



# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Australian Quarter Horse Association

Q24 National Championships

Incorporating: AmQHA Show

**AQHA 2024 Cutting, Campdrafting and Barrel Championships**

## AmQHA Approved Show

**HORSES** competing in AmQHA approved show must be registered with the AmQHA, no pending registrations, and must be owned by an AmQHA financial member and exhibited by an AmQHA financial member, and Amateurs must have AmQHA current Amateur status.

**YOUTH** For the AmQHA show youth can only exhibit horses owned by themselves or their immediate family according to AmQHA rules.

AmQHA rules apply regarding prohibited equipment and showing rules, except for head gear in English classes. The AQHA Safety Rule overrides any AmQHA Rule regarding head gear in English classes, as this is a safety issue. Approved Safety Helmets as per AQHA Rule 80.4 will be applied:

**“Approved Safety Helmets, which conform to the current Australian Safety Standards must be worn in all Hunter Classes, by all exhibitors. The chin strap must be securely fastened under the chin at all times during competition and practice.”**

**LIP CORDS are acceptable in AmQHA classes as per the AmQHA Rule Book:**

**Refer:** SHW355.1, 355.1.1, 355.1.2, 355.1.3, 355.1.4, 355.1.5, 355.1.6, 355.2, 355.3, 355.4

**Prize Money** – All AmQHA classes are Jackpot. JPOT classes will be paid to 3<sup>rd</sup> place; 50%, 30%, 20%

JPOT will be the entry fee less 25 % for all horse/riders that competed in that class.

## Q24 National Championships incl. National Versatility Ranch Championships

**HORSES** must be registered with the AQHA. NO PENDING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

**HORSE OWNERS** must be financial members and exhibitors must hold a financial individual membership.

**EXHIBITORS** in the following classes must have current status with the AQHA to compete in:

Amateur/Select Permit, Novice Youth & Amateur and Novice Horse

**NB:** A horse can compete in either the Novice horse or aged division of the same equine discipline but not both.

### **APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS**

See Rule 80.4, 82.5, 96.4.1, 96.5.1.

### **PRIZE MONEY**

Prize money listed, will be paid to 4<sup>th</sup> place: 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions must be made to the Show Office no later than 1 hour prior to the commencement of the respective classes listed:

**Youth Classes** – If a horse is entered in a youth class, and is vetted out of the show, then that Youth can use a replacement horse if the replacement horse has been previously entered in Q23. The horse that is vetted out will remain ineligible for further competition for the duration of the show.

**Amateur Classes** – If the Amateurs horse is vetted out, they will be permitted to use a replacement horse for that class if the replacement horse had been previously entered in Q23. The horse that is vetted out will remain ineligible for further competition for the duration of the show.

**Open Classes** – Change of rider/handler is permitted

**EA Rules enforced for Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April 2024.**

### **PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT FOR SHOWING Q24**

AmQHA Rules regarding prohibited equipment apply as from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April to close of show on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024. \*Exclusion, Feature Events affiliated with approved performance bodies, Barrel Race, Cutting, Campdraft.

### **DRUGS/MEDICATION**

Refer to rule 39.8, 39.9 and 39.10 in current AQHA Rules & Regulations Book.

Incidents at Show: Refer Rule 40.2

Clerical errors: Refer Rule 76.3

### **ENTRIES**

**ENTRIES ONLINE** for Q24, Versatility Ranch and AmQHA Shows.

You must have a financial AQHA membership to lodge entries online through iCompete

**Open 9am** 15th January 2024 and close midnight 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Horse Levy** is \$50 per horse if paid prior to midnight 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**LATE ENTRIES - Online** from midnight on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 until 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

- for a horse that is already entered: \$10 late fee plus class fee applies
- for a horse not already entered: \$100 Horse levy, \$15 late fee plus class fee applies

**LATE ENTRIES - At Show Office, AELEC** Taken up to 3pm the day prior to the day of the class they wish to enter:

- for a horse already entered - \$10 late fee plus the class fee applies
- for a horse not already entered - \$100 Horse Levy and \$15 late fee plus the class fee applies
- **Barrel** – limited entries, will close once all time slots allocated

### **ONLINE STABLE, TACK BOXES, CAMPING AND BEDDING**

**Only stable blocks A, B and D are available.**

You must have an AQHA financial membership to book stables/camping online through iCompete. Bookings open 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and close midnight 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. All requests will be given consideration when allocating stables etc.

