

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES AS AT 8 AUGUST 2011

1. AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- To promote the Quarter Horse, AQHA and approved AQHA events.
- To provide a safe and friendly environment for training and showing of western horses.
- To socialize and have fun with our horses in the company of other people.
- To work co-operatively with other western breeds for the promotion of the western industry as a whole.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

As an affiliate of the Australian Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) all members agree to abide by the AQHA Code of Ethics, and the Statement of Position on Animal Welfare, Prohibited Conduct and Humane Treatment.

A complaint relating to a breach of this Code must be sent in writing to the STQHA Secretary who will convene an Executive Committee meeting to hear the complaint. If the complaint is found to be upheld the following may occur:

- Person(s) may be suspended from the club and all entitlements.
- The matter may be referred to the AQHA (if the person(s) are also AQHA members), or to another relevant association.
- Any other action the Executive Committee deems appropriate.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The membership year runs from 1st August to 31st July. Any member joining after 31st March pays 50% of the fee below:

Annual Fee

- Adult \$50.00
- Youth \$15.00
- Associate \$20.00
(non-voting – covers a non-competing family member who may assist holding horses etc at shows).
- Day Membership \$15.00 A & AA Shows
- Day Membership \$10.00 Club Shows
(for exhibitors not a member of the AQHA or any AQHA Affiliate)

4. INSURANCE REQUIRMENTS

- At all ridden events, including individual use of the arena, appropriate riding footwear must be worn at all times while riding (no track shoes, thongs etc.)
- Only members (including day members) of the AQHA, STQHA or another AQHA affiliate may ride a horse on the STQHA grounds (as defined in the lease agreement) at any STQHA run event (including individual use of the arena).
- Spectators are not permitted in the areas designated as Horses only.
- Horses are not permitted in designated Spectator areas.
- Children to be under supervision at all times.
- Hard hats (Approved Australian Standard) are optional but preferred in warm up areas.
- No dogs permitted at shows.

- Any hazards to be reported to an event official.
- All members are required to be aware of actions which could result in a Liability claim and either report them to an official or take reasonable steps to prevent occurrence.

5. RULES

Copy of current rules to be provided on payment of membership fee.

6. MEETINGS

Meetings generally to be held monthly at a place and date stated in the previous minutes, committee may elect to hold meetings less frequently over winter months.

7. MINUTES

Minutes of meeting will be sent to the AQHA and to financial members by email, or posted if requested.

8. ACCESS TO ARENA

A key will be provided on request to financial full members (not associate) at a cost of \$12.00 per key. If membership is not renewed by the next general meeting after the AGM the key must be returned to the Secretary. Members requesting a key agree to leave the arena in good condition and report any damage noticed to the Executive.

9. USE BY OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Outside trainers, clubs or groups wishing to use the arena must apply to the club and provide proof of current public liability insurance.

Hire fees are:

Bond	\$100
Per day	\$30 for use as a Topsy Ring
	\$50 for use by other western clubs
	\$80 others
PA system	\$50
Trail Gear	\$20

Hire agreement form must be completed and returned with payment prior to first day of use. All requests must be in writing and tabled at a meeting.

10. BEGINNER RIDER RULE:

1. Beginner classes are Walk/Trot/Jog classes only and are intended to be an introduction to the basic western events for new riders or those new to western riding.
2. Equipment and attire to be safe, neat and tidy. A Beginner Rider may ride any horse in any approved western headgear. Bridled horses may be ridden two handed.
3. Beginner Riders may only compete in Beginner classes – as soon as they enter any Improver class or any other event that requires a lope/canter they are no longer eligible for Beginner.
4. At the end of each show season the Improver Committee will review the Beginner status of each rider. If the person is deemed to be ready to move up to Improver status they will be excluded from Beginner classes the following season.
5. Beginner classes will only be offered in Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Trail and Hunter Under Saddle.

