the ability to show the same horse in any class other than the same class as the Level 1 exhibitor. This option is not available to competitors at the top 10 show circuits. The top 10 show circuits can be found at aqha.com. They are determined by the number of entries in the previous year. For the top 10 shows (provided the show accepts permits), a Level 1 amateur or Level 1 youth member may apply for up to 10 permits allowing them to compete with one permit per show on a non-owned horse in Level 1 classes only. Points earned by Level 1, whether using permits or not, will count toward the point cap per class for Level 1 eligibility. Applications for permits shall be directed to the AQHA competition department on application forms provided by AQHA or an application may be filled out at an AQHA-approved show, and be granted as AQHA, in its sole discretion, determines. Exhibitors must have a current amateur or youth membership to participate. All Level 1 rules still apply whether using permits or not. (Amateur Committee recommendation to Show Committee as primary)

10. Discussion Items

Closing Business

11. Election of Committee Chair

12. Adjourn

** Denotes Computer Programming Requirement