



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 Show Committee at least 60 days prior to the show date(s).
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 meet all AQHA requirements including but not limited to:
 - Clean and sanitary toilet facilities
 - Liability Insurance
 - Clean and safe stalls
 - Ribbons and/or awards
7. Show Management is encouraged to offer an Open Walk/Trot Showmanship and Pleasure Class for 11 & under (Small Fry) children.
8. Show Management is encouraged to use the VQHA marketing materials to distribute show programs to VQHA members. Show bills will be published in member newsletters, email marketing and other communication materials. Submission of a PDF file at least 45 days prior to the show date is encouraged.
9. 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 and copied to AQHA before VQHA show approval is denied.

Sanctioning & Approval Fees:

A letter requesting show approval must be sent each year to the current VQHA Board Secretary. Show Management must collect \$3.00 per judge per horse (\$2.00 per judge per horse for shows not held in the Commonwealth of Virginia). This fee must be collected from the owners or exhibitors of horses and submitted to the VQHA Business within 30 days of the end show date. Show management will be fined at least \$50 per day for every day their sanction fees are late. Failure to comply may also result in refusal of VQHA to approve your show the following year and/or disciplinary action from AQHA.

VQHA SHOW SANCTIONING CRITERIA

1. Limit the total number of approved shows to a manageable level (45 or less, but not including reciprocal shows).
2. Limit the total number of approved Special Events to no more than 15 per year.
3. Require that the Show Sanction Request be received by the VQHA Business Office by February 10th for priority consideration, or (60) sixty days prior to the show date, whichever occurs first.
4. No show may be sanctioned that conflicts with another show that has previously been approved for the current year.
5. Show approval does not carry over from year to year, but must be obtained for each individual show.
6. Consideration Priority:
 - VQHA
 - VQHA Regions
 - VQHYA
 - VQHA Amateurs
 - Previously sanctioned organizations
 - New requests

Shows having been sanctioned and held the previous year are considered an “established show” and have priority to reserve identical days per calendar week for the current year.