

**2023**

**LQHA**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Amended May 7, 2021

## ***LQHA MISSION STATEMENT***

To provide beneficial services for its members and horse owners which enhance and encourage Quarter Horse ownership and participation.

To generate growth of LQHA membership via education, exhibition, influencing public policy, marketing, promotion, advertising and publicity of the American Quarter Horse.

**Corporation Bylaws**  
**LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
AQHA State Affiliate

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **TITLE, OBJECTS, LOCATION, CORPORATE SEAL**

**Section 1. Title:** This association shall be known as Louisiana Quarter Horse Association (LQHA) and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights as granted to associations of this kind.

**Section 2. Objects:** The purpose of LQHA shall be to collect, record and report the Louisiana show points of the Louisiana Approved Quarter Horse Shows and to stimulate and regulate any and all other matters such as may pertain to the state history, exhibition, publicity or improvement of this breed.

**Section 3. Place of Business:** The principal place of business shall be domiciled in the state of Louisiana at any location designated by the Executive Committee, but its members or officers may be residents of any city or parish in the state of Louisiana. Business pertaining to the LQHA may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials, as may be participating.

**Section 4. Association Logo:** The official Logo of LQHA shall be in the charge of the Secretary and shall be in the form copied below.



## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERS

**Section 1.** Members of LQHA shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Member must be 18 or over in order to exercise voting privileges.

**Section 2.** The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place as may be established by the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

Prior notice to members of any annual regular or special meeting is not required, as members who desire to stay informed of LQHA's meetings and activities have an affirmative duty to do so through the website – [www.lqha.com](http://www.lqha.com), a news, information, and advertising site.

For LQHA members such notice shall be given by mail, social medial or email, as determined by the board of directors.

**Section 3.** Special meeting of members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice, when-ever called in writing by direction of the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by not less than 20% of the members then in good standing.

Notice of each special meeting, indicating briefly the object or objects thereof, shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings.

**Section 4.** At any meeting of the members held in accordance with the foregoing provisions as to notice, the members attending such meeting shall constitute a quorum for all purposes unless the representation of a larger number should be required by law. To exercise voting privileges, a member must be physically present at a meeting, which privilege cannot be delegated by proxy.

**Section 5.** Any officer of LQHA may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as chairman of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In the absence of all such officers, members present may elect a chairman.

The Secretary of LQHA shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the members, but in his/her absence; the Directors may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

**Section 6.** Whenever in these Bylaws the term member or members shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member or members having the right to vote.

## ARTICLE III

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1.** The business and property of LQHA shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, and an Executive Committee hereinafter created and empowered.

The Bylaws and rules affecting points of horses, members, and all other matters affecting the LQHA shall be subject to change only by the Board of Directors with ratification by the Executive Board.

The number of elected Directors will be frozen at 10. This does not include the Executive Committee or Youth Advisor. Any reallocation is to be made by the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting.

Directors can be nominated each year at the annual meeting by the general membership, this in addition to a list of nominees for the position of director from the past years Board of Directors. The 10 Directors elected at the annual meeting shall serve for a period of three years.

Each person elected to a position as Director must be a member in good standing of LQHA for the calendar year prior to the annual meeting.

Criteria by which candidates are evaluated for nomination to the Board of Directors by the Executive Committee shall be established, from time to time, with prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Any elected Director who is absent for 50% of meetings of the Board of Directors is automatically removed as a director without further action, making available his/hers position to be filled by the President. Participation could be in person or by video meeting. Absences shall be evidenced by roll call at the meetings. That in accordance with the mission statement of LQHA, its elected board members are expected to assist in the provisions of beneficial services for its members. These services should enhance and encourage American Quarter Horse ownership and participation through Director Availability and visibility in the State of Louisiana.

**Section 2.** In addition to Directors so elected, the Board shall contain this additional category of Director:

**(a) Director Emeritus.** The Board of Directors shall contain a category of Director Emeritus, in recognition of the individual who has, in the past, served LQHA faithfully as a regular Director, which category shall vote at Director's meetings and be designated with lifetime tenure, on the following basis:

An individual who has reached the age of 70 years and having served the previous 10 consecutive years as a regular Director. Upon reaching his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, he will continue as a regular Director until the next annual meeting, whereupon he will automatically be elevated to Director Emeritus, thereby creating a vacancy to be filled by election of a regular Director. Directors Emeritus will be awarded life membership in LQHA.

