

# Hawaii Quarter Horse Association General Show Rules and Class Descriptions

**HQHA** current Membership is required for participation in all events, as is required by our Insurance carrier.

**AQHA Membership** is required of all participants in AQHA classes. You must present your card, or purchase a new one at the show. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the rules of AQHA. Please submit a photocopy of card with entry.

**AQHA rules govern all events.**

## **OPEN Classes:**

1. **Open** to any breed of horse, and exhibitor divisions: All Ages, 18 & under, 19 & over, 12 & under.
2. **Green as Grass:** Reining or Cutting, is offered in two age divisions or one. Basically a novice class, open to riders who have not earned of \$500 in said discipline. This is an entry level class that should encourage participation. Pattern for reining will be announced and kept active for a year at a time.
3. **Colored** Western Pleasure: any breed, and color other than sorrel, chestnut, bay and black.
4. **HQHA membership required of exhibitor only.**

## **REGISTERED classes:**

1. Three basic divisions: **All Ages** is Junior and Senior Horses( Junior horses 5 & under, Senior horses 6 & over), **Amateur** division( Amateur and Select 50 and over), and **Youth** division ( 18 & under).
2. Amateur must have applied for Amateur status with membership to AQHA. May add status( if qualified) at a show by filling out the application from the Show Secretary. Select Amateur may show beginning the day of their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Amateur and Select classes may be combined by show management.
3. Youth age is established by age on January 1<sup>st</sup> , and is set for the year.
4. **Novice** can be added to any youth or Amateur who fits the rule requirements of AQHA.
5. **Novice riders may show non owned horses in Novice classes without a permit requirement. Note, also that horses of any age can be shown in any novice classes, two handed with snaffle bit.**
6. **Youth and Amateur riders may lease a horse for showing** by filing a registered lease with AQHA.
7. **Halter** classes may be combined into 2 & under and 3 & over is entries in a class are fewer than 3.
8. **Speed events:** exhibitor may pay for additional classes and use designated run time/score for the additional class, while only actually running each event once. Barrels, Pole bending, and Stakes classes only.
9. **HQHA membership required of owner and exhibitor of horse.**

**Cattle Classes: to allow enough cattle ordered for each event All cattle classes need to be entered by the deadline.** Post entries will be accepted if enough cattle are available, and will run last. All events are judged with the exception of the practice class. Practice cutting class is allowed for set time and fee depending on condition of the cattle.

## **ENTRIES:**

**All entries must be made in writing and delivered by fax, hand, email or mail. Fees may be mailed or paid at the show upon check in.** Open checks will be accepted, and upon settlement, a statement will be mailed or faxed.

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**All faxed/emailed/phone entries are considered legal entry and payment for the entry is due and payable. Refunds** are allowed with Vet or Doctor certification within 72 hours of the event. A judge's dismissal of a lame horse also qualifies for refund of class entry fee. Office fees are not refunded. Certification must be faxed to 883-0114. No refunds will be made for a No Show or No call to the Show secretary.

**Fax number is 883-0114. This is a dedicated Fax line only. Email is [hqha@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:hqha@hawaiiantel.net). Phone numbers for show secretary are 883-0751, and cell# 937-6103.**

**Changes for any entry** can be made prior to Wednesday before the show as time permits to allow for proper draws, orders of go and number of entries (combining classes or cancelation). Entry list and order of go need to be prepared and updated for a successful show.

ALL entries must have the following:

1. **Registered Name** of horse, AQHA number, year foaled, **Photocopy of Papers**, if not one on file with secretary. Current owner's name on AQHA papers will be recognized as valid horse owner.
2. **Owner and Exhibitor information** with contact number and AQHA membership information, including birthdate for amateur and youth riders, expiration date on AQHA card. A photocopy of current card can be kept on file with the secretary for future entries.
3. **Signed Waiver for all participants associated with the entry.**
4. Entry into eligible classes. If you have a question, consult your AQHA rule book or call the show secretary.
5. Payment of fees if by mail. Faxed entries can mail the check after deadline. Open checks and full payment will be accepted upon check in at the show. Participation will not be allowed if payment is not received, and waivers not signed.
6. Unregistered horses may be shown in **OPEN classes**. Name must be the same for all shows, and year of birth by best estimate or vet certification.

## POST ENTRIES

1. **Post entries** will be accepted from any entry submitted by the deadline at no additional fees. Additional classes can be added before or during the show.
2. **Late fees will be charged for entries submitted on the day of the show.**
3. **ALL posts on the day of the show must be paid or a billing fee of \$25 will be assessed.**

## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITORS

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar and comply with rules concerning tack, equipment, and attire, and correct number on exhibitor or horse. Noncompliance may result in disqualification.

## RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

- A. The show manager or secretary shall have the authority to enforce all rules and regulations referring to the show.
- B. Any horse or exhibitor may be excused for infractions of AQHA and HQHA rules.

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- C. A member is responsible for his/her conduct and that of his/her students, children, guests, employees, helpers, and livestock.

## RIDERS ON SHOWGROUNDS

For insurance purposes, all riders on the show grounds who are not exhibitors must sign a waiver at the show office. All arena help, turn back help, etc must sign a waiver.

**THE HQHA BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMMEND RULES AT ANYTIME TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY AND PROTECT THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THIS ORGANIZATION.**

## MISC SHOW RULES:

1. **Right to cancel :** Show management reserves the right to cancel/combine classes.
2. **Tack changes: Five minutes** will be allowed for tack changes, which should be made near the in gate. The gate keeper should be notified before the class is called.
3. **DOGS: Must be on leash or confined at ALL TIMES.** Show management may request a dog to be removed if deemed disruptive to exhibitors or spectators.
4. **INFRACTIONS:** Infractions of any AQHA Rules may result in a fine, suspension, or expulsion from the association.
5. **NUMBERS** must be clearly displayed on the horse's blanket, or the exhibitor's back.

## YEAR END AWARDS

### A. QUALIFICATIONS for Class Year end awards:

1. Class must be offered a minimum of 4 times.
2. Class entries for the year must average 5 entries per show (i.e. 6 shows x 5 entries= 30 total) to qualify.
3. One horse/rider combination will be tracked for awards. The exception being in individual events, showmanship, horsemanship, where rider accumulates the points separately.

### B. YEAR END ALL AROUND AWARDS:

1. Perpetual All Around awards will be awarded to High Point Youth Rider, Amateur Rider, All ages Horse. Points are based on one horse rider combination, except All Ages Horse, which includes all exhibitors.
2. Points must be earned in at least three categories as outlined by AQHA All Around rules. Points will be accumulated in all classes eligible for Individual Show All Around.
3. Perpetual Halter awards for Grand Champion in all divisions with average 3 entries/show.

## POINT SYSTEM

# entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
1	1								
2	2	1							

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3	3	2	1						
4	4	3	2	1					
5	5	4	3	2	1				
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
9 or more	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

**Ties are broken by AQHA rules. Total Points earned first (earliest date) will be a tie breaker.**

### **SPECIAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR**

- 1. Justin Rookie of the Year:** for Amateur and Youth exhibitors who have not earned any AQHA points may qualify for this national award. Each state is awarded this reward. A custom Belt Buckle and gift certificate for Justin Boots is awarded by AQHA. HQHA has no input on this award.
- 2. Reyn McCullough Perpetual Trophy Award.** Given to the youth who reflects the values honored by Reyn McCullough. Good sportsmanship , good citizenship, and involvement are the base for this youth award.