



NEQHA Rules and Regulations

Entry Conditions

- Entries are pre-paid online, via "Nominate". Entries OPEN approx. 3 weeks prior to the event. Entries CLOSE Wednesday prior to the event at midnight. NO entries will be accepted after closing date.
- Stables & Camping are made via nominate and close Wednesday prior to the event. Stables are numbered, any stable that is left without all feed/manure being removed will incur a \$35 cleaning fee.
- Horse registration forms are to be submitted via email to admin@neqha.com.au or points cannot be allocated for you with your breed society. The office will retain copies on file for your convenience
- Each Horse or rider will receive a number, which is to be clearly displayed. Any handler entering the arena without a number displayed will be disqualified
- Handlers entering a horse displaying the incorrect number will be disqualified
- Refunds will only be paid out if a Veterinary or Doctors certificate is submitted to the secretary via email no later than 2 days after the event.
- Judges Score sheets, will be available for half an hour, to competitors at the show office at the completion of the show. It is the competitor's responsibility to obtain copies. Score sheets will NOT be provided upon request after this time.

COMPETITION:

- Show management reserve the right to change the order of classes before or during the show
- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware of any changes which will be posted at the Show Secretary's office and/or announced
- Every endeavour will be made to give one hours' notice of any changes to the running order of events
- No training equipment is allowed in the marshalling area or the performance arena one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the show and one (1) hour after the cessation of the show, on each day of the show.
- **No lunging** or exercising of horses is permitted in any arena **while horses are being ridden**
- No one is to handle or ride a horse without AQHA or NEQHA membership
- No horse is to be worked or ridden at a show without being entered in at least one event
- No change of handler is allowed without advising the show office at least one hour prior to the event taking place
- Show management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the horse into the competition arena. Failure to report on final call will result in disqualification from the class
- Protests must be made in writing to the show secretary and be lodged within 1 hour of the completion of the disputed event. A cash fee of \$50 must accompany any protest
- The disputes committee shall consist of the Show Manager, one show committee member and one competitor
- Youth or any participate under the age of 18 must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event
- All riders under the age of 18 must wear an approved safety helmet
- No alcohol is allowed in or can be consumed in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas at any time
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. No dogs allowed in or near the working areas
- No pushbikes, skateboards etc. are to be ridden in or near horse working areas
- Drug testing may be done at any NEQHA show. Please refer to rule 2.8, 2.9 & 2.10 of the AQHA Official Rules & Regulations, for further rules relating to Drugs and Surgical Procedures. All horses are subject to drug testing and all owners agree that by making their entry, they will submit their horses to be drug tested if/when requested
- All buildings are NO SMOKING ZONES



- Only officials will be allowed in the competition arena during the judging
- The Show Manager or such person he/she appoints shall have sole discretion to eject any exhibitor from the said area for inhumane treatment and/or training of any horse or failure to observe the Rules and Regulations of the competition and the Rules and Regulations of the AQHA
- All horses must be serviceably sound, the Judge and or Show Manager have the right to exclude any horse seen to be lame or injured
- NEQHA nor the sponsors or show organisers will be liable for any damage or loss that may occur to any person or animal

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Competitors/participants of any event run by the NEQHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and treat them humanely with dignity, respect, and compassion
- Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealing with the affiliate and other competitors and agree to uphold the rules and regulations of the NEQHA and the AQHA at all times
- Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Poor behaviour in the form of aggression, bad language or abuse of other competitors will not be tolerated. Persons involved in such behaviour may be excluded from the show and may be reported to the relevant breed association or society
- Any exhibitor or rider who refuses to obey the request of the Judge, Show Manager or any Show Official, will be automatically excluded from further competition at the show and forfeits all previous winnings together with all entry fees and other charges.
- All competitors are to comply with the standards of behaviour outlined in the AQHA policy, treat others with respect, always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations, be responsible and accountable for their behaviour, follow the guidelines outlined in this policy if they wish to make a complaint or report a concern about possible child abuse, discrimination, harassment, or other inappropriate behaviours.
- Members should be aware that the AQHA has a Professional Code of Ethics to which members of the NEQHA are bound. This applies to the use of social media. The following is an extract from that Code: "We, the members of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, in carrying out our role of providing service to the Australian Quarter Horse industry, recognise the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity." Members are asked to use social media for collegiate purposes - to keep in touch with friends and family - and not as a forum for derogatory remarks and opinions about another person or their horse.
- Continued negative conduct, may result in a written warning, suspension or expulsion

MARSHALLING AREA CONDUCT & ATTIRE

- ✓ For competitors in the marshalling areas and show arena, whilst show is in progress. Refer to Index (Attire);
a) For handlers in the marshalling area, whilst show is in progress, is a minimum of cap/hat, long western style pants/jodhpurs, safe enclosed footwear and a shirt with sleeves; b) For any person who has cause to enter the show arena to help set up trails etc. is a minimum of cap/hat, long western style pants/jodhpurs, safe enclosed footwear and a shirt with sleeves.
- ✓ For any person using the arena or marshalling area when the show is not in progress, but the show has not finished, is a minimum of long western style pants/jodhpurs, safe enclosed footwear, and a shirt with sleeves.