**(b) Director-at-Large.** An individual who has served twenty cumulative terms as elected Director, at the expiration of the twentieth term, shall automatically receive designation as "Director-at-Large" and serve with lifetime tenure with voting privilege, thereby creating a vacancy to be filled by election of a regular Director. Such individual shall be an LQHA member in good regulations pertaining to membership conduct, and in addition, the individual's conduct and reputation shall be exemplary, such as to favorably reflect on the Board of Directors and the LQHA. A Director-at-Large is subject to continual review by the Board, and may be removed by the Board of Directors for cause.

**Section 3.** In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the President shall appoint a qualified successor to serve the unexpired term of the director they are replacing.

**Section 4.** The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual member's meeting, and no notice shall be required for any such regular meeting of the Board. The Board, by rule, may provide for other regular meetings at stated times and places, of which no notice shall be required.

**Section 5.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or by two-thirds of the Directors.

The secretary shall give notice of each special meeting by emailing or telephone, the same to each board member at least 5 days before the meeting, but such notice may be waived by any Executive Committee Member. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

Any meeting at which every Director may be present even though without any notice, any business may be transacted.

**Section 6.** A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

**Section 7.** At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board of Directors may determine.

**Section 8.** Written contracts of LQHA shall be executed in behalf of LQHA by the President or Vice President or Secretary.

**Section 9.** At the regular annual meetings of the Board of Directors, the Board shall elect officers of LQHA.

**Section 10.** The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of LQHA, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion and removal, the fixing and collecting of dues and fees, regulations regarding maintaining the memberships, points, expenditures of money, auditing of books and records, awarding of championships, conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, sales, futurities, and social functions and other details relating to the general purpose of LQHA, all, however, subject to revision or amendment by the members at any regular or special meeting of the members, provided written notice of intention of any rule or regulation change shall have been emailed and/or advertised on the LQHA website at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

**Section 11.** The Board of Directors, from time to time may create and empower other committees, general or special.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1.** There is hereby created an Executive Committee consisting of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Past President, nominated by the Executive Committee from the members of the preceding years Board of Directors and Executive Committee be elected and appointed by the Board of Directors at the Annual Convention. Two additional members elected by and from the membership of the Amateur and Youth membership at the current annual meeting, that being the current years Amateur President and Youth President shall serve as part of the Executive Committee. Each shall have one vote as an Executive Committee Member.

**Section 2.** The President shall fill all vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring between annual meetings of LQHA.

**Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall meet whenever and wherever called by direction of the President or two members of the Committee acting jointly, of which meeting the Secretary shall give 2 days' notice, but such notice may be waived by any member.

**Section 4.** The Committee may act, without convening in meeting, by written resolution signed by all members thereof and duly entered in LQHA records. At all meetings of the Committee three members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. All powers of the Board of Directors be and are vested in the Executive Committee.

**Section 6.** A slate of nominations for consideration to election by the Board of Directors of the offices of President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall be presented to the Board of Directors prior to the annual election. The President will open the meeting for nominations from the floor, and at the close thereof, will conduct the election, either by voice vote, show of hands, or secret ballot as requested by of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V

### ELECTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES

**Section 1. Officers:** The officers of LQHA elected after 1990 shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and two additional members elected by and from the membership of the Amateur and Youth membership annual meeting, that being the Amateur President and the Youth President. Each shall serve a two-year term and until the selection and qualification of his successor. Said officers may succeed themselves in office for 2 years only.

**Section 2. President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of LQHA and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall see that the Bylaws, rules and regulations of LQHA are enforced, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. He shall be ex officio member of all committees.

**Section 3. First Vice President:** In the absence of the President, the First Vice President, and in his absence, the Second Vice President, shall have the powers and perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Past President:** The office of Past President shall serve as an honorary and consulting position. His duty will be to assist the current President and lend advice on his experience as President. The Past President shall have the privilege of attending all meetings of the Board of Directors of LQHA, take part in discussions and vote. This voting privilege will be for the period of time as the original term of his/her successor.

