

# ***VQHA SHOW APPROVAL RULES***

## ***General Rules & Regulations***

1. In order for a show to be VQHA approved, the Show Management must gain AQHA show approval and adhere to AQHA rules and regulations as stated in the official AQHA handbook.
2. Show Management must show intent in writing for VQHA approval. Failure to do so can result in forfeit of VQHA show approval for the upcoming year. This request for approval must be sent to the VQHA Business Office by February 10<sup>th</sup> for the 1991 show season and all subsequent years.
3. VQHA approval must be obtained prior to any official advertising stating that the show is VQHA approved.
4. Show Management may select Judges based on AQHA rules for obtaining judges.
5. Show Management must use an electronic timer, backed by a stopwatch in all speed events.
6. Show Management must fulfill the following obligations:
  - a. Must have someone to work the ring gate for all classes.
  - b. Provide clean and sanitary toilet facilities.
  - c. Provide measures to control dust and condition rings for riding.
  - d. Must have food and drink concession available on grounds.
  - e. Must carry insurance, as VQHA will not accept liability responsibility.
  - f. Must see that all stalls are clean and safe.
  - g. Show Management is responsible for providing their own ribbons and/or awards per AQHA rules.
7. Show Management must submit within 10 days of the show a complete result listing of the show to the VQHA Business Office as per specific instructions set forth by AQHA.
8. Show Management is encouraged to offer an Open Walk/Trot Showmanship and Pleasure Class for 11 & under children.
9. Show Management is encouraged to use the VQHA newsletter to distribute show programs to VQHA members. Show bills are printed in the Newsletter as a service to show management. Programs must be sent to the VQHA Business Office by the official deadline of the Newsletter Publication.
10. Failure to comply with any regulations can result in denial of VQHA approval. A letter explaining complaints lodged against a specific show will be sent to Show Management before VQHA show approval is denied.

## ***Sanctioning & Approval Fees:***

1. A letter requesting show approval must be sent each year to the current VQHA Board of Directors.
2. Show Management must collect \$3.00 per judge per horse for Show Sanctioning Fees for shows in Virginia. Shows outside of the State of Virginia must pay \$2.00 per judge per horse. This fee must be collected from the owners or exhibitors of horses and submitted to the VQHA Business within 30 days of said shows.

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## ***VQHA SHOW SANCTIONING CRITERIA***

1. Limit the total number of approved shows to a manageable level (37 or less, but not including reciprocal shows).
2. Require that the Show Sanction Request be received by the VQHA Business Office by February 10<sup>th</sup> for priority consideration, or (60) sixty days prior to the show date, whichever occurs first.
3. No show may be sanctioned that conflicts with another show that has previously been approved for the current year.
4. Show approval does not carry over from year to year, but must be obtained for each individual show.
3. Priority of request consideration:
  - a. VQHA
  - b. VQHA Regions
  - c. VQHYA
  - d. VQHA Amateurs
  - e. Previously sanctioned organizations
  - f. New requests
    1. A show having been sanctioned and held the previous year is considered an established show and has priority to reserve identical days per calendar week for the current year.

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