11. IMPROVER RIDER RULE:

1. Improver classes are intended to be an intermediate level between Beginner and Open, or, in certain circumstances, for riders returning to the sport after a lengthy break, injury or other approved reasons.
2. Equipment and attire to be safe, neat and tidy. An Improver Rider may ride any horse in any approved western headgear. Bridled horses may be ridden two handed,

however if competitor starts a class one handed, they must continue one handed, ie they will be penalised if they “two hand” during that class. Similarly, if a class is started two handed the rider must continue two handed.

3. Improvers may enter open classes, ie classes which are recognised by the AQHA, AAA or PHAA as point scoring (other than Amateur) however one win in an open event, regardless of the number of competitors, and they will not be eligible for that event as an improver at the completion of the show. For example – if the rider wins a 3yo Western Pleasure (even as the only competitor) they will no longer be eligible for Improver Western Pleasure at the end of the show. Improver riders therefore need to consider whether they wish to jeopardise their Improver status by entering open events.
4. If an Improver Rider acquires an Amateur ticket from the AQHA, AAA or PHAA they may no longer compete in Improver classes.
5. Improver events to be offered in all events except Western Riding.
6. Any competitor wishing to regain Improver status due to circumstances described above in (1) must apply in writing via their own club to the Improver Committee.
7. The Improver Committee shall be made up of the Presidents of the STQHA, NTQHA, NWQHA. TAC and PPHAT at the time.

12. HIGH POINT AWARDS

For a horse to be eligible for STQHA Awards the Owner must be a financial member.

For an owner or exhibitor to be eligible for an STQHA Award, the owner and exhibitor must be financial members.

Points earned from shows will count from the date of payment of the Membership fee.

Points for all categories (other than Ambassador Award) will only be counted from nominated shows (*refer to AGM minutes each year for which shows are nominated).

Youth/Amateur/Select Amateur- where 2 or more horse are exhibited in a single class only the highest placed horse's points will be counted towards a High Point Award

The Awards are:

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE STQHA

- Beginner Rider (only Beginner classes counted – points allocated to the rider, not the horse)
- Improver Rider (only Improver Classes counted – points allocated to the rider not the horse)
- Encouragement Award – decided by committee
- Club person of the Year – decided by committee

OPEN TO REGISTERED QUARTER HORSES ONLY

HALTER

- Stallion/Colt
- Mare/Filly
- Gelding

PERFORMANCE AWARDS (RIDER)

- Youth
- Amateur
- Select Amateur

PERFORMANCE AWARDS (HORSE)

Futurities/Classics for ridden horses only counted if they are specific to age group i.e. 2yo Horse Western Pleasure Futurity

- Yearling – Lungeline, Trail and Hunter in hand
- 2 Year Old- Hunter in Hand & Lungeline prior to 31 Dec, Western Pleasure, Trail, Hunter under Saddle from 1 January.
- 3 Year Old - Western Pleasure, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining, Western Riding
- Junior- “Classes as above”
- Senior- “Classes as above”
- Over All Halter/Performance Q/H- Includes any Futurities/Classics (counted from AQHA approved events at the nominated shows. (excluding Horsemanship, Equitation classes, Youth, Amateur, Beginner, Improver, Intermediate) must have points in both halter and performance to qualify.
- Ambassador Quarter Horse – Led Breed/Performance (from AQHA approved events at outside shows – e.g Hacking, show jumping, dressage, eventing, halter, cutting, EA classes, camp drafting etc) Copy of show program and results sheet signed by the show secretary to be posted to STQHA points officer within 14 days of show for points to count.

OTHER BREEDS (approved events at nominated shows)

- Other Breed Halter
- Other Breed Performance

NOMINATED SHOWS FOR 2011/12

Brighton Agricultural 6 Nov


STQHA January A Show 7/8 January

NTQHA AA Show 28/29 January

TAC Pre-State Twilight 3 Feb

STQHA State Championships 17-19 Feb (Double Points)

NWQHA March Futurity Show 3-4 March



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