## ARTICLE VI

### SECRETARY AND TREASURER

**Section 1.** In addition to the officers named in Article V, Section 1, there shall be the appointive offices of Secretary and Treasurer of LQHA. These offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee by appointment of qualified individual(s), with provisions for termination of appointment for cause, which appointment may be renewed by the Executive Committee. Other provisions of said appointment, such as salary, shall be on such terms

as the Executive Committee, at its discretion, may determine. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

**Section 2.** The duties of such officers are as follows:

- (a) Secretary:** The Secretary is the chief operating officer of LQHA, and, pursuant to direction of the Executive Committee, shall implement the actions, decisions and directions of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee; and shall manage LQHA's physical facilities and personnel. He shall keep the minutes of all membership and Director's meetings. He shall be the custodian for the safekeeping of all documents and records of LQHA and authority for points. He shall execute the official points demanded and proper to be issued by LQHA, and shall keep a record of the same. He shall collect all monies due LQHA and turn the same over to the Treasurer. He shall be ex officio secretary of all committees appointed by the President or Board of Directors. He shall make a report of his office to the Board of Directors when demanded and to the annual membership meeting, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- (b) Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive the money turned over to him by the Secretary and all other money. He shall disburse the same only upon itemized demands and upon the order of the Secretary. He shall account for all of the same by itemized statements in detail to each annual meeting of the members and to the Board of Directors when demanded. Also, he shall submit to the Executive Committee, at the first meeting following the annual meeting of the members, a detail budget of the proposed and anticipated expenditures for the forthcoming fiscal year of LQHA. Upon approval of this said budget, or its modification, it becomes binding upon the officers of LQHA and cannot be exceeded in the total amount set forth by more than 10% without a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**Section 3. Surety Bonds:** The Secretary and the Treasurer and all other officers or employees of LQHA who may handle any funds of LQHA shall give a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of LQHA for the faithful discharge of his or her duties, if so, required by the Executive Committee.

**Section 4. Auditing of Accounts:** LQHA shall conduct its financial affairs on the calendar year basis to begin January 1 and end December 31. A Financial Committee appointed by the President will review the financial affairs of LQHA before each meeting of the Board of Directors. A copy of the yearly financial statements will be made available at the General Membership meeting upon request. An annual commercial audit of the accounts of the Secretary and the Treasurer can be made every five (5) years at the discretion of the board.

## ARTICLE VII

### AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the Bylaws of LQHA by vote of the majority of the Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board, subject to the right of the members to rescind or amend any such Bylaws in the same manner as provided in Article III, Section 9, for the revision or the amendment of rules and regulation.

**Section 2.** To be eligible for consideration by the Board of Directors, a proposed amendment to LQHA Bylaws shall be filed in writing in the office of the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors at which time the proposed amendment is to be considered. The proposed draft shall be promptly sent by the Secretary to each individual eligible to vote at a meeting of Directors. The requirement contained in this paragraph may be suspended by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting upon a two-thirds majority vote of eligible voters present, provided a quorum is present.

## **ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION**

LQHA shall indemnify and hold harmless any Officer, Director, Past President, and employee of LQHA, their personal representatives and heirs, against reasonable legal expense, judgments, and expense of settlement which LQHA previously approved, actually and reasonable incurred in connection with an actual or threatened legal proceeding, if such person acted legally, in good faith, and was duly authorized to act on behalf of LQHA in the transaction from which legal liability arose, which was official LQHA business, except in relation to matters as to which he shall have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought. To preserve this right of indemnity, such person shall immediately notify LQHA of such actual or threatened litigation, whereupon LQHA shall have the right to direct defense thereof, including, but not limited to, selection of counsel, and direction of settlement negotiations.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Committees**

Section 1. Committees shall be appointed from the current Board or Membership by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors as needed and serve for the length of time deemed necessary.

## ***GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS***

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS: To be eligible for nomination for the LQHA Board of Directors from the floor at the membership meeting. A nominee must have been a member in good standing for the previous calendar year and must be in attendance, in addition to other relevant matters concerning the individual under consideration, the Membership and Board will evaluate candidates according to criteria established by the Executive Committee, as approved by the Board of Directors. At the General Membership Meeting the President will present the Board of Directors slate of nomination for Directors, and thereafter, vote shall be held to elect 10 members to the Board of Directors.

## **YOUTH INFORMATION**

1. The LQHYA is a division of the LQHA and shall function according to its guidelines, except that the LQHYA will elect its own officers to represent the youth members in all matters relative to the youth organization. Officers elected by the LQHYA will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Reporter. These officers will be elected at the Annual Convention. Each year the LQHA Executive Committee will appoint a Youth Advisor from the LQHA membership. The Youth Advisor shall direct and advise the Youth members in all matters relative to the Youth organization.
2. Any change in the Youth organization must be approved by the LQHA Board of Directors. The President of the LQHYA will be a member of the current year's Executive Board of Directors and allowed to attend Executive Board Meetings of the LQHA as a voting member and should attend the meetings.
3. The LQHA will sponsor and fund the LQHYA yearend awards and all approved activities. The determination of the extent of sponsorship by the LQHA will be budgeted and approved by the LQHA

Board of Directors.