Stable & Tack cleaning bond: \$90

Tack Boxes: \$22 per day

Campsites powered: \$32 per day

Campsites unpowered: \$30 per day

Stables: \$32 per day.

All stables come with 1 cu mt of shavings.

Bedding: 1 bag of bedding is \$16.

Day Parking will be available in paddock area near In Gate.

Parking cars inside from 3/4 to 14/4, if spaces available, \$77 for duration. If required send email to [carolfayericketts@gmail.com](mailto:carolfayericketts@gmail.com) with CC details, arrival date and departure date.

## **CANCELATIONS FOR ALL SHOWS**

### **Entries, Stables, Tack, Camping and Bedding.**

Full refunds if cancelled prior to 5pm 17th March 2024 (less all levies).

All cancelations must be received in writing to carolfayericketts@gmail.com

All other cancelations after this date, an email/letter must be received and be accompanied by a Veterinary or Doctors Certificate by the close of show for refunds to be considered (less all levies).

## **AQHA POLICIES**

No alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas.

Competitor's/participants at any event run by the AQHA have a responsibility to always ensure the welfare of their horses and to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect, and compassion. Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with the Association and other competitors. To uphold the rules and regulations of the AQHA always. Competitors/participants are always to demonstrate good sportsmanship, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules and to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated.

All Youth competing or taking part in the AQHA approved show/s must be in the care of a parent/legal guardian whilst at the event. If a parent/legal guardian will not be attending the show, an AQHA Unaccompanied Minor Form must be completed stating the emergency contact details of the responsible adult/caregiver for the youth. Contact details will be used in the case of an emergency and/or contest dispute at the show. It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to have the Unaccompanied Minor Form to the AQHA show office prior to the commencement of the show.

## **HORSE WELFARE**

The AQHA Statement of Animal Welfare will apply in all cases to all horses exhibited at the show.

A Veterinarian will be on call. In the case of outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease amongst horses, neither the AQHA, Sponsors or Show Organisers will be held responsible.

## **RISK**

Competitors realise that horse related competition has an inherent risk and as such compete at this competition at their own risk. The AQHA and show organisers will accept no liability for accident, loss, or injury. This applies to all competitors, their connections, horses, equipment, and spectators. Entries will not be accepted unless the Liability Waiver has been signed by owners and exhibitors of all horses.

## **FIRST AID FACILITIES**

Available on the grounds while the competition is in session. First Aid officer will be in the Show office across from the Bar Area.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Exhibitors and strappers must always be correctly attired whilst in the Marshalling area and Show arenas.

Lunged and ridden horses are not to be exercised together in the same area. Times and arenas will be allocated by Show Management who will advise the appropriate areas and timetables accordingly.

No training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance arena from one hour before the show starts or one hour after the completion of the show on each day.

Any exhibitor or strapper who does not comply with these requirements will be removed from the area and may be disqualified from competition for the duration of the show. Only contestants in the specific classes and Show Officials will be allowed in the competition arena or marshalling area during the judging except for handlers assisting disabled riders.

**AELEC** will be under the control of the Show Manager or such person they appoint to act on their behalf and shall have the discretion to eject any exhibitor from the said area for inhumane treatment and/or training of any horse or the failure to observe the Rules and Regulations of the competition and the Rules & Regulations of the AQHA or any reasonable request. Your co-operation is expected.

Any necessary Rules & Regulations not covered by the Australian Quarter Horse National Championship Rules will be determined by the Show Management and their decision will be final and without recourse of any kind. The Show Management reserves the right to add any further applicable Rules & Regulations before, or during the Show. These rules will be posted at the Secretary's office and will be announced over the public address system, such instances could be out of bounds working areas, closure of areas to the public or horses, or any other instance that may arise.

