

UPDATE FOR AQHA MEMBERS

16 July 2020

Dear Members,

Covid-19 seems to be relentless and is still causing havoc in some States.

The Board of Directors have had to make decisions due to Covid-19 and I am sure there are still more to come.

The Directors responsibilities are to all members and to make sure that decisions made are fair and equitable to all.

There may be more border closures, more outbreaks, more Government regulations and restrictions still to be enforced and the AQHA Board of Directors will keep you informed of any decisions made as a result.

Taking into account the current situation, and decisions that members may have to make for the months ahead, the Board advises the following:

Extension of Show Season

Some States will not be able to run shows from 1 August 2020 and therefore the 2019/2020 Show Season extension will be withdrawn and will end on 31 July 2020.

We have informed other Western Breed organisations regarding this decision.

Amateur/Select Amateurs

Please note that your permits will need to be renewed as from 1 August 2020 to be eligible to compete in Amateur/Select classes at shows.

SA State Show and QLD State Show

These two (2) State shows were to be run prior to 31 July 2020 but due to Covid-19, had to postpone their dates.

The two shows are approved to run in September 2020 and will be run under the rules of the current rule book, regarding age of horse, youth age and amateur/select status as of 31 July 2020.

Q20 National Championships

Scheduled for 14 to 19 October 2020, AELEC Tamworth.

Please note that if all members do not have the opportunity to compete, due to border closure, Q20 will be cancelled. This will be revisited by the Board, prior to the opening of entries, stable and camping, on the 7th September 2020.

Annual High Point Awards 2019/2020

There are two (2) types of Annual Awards being State and National

1. National Awards

Due to the uncertainty of Q20, SA State Show, QLD State Show being able to run, and the restrictions that have not allowed our members to show for the last four (4) months, there will be no National High Point Awards for the 2019/2020 season.

2. State Awards

State Awards will be awarded according to points already submitted to the AQHA and points gained at the SA & QLD State shows will be counted towards State High Point Awards for 2019/2020.

If for some reason these two (2) State shows do not run in September, they will not be rescheduled. SA & QLD State Awards will still be awarded according to points already submitted.

ROM's and Achievement Awards

If run, points gained at Q20, SA and QLD State shows will count towards horses, youth and amateur/select ROMS etc.

2020/2021 Annual High Point Awards

Some States will not be able to commence showing from 1 August 2020 and we have no idea as to when all States will get back to "normal".

No decision has been made regarding the above but will be discussed by the AQHA Board in the next month.

Membership renewals – Fees have not increased

Membership renewals are due on the 1st August 2020. Renewals can be easily made via our website if you have been financial for the 2019 – 2020 year, or via email, fax or post from the 20th July 2020.

2020 Rule Book

The new printed Rule Book has arrived in the office and will be posted to members when we process your membership renewal. The updated Rule book is also available via our website.

Schedule of Fees to come into effect 1 August 2020

The Board realises the hardships that many of our members have been through over the last 12 months with the losses due to the bushfires and Covid-19 affecting the income of many, and the fact that some of our country has been in drought for quite some time, therefore the fees have not been increased with the exception of the following:

"Gelding to Colt' where a member has registered a horse as a gelding and then decided to leave this horse as a colt, the fee for this will be \$500 (incl GST).

Breeding Return fees will be the same price for all stallions

Equitana 2020

Has been cancelled and is proposed to run in July 2021.

Online Judging Program

Will be released on 1 August 2020. All current Judges must complete the Refresher exam on an annual basis. There will be no need to attend a Judging Seminar every 3 years. This will reduce the costs for Judges. New applicant Judges can apply at any time to become an AQHA Judge.

Stay safe,

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



Carol Ricketts
President