### **AQHYA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

1. In order for a youth to qualify for the world championship show, he/she must be a member of LQHA by March 1 or the convention, whichever is later of the qualifying year and a current AQHYA member.
2. LQHA and AQHA points will be counted from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the qualifying year.
3. Have a minimum of five (5) LQHA points in the class he/she is intending on showing.
4. All nationally qualified youths will automatically be a Louisiana Team Member.
5. Two (2) youths with the most AQHA points who meet the required requirements, and have not nationally qualified will be selected to attend Youth World.
6. Two (2) youths with the most LQHA points who meet the required requirements, do not have the most AQHA points will selected to attend Youth World.
7. In case there are not two (2) youths with the most AQHA points who meet the required requirements, then two (2) youths with the most LQHA points with the required activities will be selected to attend Youth World.
8. In case there are not two (2) youths with the most LQHA points who meet the required requirements, then two (2) youths with the most AQHA points with the required activities will be selected to attend Youth World.
9. Should there be a tie in AQHA and LQHA points, the oldest youth with the required requirements will be selected to attend Youth World.

Horses that have no qualifying points in either LQHA or AQHA may not be allowed to participate in any class, regardless, even if no entries exist at Youth World unless they can provide proof of showing in an AQHA show during the qualifying period and have paid their LQHA membership dues by March 1 or the annual convention, whichever is later of the qualifying year.

Alternate horse(s) in each event shall only be considered the alternate for the event after the AQHYA World Show registration deadline. The alternate horse will be required to have either AQHA and/or LQHA points during the qualifying period and the youth is a member of LQHA by March 1 or the annual convention, whichever is later of the qualifying year.

To receive benefits from LQHA, the youth and/or nationally qualified youth must meet all requirements. If a youth attends the Youth World in a vacant spot but does not meet the membership deadline, they will not receive benefits from LQHA but will be allowed to participate with our Youth Team.

All youths who qualify for Youth World are encouraged to participate in the Parade of States, stall decorations and keeping the stall area clean.

Once an AQHYA Show Team has been established, the qualifying youths will be contacted by the Youth Advisor and forwarded the necessary World Entry Forms. These documents will need to be returned to the Youth Advisor, properly filled out with attached registration papers and fees no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> of the qualifying year. Failure to return the World Entry Forms will forfeit entry to the AQHYA World Show.

### **NATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITY TEAM TOURNAMENT ALL AMERICAN CONGRESS (NYATT)**

1. The National Youth Activity Team Tournament (NYATT) team shall consist of the following events: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining and Barrels.

2. In order for a youth to qualify for the NYATT team, he/she must be a current member of LQHA as of January 31<sup>st</sup> of the qualifying year.
3. Two youth members may compete in each event.
4. One member with the most AQHA points earned from December 16<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of the qualifying period will be selected.
5. One member with the most LQHA points earned from December 16<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of the qualifying period will be selected.
6. Youths must inform the Youth Advisor of he/she intention of being on the NYATT team.
7. Team members must participate in the Congress NYATT opening ceremonies and must exhibit in the NYATT class or (classes) in which he/she is entered in order to be eligible to receive any NYATT awards. A team member will forfeit any awards if he/she does not exhibit without a valid reason presented to the Youth Advisor before the competition begins.
8. All rules and regulations of the All-American Congress – NYATT apply to all entries.

### **AMATEUR DIVISION**

1. The LAQHA is a division of the LQHA and shall function according to its guidelines except that the Amateur division will elect its own officers who shall direct the members in all matters. Officers elected by the Amateur division will be: President, Vice President, and Secretary. These officers will be elected at the Annual Convention. Each term is 2 years.
2. Any change in the LAQHA must be approved by the LQHA Board of Directors. The President of the Amateur division will be a member of the current year's Executive Board of Directors and allowed to attend Executive Board Meetings of the LQHA as a voting member.
3. The LQHA will sponsor and fund the Amateur year end awards and all approved activities. The determination of the extent of sponsorship by the LQHA will be budgeted and approved by the LQHA Board of Directors.
4. LQHA will pay for a first time Amateur/Select World exhibitor's jacket if the horse has been entered and shown in the world show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to purchase their own jacket and be reimbursed by LQHA upon presenting the secretary with a receipt.