Show Management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary or embarrassing delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the horse into the competition arena. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present themselves at the competition arena gate when called. Failure to report on final call will result in disqualification from the class. If a horse is excluded from entry, all entry fees and charges for the class are forfeited without liability, to the show organisers/committee.

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. Every endeavour will be made to give one (1) hours' notice of any changes to the running order of events; however, every endeavour will be made to avoid changes.

Any exhibitor or strapper, who refuses to obey the request of the Show Manager, will after consultation with the Show Committee, may be automatically disqualified from further competition at the show and forfeits all previous winnings together with all entry fees and other charges. At the discretion of the Show Manager, after consultation with the Show Committee, the offending individual and their entire exhibit may be removed from the grounds.

**EVACUATION POINTS** - Spectator and competitor evacuation points are at each entrance of the Centre. Horses are to be evacuated into the campdraft arena in the case of an emergency. Site and evacuation maps will be posted throughout AELEC.

# **AELEC CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

**NB: AELEC- conditions of entry are being revised.**

**If they change, we will notify all members via email and update this section.**

As a condition of entry to the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) (The Venue) persons:

1. Agree to always follow the direction and instructions of AELEC staff whilst at the venue.
2. Agree to adhere to all directions displayed on signage within the AELEC.
3. Agree they will not do any of the following whilst at AELEC:
  - a) Use indecent, obscene, insulting, or threatening language.
  - b) Behave in an offensive or indecent manner.
  - c) Light any fires.
  - d) Bring a dog to the venue without a lead. Dogs must be always kept on a lead whilst at the venue.
  - e) Leave any personal waste at the venue, except if the waste is left in the appropriate bins allocated.
  - f) Use any fire hoses at AELEC.
  - g) Interfere with or harm any wildlife at AELEC.
  - h) Smoke in or around any AELEC buildings. All venue buildings are smoke free.
  - i) Damage, deface or cover any structure, machinery, equipment, sign, descriptive plate, or label.
4. Must comply with all NSW road rules and related legislation whilst at AELEC.

In addition, the following applies:

- a) Only registered vehicles including four-wheel bikes are permitted to be used at the venue.
  - b) Riders of motorcycles, bicycles and four-wheel bikes must wear Australian standard helmets.
  - c) Bicycles or any vehicles must not be used after dark without front and rear lights.
  - d) Golf carts must have current conditional registration in accordance with RMS legislation. Golf carts are only to be operated by licensed drivers. Golf carts must not be driven whilst the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Between sunset and sunrise, all golf carts are to be parked and keys are to be removed. No golf carts are to be driven on site after dark unless authorised in writing.
  - e) All AELEC road signage and speed limits are to be always adhered to.
  - g) All vehicles, except those authorised, must park in designated car or truck parking areas. Vehicles parked without authority will be towed from the site and all costs will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.
5. Acknowledge that AELEC accepts no liability for the loss of or the damage to vehicles, or any goods or articles.
  6. If camping, agree to camp only in the designated areas and not under trees or in watercourses. Power leads must be tagged and assessed and installed in a safe manner and must not crossroads or paths. Temporary yards must be of sturdy construction and must not exceed 4 metres square.
  7. Agree that horses/livestock entering/exiting AELEC must do so on or in a conveying vehicle. For safety and security purposes they cannot be ridden or led into or out of the venue access gates.
  8. Whether participant or spectator, must be respectful of other horse riders and venue users.
  9. Ensure persons under the age of eighteen are always supervised by an adult.
  10. Report all incidents, accidents and damages to your event organiser and venue management.

AELEC may refuse admission to or cause to be removed from the venue any person that is, in the opinion of AELEC staff or appointed contractors intoxicated or any person that fails to abide with these conditions of entry or any other written signage at the venue. Persons must not remain on any part of the venue after having been requested to leave by an AELEC staff member or appointed contractor.