

BYLAWS OF THE NEVADA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

(Revised November 1, 2008)

ARTICLE I

Section 1 Title: This Association shall be known as the Nevada Quarter Horse Association (NQHA).

Section 2 Object: The purpose of this Association shall be to stimulate and regulate any and all matters that may pertain to the history, breeding, exhibition, publicity, sale and improvement of the American Quarter Horse.

Section 3 Place of Business: The principal place of business may be conducted at any place convenient to the officers, directors or members of the Association. The Executive Secretary shall be designated resident agent.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS

Section 1: Membership is open to any person of good moral character with a firm interest in the promotion of the American Quarter Horse, by payment of membership dues, as hereinafter provided.

Section 2: Annual Membership Dues:

A. Dues are due annually on January 1st, each year. Membership becomes effective upon receipt of dues. No show points will be counted for any member until their dues are received by the Executive Secretary.

B. Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and will remain in effect until such time as the Board of Directors changes the amount of dues.

Section 3: Voting Rights: Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members at a General Membership meeting. No member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 4: Suspension and Termination of Membership:

A. Any member of the Association suspended, expelled or denied the privileges of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) shall automatically be suspended, expelled or denied the privileges of this Association, as the case may be, by the Association, without further action on the part of the Association, its Board of Directors or officers. Such suspension, expulsion or denial of privileges shall be considered effective the same date as the effective date of such suspension, expulsion or denial of privileges by the American Quarter Horse Association. Any member of this Association suspended, expelled or denied privileges pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered by the Association no longer under suspension, readmitted to membership or entitled to the privileges of the Association, as the case may be, in the event and when the American Quarter Horse Association terminates its suspension of said member, readmits such expelled member to membership in the American Quarter Horse Association.

B. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Association whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence that such member has violated any of these bylaws or rules and regulations of the Association. Without limited the foregoing, the following shall be considered as grounds for suspension or expulsion:

(a). A member failing to pay when due any obligation owing to the Association, including, but not limited to, any of the Association's committees, affiliated companies, or official publications, or for uttering to the Association, or any such entities, any negotiable instrument for entry fees, stall fees, office charges connected with the exhibition, performance or racing of horses, which uttered instrument is dishonored when presented for payment; provided, however, any such suspension or expulsion pursuant to this provision shall be held in abeyance for fifteen (15) days after the Association or its appropriate entity or agent gives such member written notice of such indebtedness or dishonor and the intention to suspend or expel such member. If the member does not honor his financial obligation as required by said notice, the membership of such offending member, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, shall automatically be suspended or terminated as the case may be, upon the expiration of said fifteen (15) day period. In the case of a member expelled pursuant to this subparagraph, no such member may be readmitted to membership unless and until such member's financial obligations to the Association have been discharged in full.

(b) A member, knowingly and willfully, materially misrepresenting, in any respect, any horse sold at either public sale or private sale, or shown, exhibited or raced at any show or race meet.

(c). A member, knowingly and willfully, violating the applicable laws with respect to buying and selling horses at an auction sale.

C. Except as provided in subparagraph B (1) above, whenever any member shall be accused of any conduct which would subject such member to suspension or expulsion by the Association, no such suspension or expulsion shall be imposed by the Association until such members has been given no less than fifteen (15) days notice of a time and a place for a hearing on such accusation before the Board of Directors or by an appropriate hearing committee designated by the President of the Association, at which time and place set for such hearing, the accused member shall have an opportunity, in person and/or by counsel, to be heard and to present evidence in such members behalf and to hear and refute any evidence offered against such member. The decision and action of the Board of Directors or such hearing committee shall be final and binding on all parties. Pending any such hearing, the Executive Secretary of the Association

may, by giving written notice of his action, temporarily suspend such member, the effect of which shall be to deny such member all privileges of the Association until the Board of Directors or such designated hearing committee can hear the subject accusation and act upon it.

- D. Whenever a member is suspended or expelled pursuant to this Section 4, notice of such suspension or expulsion may be published in the Association's official publication.
- E. No points will be earned during period on suspension nor will member have any voting rights.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Membership Meetings: There shall be an annual meeting of the Association during the month of November, unless another date is set by the Board of Directors, for receiving the annual reports of the previous year, the election of officers and the transaction of other business.

Section 2: Special Membership Meetings: Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President or the Board of Directors or shall be called by the President upon written request of twenty five percent (25%) of the voting membership of the Association.

Section 3: The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern all deliberations, when not in conflict with these bylaws.