### **MEMBERSHIP IN LQHA**

1. The show year of the LQHA January 1 through December 31.
2. In the Open Division, for points to count, membership in the LQHA should be the same as the recorded owner(s) with AQHA. There are no joint memberships. If AQHA papers show more than one person owning a horse then all owners must be LQHA members. In the Amateur and Youth Divisions, for points to count, membership in the LQHA is required for the exhibitor only; however, all AQHA rules in the current handbook regarding eligibility for exhibition must be followed.
3. Membership dues are:
  - a. Open - \$35.00
  - b. Amateur/Open - \$35.00
  - c. Youth/Open - \$25.00
  - d. Lifetime - \$200.00 (regardless of division)
4. In order for a person to be eligible for office in the LQHA, that person must have been a member of LQHA the previous year, must have paid the current year's membership, and must be present at the meeting in which the election is being held.

## POINT SYSTEM & AWARDS

1. To be eligible for a year end award in the Open, Youth, or Amateur divisions a person must be a member of the LQHA and show in at least one circuit approved by LQHA and held within the state. If membership dues are paid by a March 1 or the annual convention, whichever is later, all points earned during the current LQHA show year will be counted towards Year-To-Date points. Anyone joining LQHA after the annual awards banquet, will only be eligible to accumulate points at LQHA-approved shows held after payment of membership dues.
2. The LQHA show year during which points will be counted toward year end awards is. January 1 through December 31 of each year.
3. In the Open division, points are kept on the horse only (*owner of the horse must be a member of LQHA for points to count.*) In the Youth and Amateur divisions, points are kept on the exhibitor and the horse as a team. In amateur/youth divisions, the horse must be owned by a member of the family as defined by AQHA rules.
4. Points are recorded on an 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis. Points in all divisions are given to the top placing eight horses, with the first-place horse receiving up to 8 points. If less than eight horses are entered in a class, points will be awarded based on the number entered.
5. Grand and Reserve halter points will count towards the award for Overall High Point Halter Stallion, Overall High Point Halter Mare, and Overall High Point Halter Gelding and will be awarded as follows:
  - a. The Grand Champion will receive at least one point more than any other horse in its sex division (up to a maximum of nine points).
  - b. The Reserve Champion will receive as many points as any horse in its sex division except the Grand Champion (up to a maximum of eight points).
  - c. LQHA will award Grand and Reserve Champion points only when at least three horses of any age are exhibited in the sex division.
  - d. If a Halter stallion is gelded during the LQHA show year all Halter stallion points earned by the horse will automatically be forwarded into the appropriate Gelding class.
6. Should a horse change ownership during the LQHA show year, only Open Division points will be transferred to the new owner provided that the new owner is an LQHA member at the time of sale and that new owner notifies the LQHA office of the purchase at the time of the purchase.
7. For a year end award to be given in a class, that class must have been offered at five (5) different LQHA approved shows and the high point exhibitor must have earned a minimum of ten (10) points in that class.
8. At the discretion of the Board of Directors awards will be given as follows:
  - a. **Overall High Point Halter Stallion** – stallion with the highest number of points in its division regardless of age (Open/Amateur Division)
  - b. **Overall High Point Halter Mare** – mare with the highest number of points in its division regardless of age (Open/Amateur/Youth)
  - c. **Overall High Point Halter Gelding** – gelding with the highest number of points in its division regardless of age (Open/Amateur/Youth)
  - d. **Overall High Point Performance Halter Stallion** - stallion with the highest number of points in its division regardless of age (Open/Amateur Division)

- e. **Overall High Point Performance Halter Mare** - mare with the highest number of points in its division regardless of age (Open/Amateur/Youth)
- f. **Overall High Point Performance Halter Gelding** – gelding with the highest number of points in its division regardless of age (Open/Amateur/Youth)
- g. **High Point All-Around** – horse/rider combination with the highest number of points in its division; must have competed in halter and at least two (2) performance categories listed in the AQHA Official Handbook Rule 417 (c) with a minimum of ten (10) points in the lowest category. (Open/Amateur/Youth 13 & Under & Youth 14 & over)
- h. **Reserve All-Around** – horse/rider combination with the second highest number of points in its division; must have competed in halter and at least two (2) performance categories listed in the AQHA Official Handbook Rule 418 (c) with a minimum of eight (8) points in the lowest category. (Open/Amateur/Youth 13 & Under & Youth 14 & over)
- i. **High Point Individual** – horse/exhibitor with the greatest number of points in a class with a minimum of ten (10) points in the class (Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14 & Over and Novice Youth) (Open points are on the horse)
- j. **Reserve Point Individual** – horse/exhibitor with the second highest number of points in a class (Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14 & Over, Novice Youth) (Open points are on the horse)
- k. **Novice Performance High Point** - horse/rider combination with the highest number of points in its division; must have competed in at least two (2) performance categories listed in the AQHA Official Handbook Rule 417 (c) (**Novice Amateur and Novice Youth**)
- l. **Novice Amateur Rookie of the Year** – horse/rider combination with the highest number of points all Novice Amateur events; exhibitor must be a first-year member (Novice Amateur)
- m. **Novice Youth Rookie of the Year** – horse/rider combination with the highest number of points in all Novice Youth events; exhibitor must be a first-year member (Novice Youth)

