

AQHA Rule Changes

The AQHA Show and Performance Sub-Committee, with the support of the AQHA Board have deemed the following rule changes necessary to be implement from the **1st August 2023**.

- Adopt the Australian Reined Cow Horse Association (ARCHA) classes in relation to working cowhorse.
- **Rule 44.3** Delete AQHA Cutting from the listing
- **Rule 52.** Miscellaneous Show Rules. Amend to read:
Earphones, earbuds and/or other electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the competition arena and such usage is penalised by disqualification. Exemption EWD classes.
- **Rule 54.** Amend to read:
VETERINARIAN. Any registered/licensed Veterinarian may officiate in his/her capacity.
- **New Rule 84.7** – Performance Halter – Horse, Amateur and Youth
Eligibility:
Horse Performance Halter: horse must have achieved a ROM in a horse performance class.
Amateur Performance Halter: horse must have achieved a ROM in an amateur performance class.
Youth Performance Halter: horse must have achieved a ROM in a youth performance class.
- **New 42.4** Performance Halter
A horse is not eligible for its horse, amateur or youth halter class and the horse, amateur or youth Performance Halter class at the same show.
Eligibility: refer Rule 84.7.
- **New 44.2** Performance Halter - Horse, Amateur and Youth
Only one (1) Performance Halter class can be offered in each sex division for horse, amateur or youth. Winner and second placegetters of these classes are eligible for Champion and Reserve in their respective Champion class.
- **Rule 104.3** - delete "A simple lead change will incur a minus 1 1/2 manoeuvre score"