Section 4: Notice of Meetings: Written notice of said membership meeting shall be sent to each member in good standing of the Association at his last known address at least fourteen (14) days prior to the holding of such meeting.

Section 5: Quorum: A quorum of members shall consist of the number of members present at any regular meeting or any special meeting of which notice is given. For the purposes of voting on issues which may only be approved by the majority of the membership, such as bylaw changes, mailings may be substituted. Said mailings shall include all information applicable to the issue, and shall include a statement that a non-reply shall constitute a vote of "yea" on the issue.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Number: The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) members of the Association in good standing. The immediate Past President shall be a member of the Board with voting privileges.

Section 2: Any AQHA Officer or Director who is a member of NQHA, and resides in the State of Nevada, shall be a member of the Board with voting privileges and shall be designated as a member at large.

Section 3: Any NQHA member who has served on the Board of Directors for fifteen (15) years, and has reached the age of seventy (70), shall be a member of the Board with voting privileges and shall be designated as a Director Emeritus.

Section 4: Term of Office: The nine (9) Directors shall serve for a period of two (2) years with terms of office, five (5) expiring one year and four (4) the next year in an alternate manner.

Section 5: Election:

- A. The election of Directors shall be held by mail ballot during the last quarter of the year in a manner prescribed by these bylaws.
- B. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed no later than September 1 of each year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) persons, who shall be selected as follows: one person appointed by the President who can come from either the Board or the General Membership, one person appointed by the Board from the General Membership and one person appointed by the Board from the Board of Directors. The purpose of this committee shall be to nominate qualified, interested members who are willing to serve in the capacity of Board member. In the year that five (5) members are to be elected to the Board, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of eight (8) candidates to the Board for their approval. Upon approval, a ballot shall be prepared with those eight (8) names and mailed to the General Membership for voting. The five (5) members receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected to the Board of Directors. In the year that four (4) members are to be elected to the Board, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of seven (7) candidates to the Board for their approval. Upon approval, a ballot shall be prepared with those seven (7) names and mailed to the General Membership for voting. The four (4) members receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected to the Board of Directors.
- C. Ballot Processing: A special Board of Directors meeting shall be called to verify and count ballots. In the event any elected person declines, the Executive Secretary will select the person receiving the next highest number of votes.
- D. Directors are elected at large.
- E. Any candidate for nomination must be a member in good standing and a resident of the State of Nevada.

Section 6: Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation or any due cause, shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining Directors, though less than a quorum. Any qualified member of the Association so appointed shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term of his predecessor in office, and until the

qualification and election of his successor. If the appointment is less than one (1) calendar year, it shall not count as a term of office.

Section 7 Powers:

- A.** The corporate powers of this Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the Association and shall have full power and it shall be their duty to enforce bylaws.
- B.** The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to expel or suspend any members or Director as provided in Article II, Section 4, of these bylaws.
- C.** The Directors, by a majority vote, shall have the power to include indebtedness within the limits fixed by the membership. The terms and amount of such indebtedness shall be entered in a ledger of the Association and reported at the meetings of the Directors.
- D.** It shall be the duty of the Directors to cause to be kept a complete record of all of their meetings and acts of all proceedings of the members and to present a full statement at the regular annual meeting of the members showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the Association and the condition of its affairs.
- E.** The Directors shall, by resolution, regularly passed and recorded in the minutes of their meeting, designate a bank with which the funds of the Association shall be deposited.
- F.** The Directors shall, by resolution passed and recorded in the minutes of their meeting, designate the manner in which checks on any bank account of the Association shall be signed, as well as the form of the endorsement of the Association to be placed upon checks or instruments for the purpose of deposit or otherwise.

Section 8 Absence:

- A.** Any member of the Board unable to attend a Board meeting shall contact the Executive Secretary or President, stating the reasons. A letter, telephone call or personal contact shall suffice. If a Director is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings, a resignation shall be deemed to have been tendered and accepted. If a Director is absent from more than half of the meetings during a calendar year, a resignation shall be deemed to have been tendered and accepted.

Section 9 Compensation: There shall be no compensation for Directors.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Meetings: Board of Directors' meetings shall be held quarterly. The date and place for any meeting may be set by order of the Board of Directors. This date may be changed if, in the opinion of the President, an alternate date would better suit the convenience of the majority of the Directors.

Section 2: Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President of the Association upon notice to the Directors, personally, or by telephone, at least seventy-two (72) hours before the date fixed for such special meeting. The proposed agenda of such special meeting must be expressed in the notice of such special meeting. Place, date and time of meeting must be specified in all notices of all special meetings.