**Any awards not claimed 90 days after the awards banquet will become property of LOHA and the recipient relinquishes ownership of that award**

Category I Halter Performance Halter  
 Category II Reining Level 1 Reining  
 Working Cow Horse Boxing\*\*\*/\*\*\*\* Ranch  
 Trail Western Riding Level 1 Western  
 Riding\*/\*\*\*\* Trail Level 1 Trail\*/\*\*\*\*  
 Category III Team Penning Ranch Sorting  
 Barrel Racing Pole Bending Stake Race\*\*\*  
 Cowboy Mounted Shooting Category IV  
 Jumping Working Hunter Level 1 Working  
 Hunter\*/\*\*\*\* Hunter Hack Level 1  
 Jumping\*/\*\*\*\* Progressive Working  
 Hunter\*/\*\*\*\* Category V Western Pleasure  
 Level 1 Western Pleasure\*/\*\*\*\* 2-Year-Old  
 Western Pleasure\*/\*\*\*\* Hunter Under  
 Saddle Working Hunter Under Saddle Level  
 1 Hunter Under Saddle\*/\*\*\*\* Pleasure  
 Driving\*\* Ranch Riding Level 1 Ranch  
 Riding\*/\*\*\*\* Working Western Rail  
 Category VI Tie-down Roping Dally Team  
 Roping-Heading Dally Team Roping-Heeling  
 Breakaway Roping Cutting and recognized  
 Open NCHA Cutting Contests Category VII

Showmanship at Halter\*\*\* Western  
 Horsemanship\*\*\* Hunt Seat Equitation\*\*\*  
 Equitation Over Fences\*\*\* Category VIII  
 Racing\*\*\*\*\* Category IX Versatility Ranch  
 Horse Division Category X Dressage,  
 Western Dressage Category XI Equestrians  
 With Disabilities \* Open division only \*\*  
 Open and Amateur divisions only \*\*\*  
 Amateur and Youth divisions only

10. Year-end award certificates will be provided *upon request* for 3rd through 10th place in Open, Youth, and Amateur divisions.
11. In the event of a tie for any year end award(s), the award(s) will be presented to all persons involved in the tie.

**APPROVED CLASSES FOR AWARDS**

Amateur Yearling Stallions	Amateur Performance Mares
Amateur 2 Year Stallions	Youth Yearling Mares
Amateur 3 Year Stallion	Youth 2 Year Mares
Amateur Aged Stallions	Youth 3 Year Mares
Amateur Performance Stallions	Youth Aged Mares
Yearling Stallions	Youth Performance Mares
2 Year. Old Stallions	Yearling Mares
3 Year. Old Stallions	2 Year Mares
Aged Stallions	3 Year Mares
Performance Stallions	Aged Mares
Amateur Yearling Geldings	Performance Mares
Amateur 2 Year Geldings	L1 Novice Youth Showmanship
Amateur 3 Year Geldings	L1 Novice Amateur Showmanship
Amateur Aged Geldings	Youth Showmanship
Amateur Performance Geldings	Amateur Select Showmanship
Youth Yearling Geldings	Amateur Showmanship
Youth 2 Year Geldings	L1 Green Hunter Under Saddle
Youth 3 Year Geldings	L1 Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle
Youth Aged Geldings	L1 Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
Youth Performance Geldings	Youth Hunter Under Saddle
Yearling Geldings	Amateur Select Hunter Under Saddle
2 Year Geldings	Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
3 Year Geldings	All Age Hunter Under Saddle
Aged Geldings	L1 Novice Youth Equitation
Performance Geldings	L1 Novice Amateur Equitation
Amateur Yearling Mares	Youth Equitation
Amateur 2-year Mares	Amateur Select Equitation
Amateur 3 Year Mares	Amateur Equitation
Amateur Aged Mares	L1 Novice Youth Ranch Riding

