

A QUICK GUIDE TO THOSE STARTING OUT!

If you are just starting out, or wanting to change to the western discipline here are a few things that may help you. Always remember you are welcome to contact the committee members, if you need further help, advice, direction, or just have any questions.

Permanant Numbers

2014...NOTE - Change to Permanent Numbers Procedure

To hold a Permanent Number for your horse/s at WAQHA shows, you will need to be a member of your affiliate (WAQHA/PRAC/Statewide Paints). So when you request a permanent number you will need to provide a copy of your affiliate's membership card. If you are not a member of your affiliate, each time you attend a WAQHA show you will need to see the office staff and be given a temporary number. These numbers are not for you to keep, you must return these at the end of the show or conclusion of your events. To request a Permanent Number please email committee@waqha.com.au with a photocopy of your membership card. Do Not Allocate Your Own Number, this must be done by the club.

Terminology

Some of the classifications can be a bit confusing so here are a few you may come across when starting out.

"A" class show: This means that the show is approved by the Australian Quarter Horse Association and points earned at one of these will be of the standard rate.

"AA" class show this means the show is approved by the A.Q.H.A and points earned will be of double value.

"B" class show is not officially approved by the A.Q.H.A but points can be earned on a half value.

The other terms you may hear or read according to show programs are:

Senior Horse This is a class only for horses 6 yrs and older.

Junior Horse This is a class only for horses under 6 yrs of age.

Amateur These classes are only for people who hold an amateur owner card (acquired from the A.Q.H.A.) which means that the horse you show must be either owned or leased by you or your immediate family and that you have not shown, trained or assisted in the training of a horse for either direct or indirect compensation in the three years prior to application or your amateur ticket.

Youth these classes are for people aged 18 yrs and younger.

Walk/jog These classes are great for people starting out, young horses or people that feel they are not yet up to loping.

Novice these classes are for people that feel they are not quite up to amateur level yet but are able to lope their horses comfortably.

Jog this is a two beat gate best described as a very slow trot.

Lope This is a three beat gate best described as a very slow canter.

Rein back go backwards.

Overtaking is always done to the inside of the arena, do not cut across the arena or do a small circle to make space, just pass on the inside leaving plenty of room around the horse you are passing.

The Horse

To compete in approved A class show halter classes the horse must be of Quarter Horse breeding. We do hold B class shows thru out the year and as these are not an approved show, you can ride what ever breed of horse you have although the quarter horse breed tend to do a lot better at it than other breeds and a non quarter horse can not collect points. Paint horses and appaloosas can compete in "A" class shows so long as they are registered with their particular breed association.

The Clothes

To compete at any western show you must wear long pants (slacks or jeans depending on if you are riding or showing in hand), long sleeve shirt (for ridden) or jacket (for halter) and a western hat. You can acquire theses things from specialized western shops found all over the country or even over seas, or you can pick up clothes that will do the job for most of the shows at other places. Your best bet is to look at magazines, the internet or what people are wearing at our shows to give you an idea of what to wear and you will be able to duplicate the look your self