Section 3: Quorum: A majority of the elected Board of Directors in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4: The President of the Nevada Quarter Horse Youth Association (NQHYA) will be invited to attend all NQHA Board of Director meetings to keep the Board advised of activities of the Youth Association. The NQHYA President will not have voting privileges on the Board.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1: Election: The elective officers of the Association shall be a President and Vice-President, who shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors for a term of two (2) years. Such election shall take place in the month of November.

Section 2: Each elective officer shall take office following the election, and shall serve for a term as outlined in Article IV, and until his successor is duly qualified and elected.

Section 3: Vacancies: Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term by the Directors at any regular meeting. If the appointment is less than one (1) year, it will not count as a term of office.

Section 4: President: The President shall be the Chief officer of the Association and shall preside at meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, and shall be a member Ex Officio of all committees. He shall also, at the annual meeting of the Association, and at such other times as shall be deemed proper, communicate to the Association or to the Board of Directors, such matters and make such suggestions as may, in his opinion, tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are necessary incident to the Office of President or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. No person shall hold the office of President for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 5: Vice President: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the powers and shall perform duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Executive Secretary:

- A. In addition to the officers named in Article VI, there shall be an Office of Executive Secretary. This office shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors to serve until resignation or removal from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for malfeasance of office or neglect of duty. The position of Executive Secretary may be a compensated position if the Board desires.
- B. The Executive Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, shall keep the minutes of all membership and Directors meetings; keep all documents and records of the Association. He shall keep a list of members of the Association and collect annual dues.
- C. The Executive Secretary or such assistants as may be appointed by the President shall keep an accurate record of all points accumulated by members of NQHA during the show year. This list shall be posted on the NQHA web-site as results from approved shows are received, or can be requested to be sent by mail if member so desires.
- D. The Executive Secretary shall also perform the duties of Treasurer for the Association. He shall keep or cause to be kept, an account of all monies received and expended for the use of the Association. All sums received he shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the bank. He shall make a report at the annual meeting or when called upon by the President.
- E. Under certain circumstances there may be appointed the position of Treasurer separate and apart from the office of Executive Secretary. Should this be the case, the Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and shall perform all duties mentioned in Article VI, Section D.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1: Appointment: The President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall annually appoint such standing committees as may be required by the bylaws and such special or subcommittees as he may find necessary. The President will designate the Chairman of each committee appointed and the Chairman of each committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors. A Board member may not serve as Chairman of more than one committee even though he may serve on more than one committee:

Section 2: Standing Committees: The following committees will comprise the official committees:

- a. Show.
- b. Rules and Bylaws.
- c. Recreational Riding.
- d. Membership Services and Development.
- e. Finance/Sponsorships
- f. Youth Activities
- g. Racing

In addition to the Chairman of the Committee, the President shall also appoint a Youth Advisor, who may come from the General Membership. Additional members may be appointed by the President to complete the Youth Committee.

Section 3: Term of Office: Each member of a committee appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

ARTICLE VII

CONSTRUCTION OF BYLAWS

Section 1: On all questions arising as to the construction or the meaning of the bylaws, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS

Section 1: Power to repeal or amend these bylaws and adopt new bylaws is hereby delegated to the Board of Directors, subject, of course to the majority of the voting members of this Association.

ARTICLE X

STANDING RULES

Section 1: The organization, through its Board of Directors, shall adopt certain Standing Rules. The Rules shall set forth such things as the amount of annual dues, show approval requirements, point system, year end awards and requirements for same and any other such rules as may be required to conduct the day to day business of the organization. These rules may be changed from time to time as necessary by a majority decision of the Board of Directors, except that any changes to the point system or requirements for year-end awards may only be changed at the annual meeting.

STANDING RULES OF THE NEVADA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION (Revised November 1, 2008)

Section 1: Membership Dues:

A. Membership dues, as set by the Board of Directors are as follows:

Senior Member:	\$40.00
Senior Life Member	\$300.00
Senior Couple:	\$45.00
Ranch or Business:	\$45.00
Couple, Ranch, Business Life	\$400.00
Youth Member: annual	\$10.00
Youth Lifetime	\$25.00

(will be a member as long as eligible to show in youth)

NQHA Horse Nomination Fee: \$15.00 per class with a maximum fee of \$45.00 to include unlimited class eligibility.