L1 Novice Amateur Ranch Riding  
 Youth Ranch Riding  
 Amateur Ranch Riding  
 Open Ranch Riding  
 Youth Reining  
 Amateur Reining  
 All Age Reining  
 Green Trail  
 L1 Novice Youth Trail  
 L1 Novice Amateur Trail  
 Youth Trail  
 Amateur Select Trail  
 Amateur Trail  
 All Age Trail  
 L1 Green Western Pleasure  
 L1 Novice Youth Western Pleasure

L1 Novice Amateur Western Pleasure  
 Youth West Pleasure  
 Amateur Select Western Pleasure  
 Amateur Western Pleasure  
 All Age Western Pleasure  
 L1 Novice Youth Horsemanship  
 L1 Novice Amateur Horsemanship  
 Youth Horsemanship  
 Amateur Select Horsemanship  
 Amateur Horsemanship  
 Green Western Riding  
 NY Western Riding  
 NA Western Riding  
 Youth Western Riding  
 Amateur Western Riding  
 All Age Western Riding

## **SHOW APPROVAL**

In order for a show to be approved by the Louisiana Quarter Horse Association (LQHA), the following mandatory requirements shall be met:

1. The show must be properly approved by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).
2. The show must be located within the State of Louisiana or any other state that the Board of Directors has approved
3. The request for show approval must be directed to the LQHA secretary's office at least ninety (90) days prior to the approved show date(s).
4. Show approval must be requested from LQHA by means of a show approval form provided by LQHA. The show secretary/management must certify to LQHA that these mandatory rules will be complied with at least ninety (90) days prior to the approved show date(s). The show approval form must be accompanied by a show bill and list of awards to be offered. It should be mailed to LQHA, 14600 Miscar Rd, Kentwood, La. 70444.
5. LQHA will not approve two (2) shows in Louisiana on the same date(s). The only exception would be a special event of a Class not held in conjunction with the already APPROVED SHOW.
6. No show, regardless of location, will be approved if its date(s) conflict with the LQHA Awards Banquet, 4-H State or Regional Shows, or the AQHYA World Championship Show.
7. Within ten (10) days from the completion of the show, the show secretary must furnish LQHA with a COMPLETE SET OF SHOW RESULTS. The specific information furnished must include:
  - a. a copy of the class results listed by order of placing in each AQHA registered class, including Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in all halter classes, with:
    - I. the registered name of the horse,
    - ii. the AQHA registration number of the horse,
    - iii. the name of the exhibitor with his/her AQHA registration number,
    - iv. the name and AQHA number of the owner of the horse if different from the exhibitor,
    - v. the sex of the horse,

- vi. the foal date of the horse, and,
  - vii. the birth date of the exhibitor if he/she is a youth.
- b. the AQHA class description numbers for each class,
  - c. a summary list of the AQHA class codes offered at that show,
  - d. the name and address of the judge, and,
  - e. the name and address of the show manager, the show secretary, and the address of the show.

This copy of the show results must be accompanied by a fee of \$1.00 per registered entry at the show (this includes Open, Amateur, Youth, and Novice entries). A summary sheet with the total number of entries per division should be included. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the show not being approved for the following year. A 10% penalty will be assessed if the show results are not received within ten (10) days of the completion of the show.

- 8. LQHA will honor all suspensions and disciplinary actions taken by AQHA.
- 9. Show facilities must adhere to the following minimum standards and guidelines:
  - a. the arena will be fenced; if fencing is not made of pipe, then the posts must be outside and the wire and/or boards inside;
  - b. fresh drinking water will be available for both horses and exhibitors;
  - c. clean toilet facilities will be provided with separate facilities for men and women except where portable toilet facilities are used;
  - d. show grounds are to be clean and free from objects that could result in injury to the horse and/or rider;
  - e. the sound system used will be audible to all parts of the show grounds including arena, warm-up pen and stabling area;
  - f. there will be adequate lighting for those shows continuing into the night;
  - g. the arena should be well-drained;
  - h. the arena surface must be properly prepared and maintained during the show;
  - I. a minimum of seventy-five (75) good, safe stalls will be available and located on the show grounds; (except Special Events)
  - j. all grass in the show grounds should be neatly cut; the grass should be trimmed out of the arena fence;
  - k. arenas should be wet down to avoid excessive dust;
  - l. an electronic timer should be used for all timed events;
  - m. adequate signs should be located along the roadways providing directions to the show; and, there should be adequate and sufficient parking provided for cars, trucks, and trailers.
- 10. Adequate and qualified personnel should be used to conduct the show. The show manager, secretary, ring steward, and announcer should be familiar with the proceedings of an approved AQHA show.

