

Standard Western Performance Show -- Conditions of Entry

1. The age of the horse shall be calculated from August 1st in any year
2. Halter horses must be registered with their respective breed. Registration papers must be sighted
3. Amateur Owners/Select Amateurs must have a current Amateur Owner/Select Amateur card from their respective association
4. All competitors must be ready for the stated starting times. Classes will not be held for competitors who are late
5. Youth riders must have written consent from parent/guardian
6. Disputes to be in writing accompanied by \$25, which will be refunded if the dispute is upheld.
7. Competitors ride at their own risk. The NQQHA Inc will not accept responsibility for accident, loss or injury to competitors, horses or spectators.
8. Competing Non-Members need to complete a waiver form, \$15 day fee applies if they are not a current financial member of NQQHA
9. The show is run under AQHA rules in conjunction with NQQHA Inc rules.
10. IMPROVER class (to replace BEGINNER class) As of 1st August 2013 an IMPROVER rider is one that has NOT been showing in Open, Amateur Owner or Youth classes or is someone who, according to previous rules set for the Beginner class, until they have ONE win in Open competition (Junior/Senior Horse, A/O, Youth) in each event OR for a period of 3 years from their first show as an IMPROVER.
11. IMPROVER SENIOR HORSE are for those horses 6 years and over who have not shown previously in one-handed western performance classes. Horses are eligible for an UNLIMITED time frame until they show one-handed in each of the western events, which will then make them INELIGIBLE to compete in Improver Senior Horse class for each particular western event. ie. If a horse is shown one-handed in a western pleasure class it then becomes ineligible to compete in Improver Senior Horse western pleasure class, however it will still be eligible to show in the Improver Senior Horse classes in other western events. Club rules are:
 - Horses can be shown two handed in a snaffle or one handed in a shank bit (horses will not be disqualified for minimal assistance given two handed in a shank; but credit will be given to those without assistance).
12. WALK & JOG classes are open to any age rider. If competing in this class, the rider is not able to compete in any other class for that event. ie if you compete in Senior horse Trail, you are not able to compete in Walk Jog Trail. Dress Code as per Improver/Beginner.
13. Patterns be provided prior to show upon receipt of nominations (subject to receipt of same by judge).
14. **Dress Code: Improver classes**– Long pants, long sleeve collared shirt, safe riding boots, western hat/safety helmet. Any style saddle is acceptable (Western, English, Stock).
15. Ribbons to 5th place.

Nominations are due as per Program. Nominations will be accepted via www.nominate.com.au . A late fee of \$20 will be charged for any NEW nominations received after this date. Existing entrants may add or change their classes without penalty prior to the official closing date. Official CLOSING DATE for all nominations is as per program. There will be no nominations accepted after this and absolutely NO REFUNDS/CHANGES to entries.
16. Competitors/participants at any event run by NQQHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times 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 NQQHA & other competitors and to abide by the rules & regulations of the NQQHA & AQHA at all times. Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials.
17. At all NQQHA shows, 1 hour prior to and 1 hour following the show, there will be no training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance arena. Dress code of Cap/Hat, long western style pants, safe enclosed footwear and a shirt with sleeves must be worn.
18. Competitors shall not approach the judge for any reason prior to completion of judging, unless the competitor has finished showing.
19. No Alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling area, working arena or show pen.
20. No Dogs allowed in marshalling area, working area, show pen or canteen area. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

Please be sure to read conditions of entry and acquaint yourself with the appropriate class rules from the AQHA rule book