NQHA ASAP Nomination Fee: \$25.00 fee for unlimited classes and divisions.

Section 2: Show Approval:

- A.** To obtain NQHA Approval for a show, an "Application for Approval" form shall be completed and a photocopy of the original AQHA approval request form will be attached and mailed. Requests should be received at least ninety (90) days prior to the first date of the proposed show.
- B.** A separate "Application for Approval" form must be completed for each show when requesting circuit approvals. Approval fee will be \$1/entry at the given show, unless a previous contract has been agreed upon. Show results are to be mailed to NQHA within fifteen (15) days after final day of the show.
- C.** Show approval monies are to go toward year-end awards.
- D.** Show results must be legible photocopies of the originals sent to AQHA.
- E.** All applications for NQHA approval must be filed on standard forms furnished by NQHA office.
- F.** Every NQHA approved show will have a reasonable amount of membership applications at the show office to be given to exhibitors wishing to join, initialed and acknowledged by the Show Secretary, and sent to the NQHA Secretary by the exhibitor within forty-eight hours of the show.
- G.** No two (2) Quarter Horse Shows may be approved on the same day unless approval is given by the board on a case by case basis. All established shows have priority providing they apply for approval ninety (90) days prior to the show date.
- H.** The Board of Directors shall advise all shows obtaining NQHA approval that they are not permitted to charge post entry fees to anyone entering prior to the morning of the show.

Section 3: Points:

- A.** For points to count in the NQHA Year End Awards Program, all owners listed on the AQHA papers must be current members of NQHA or NQHYA before any points will count.
- B.** Final awards will be made only to current NQHA and NQHYA members who have kept their membership current during the year. Each member's dues are due annually on January 1 of each year.
- C.** Points for new members will be tabulated from the date of application and monies paid.
- D.** Year end awards shall go to the owner of the nominated horse which earned the most points during the year while owned by a member in good standing.
- E.** If a nominated horse is exhibited in the open division by a youth member, but ownership is in the parent's name, the parents must be a current member of NQHA in order for points to count.
- F.** NQHA points shall be tabulated as follows, based upon the total number of horses actually placed in that class, plus AQHA points.

of Horses

In Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
1	1									
2	2	1								
3	3 ½	2	1							
4	4 ½	3	2	1						
5	6	4 ½	3	2	1					
6	7	5 ½	4	3	2	1				
7	8	6 ½	5	4	3	2	1			
8	9	7 ½	6	5	4	3	2	1		
9	10	8 ½	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

10 or more - Additions will be made based on AQHA points.

G. Thus, in a three horse class, there three horses are placed, winner will actually receive 3 NQHA points as winner, plus a ½ AQHA point, for a total of 3 ½ points earned. Second would receive 2 NQHA points, with no AQHA points awarded, for a total of 2 points earned. In a ten horse class, wherein nine horses were placed, winner would receive 9 NQHA points as winner, plus 2 AQHA points for a total of 11 points earned. Second would receive 8 NQHA points, plus 1 AQHA point for a total of 9 points earned. Third would receive 7 NQHA points with ½ AQHA point awarded, etc.

H. Point tabulation for Grand and Reserve Halter Horses:

(a.) The horse winning the grand champion award for the day shall receive points equal to the AQHA points awarded to the first place horse in the largest class of that division, plus an additional point for grand champion. If his or her class is the largest class, they shall receive their regular class points plus one point for grand champion.

(b.) The horse winning the reserve champion award for the day shall receive points equal to the AQHA points awarded to the first place horse in the largest class of that division in the largest class is other than his or her own class plus one half a point for reserve grand. If his or her class is the largest they shall receive their regular class point plus one half a point for reserve grand champion.

Section 4: Awards:

A. The Nevada Quarter Horse Association will give year-end awards in all approved AQHA classes, with the following exceptions: Youth & Amateur Halter, awards will be given in 2 & Under and 3 & Over Youth in Geldings and Youth Mares, and 2 & Under and 3 & Over in Amateur Stallions, Mares & Geldings.

B. Eligibility for Year End Awards:

(a.) Must be current member of NQHA or NQHYA; points will be tabulated as of the date of membership being received in the NQHA office. Horse must have shown in one NQHA *Sponsored* circuit.

(b.) An exhibited horse must be nominated each year to be eligible for a year-end award. The nomination fee per horse will be \$15.00 per class with a maximum fee of \$45.00 to include unlimited class eligibility.

(c.) Champion and Reserve: Must earn a minimum of fifteen (15) points and must exhibit the nominated horse in (10) ten shows.