11. All show secretaries and managers requesting LQHA show approval must be members in good standing of the LQHA before show approval will be granted.
12. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disapproval of the sponsoring organization's show for the following year. Official complaints with regard to violations of these rules will be investigated. The Association president has the authority to appoint a committee to investigate violation of these rules with all findings being brought before the Board of Directors for their final disposition and action. Prior to the Board's final disposition and action, the sponsoring organization will be provided written notice of the violations and an opportunity to be heard and/or to correct the violations within a reasonable time period to be decided by the Board of Directors. All investigations, findings, corrective measurements and final dispositions shall be published on the association's website.
13. All other guidelines set forth in AQHA's Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations will be followed.

## **LQHA Hall of Fame Nomination Criteria**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame shall be to honor those LQHA members who have faithfully served and contributed to the success of LQHA or positively impacted the American Quarter Horse Association throughout the years.

### **Nominating a Horse or Person to the Louisiana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame:**

Anyone can nominate a person or horse to the Louisiana Quarter Horse Hall of Fame

- Download and complete a **human biographical form** or a **horse biographical form** from LQHA website
  - Compile biographical materials pertaining to your nominee:
    - a. Articles from The American Quarter Horse Journal, Q-Racing Journal, America's Horse or other publications
    - b. Reference letters from people who know/knew the nominee
    - c. Personal testament from the person preparing the nomination
1. A nominator may nominate more than one person or horse
  2. Return completed LQHA Hall of Fame Human/Horse Nominee Biographical form material by **October 1** to LQHA at LQHA, 14600 Miscar Rd., Kentwood, LA 70444.
    - a. The nominator must submit as complete a biography as possible on each nominee. The more information provided on the nominee, the better the possibility of selection for the LQHA Hall of Fame.

- b. The nominator is encouraged to nominate an LQHA member whom has had a positive impact in promoting the Quarter Horse industry within the state of Louisiana or the American Quarter Horse Association directly.
3. Nominee packets to be forwarded to LQHA Hall of Fame Selection Committee members four weeks prior to scheduled selection meeting for review.
4. The committee members will review the nominees and vote for the nominees they wish to have inducted into the LQHA Hall of Fame at the scheduled meeting. To be selected, a nominee must receive at least four votes.
5. A maximum of three inductees may be placed in the LQHA Hall of Fame in any given year. There is no minimum.
6. People nominated will be under the three-year rule that is they will remain on the list for three years. If not inducted into the LQHA Hall of Fame within this period, they shall be removed from the nomination list and ineligible for nomination for another three years.
7. LQHA Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at the annual LQHA Convention.

### **LQHA Hall of Fame Selection Committee**

1. The LQHA Hall of Fame Selection Committee will consist of six members appointed by the LQHA President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will be a perpetual committee with members serving on this committee being contingent upon continued active participation with LQHA.
2. A CURRENT LQHA Hall of Fame Selection Committee or family member of a CURRENT committee member may not be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame. If a member or family member of the committee is nominated, that person's biographical information will be withheld from circulation to the committee until such time as he or she is no longer a member of the committee. Once considered by the committee for nomination, the individual will conform to the same criteria and nomination procedures in effect for other nominees.
3. If for any reason such as death or resignation a vacancy occurs, a new committee member must be approved by the LQHA Board of Directors.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- *Can I nominate myself?* There is no rule against nominating yourself
- *Does the person need to be deceased?* No.
- *What kinds of accomplishments does the person need to have?* Nominees need to have been outstanding breeders, competitors or contributors to Louisiana Quarter Horse Association or the American Quarter Horse.
- *Does the person have to be an **LQHA Member**?* He/she should have been an LQHA or AQHA member during the time of his/her accomplishments.
- *Can an owner nominate his/her horse?* Yes.

- *Does the horse need to be deceased? Yes.*
- *What kinds of accomplishments does the horse need to have? Nominees should be outstanding sires, dams, competitors or must have brought exceptional visibility to the American Quarter Horse.*
- *Does the horse have to be a registered American Quarter Horse? The nominee can be either an American Quarter Horse or Thoroughbred.*
- *Where do I find the nomination form? In the Forms section of LQHA website.*
- *Do I need to fill out the biographical form? Yes.*
- *When are nominations due? Nominations are due October 1 of CURRENT year for consideration for the following year. For example, nominations received by October 1, 2018, will be reviewed for induction in 2019.*
- *When are inductees recognized? New Hall of Fame inductees are recognized each year at the LQHA Convention and Awards Banquet.*