(d.) All-Around Horse: The Horse must earn a minimum of 60 points. These must include a minimum of 10 points each earned in no less than three categories (as established in the AQHA Rule Book.) Contestant must exhibit nominated horse in no less than 10 of the approved shows, in all three categories.

(e.) All-Around Green Horse: The Horse must earn a minimum of 50 points. Points will be earned for this award in the AQHA Green Horse Classes as listed in the AQHA Rulebook and an AQHA Open Halter Class. Of the 50 points required, a minimum of 10 points must be earned in the open halter category and in at least two other categories (as established in the AQHA Rule Book).

(f.) All-Around Youth will be awarded to the Youth who earns the most points with one horse. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth/amateur with each horse will be compiled separately. In order to be eligible for this award, a total of 50 points must be earned with a minimum of 10 points each earned in no less than four categories (as established in the AQHA Rule Book). Contestant must exhibit nominated horse in no less than 10 of the approved shows, in all four categories.

(g.) All-Around Amateur will be awarded to the Amateur who earns the most points with one horse. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth/amateur with each horse will be compiled separately. In order to be eligible for this award, a total of 50 points must be earned with a minimum of 10 points each earned in no less than four categories (as established in the AQHA Rule Book). Contestant must exhibit nominated horse in no less than 10 of the approved shows, in all four categories.

(h.) All-Around Novice Youth will be awarded to the Novice Youth earning the most total points with one horse. In order to be eligible for this award a total of 50 points must be earned in no less than two (2) categories (as established in the AQHA Rule Book). Contestant must exhibit nominated horse in no less than 10 of the approved shows, in both categories.

(i.) All-Around Novice Amateur will be awarded to the Novice Amateur earning the most total points with one horse. In order to be eligible for this award a total of 50 points must be earned in no less than two (2) categories (as established in the AQHA Rule Book). Contestant must exhibit nominated horse in no less than 10 of the approved shows, in both categories.

Section 5: NQHA All Breed Show Awards Program (NQHA ASAP)

A. Purpose:

The NQHA All Breed Show Awards Program is designed to recognize NQHA members that exhibit their horses in all breed classes offered at the NQHA sponsored shows. This year end award program welcomes all breeds of horses and encourages participation in a friendly and enjoyable format at all NQHA events.

B. Classes to be offered:

1. Showmanship
2. Hunter Under Saddle
3. Hunt Seat Equitation
4. Western Pleasure
5. Western Horsemanship
6. Trail
7. Equestrians with Disabilities – Horsemanship – All Age
8. Equestrians with Disabilities – Trail - All Age

C. Divisions Offered:

1. Youth 18 and Under (all 6 classes)
2. Non-Pro 19 and Over (all 6 classes)
3. Open (Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Trail Only)

D. Eligibility Requirements:

1. Owner and exhibitor must be a member of NQHA
2. All breeds of horses are welcome.
3. Must show in at least 5 NQHA Sponsored shows
4. Must nominate horse to the program before points will count.
5. All other AQHA rules and NQHA by-laws apply.
6. If an all breed class is offered at a show that is not one of the eight, it will not count for year end awards.

E. Awards

1. Class, Circuit, and All Around Prizes will be given at major circuits.
2. Year End Awards will be given to nominated horses at the NQHA Annual Awards Banquet.
 - a. Awards will be given in each class and division first through fifth place.
 - b. All Around Awards will be given to the horse that earns the most points in each of the three divisions.

Section 6: Trail Ride Awards Program

A. Eligibility:

(a) Rider must be a member of NQHA or NQHYA.

(b) Rider must be an AQHA or AQHYA member (you can belong to AQHA or NQHA regardless of what breed of horse you own)

(c) Rider must enroll in the AQHA All Breed Riding Program or the AQHA Horseback Riding Program for Registered American Quarter Horses.

(d) Rider's horse must be nominated for year end awards with NQHA.

(e) Rider must attend at least three organized rides within Nevada. Two rides must be an AQHA/NQHA sponsored ride. The third ride may be a ride that has been approved by NQHA and is sponsored by any other organized club.

(f) Verification of rider's attendance from approved rides by other organized clubs will need to be sent to NQHA within 30 days of the ride.

B. Awards:

A special buckle presentation for those completing the program will be held at the NQHA Awards Banquet.

Section 7: Racing Awards Program

A. Each year awards will be given in the racing program as decided by the appointed racing committee. The awards will be given out at the year-end awards banquet and the winners will be notified.