

# Show checklist

To help our office staff please review the following checklist before you leave home & ensure you have everything you need for a stress-free horse show 😊

## ✓ **Booking Stalls**

Stalls are to be booked with the show manager prior to arrival on the show grounds. Cancellation of stalls must be done by the Monday of show week to avoid being charged. Any stalls booked and not cancelled by the Monday deadline will be charged 50% of the stall fee.

The barns open the day before the show starts at 8 am. Arrival before this time **must be arranged in advance with the show manager.**

## ✓ **Entering the Show**

Please send in all your entry information and payment before the show. EMAIL [mlynnkeith@gmail.com](mailto:mlynnkeith@gmail.com), or online submission at [www.maritimeqha.com](http://www.maritimeqha.com) This will make your registration at that show run much smoother and quicker. Horses and riders must be registered, and classes and fees paid for prior to being allowed to compete. Competitors may add classes at the office throughout the weekend if they chose to do so.

It is the exhibitors' responsibility to know the AQHA and MQHA rules. AQHA rule books are free when requested from AQHA once your membership has been paid.

## ✓ **Performance Halter Entry**

Proof of ROM for Performance Halter – you must provide proof of ROM with your entry. The show office will not go online to retrieve this info on your behalf at the show. If you do not have proof of ROM, you will not be able to enter Performance Halter

## ✓ **Futurity Entry**

All MQHA Futurity and Stakes Classes MUST be entered at the latest the night before the first go of the class. NO EXCEPTIONS. Futurity & Stakes classes will require a minimum of 3 entries to be run. If there are less than 3 entries, the futurity class will be cancelled and futurity entry fees refunded to exhibitors.

## ✓ **Memberships**

Remember – to ensure all your points count towards MQHA Year End Awards, the exhibitors and horse owner MUST BE AN MQHA MEMBER BEFORE YOU SHOW. You and your horse become eligible once your membership has been paid. Membership forms are available in the show office during shows, as well as on the MQHA website. [www.maritimeqha.com](http://www.maritimeqha.com)

## ✓ **When you Arrive at the show grounds**

Once you locate your stall, please check in at the show office. Each exhibitor must present:

- AQHA registration papers for each horse being shown
- AQHA Membership card *\*\*if you forget your membership, you must purchase another membership at the show. AQHA tries to ensure memberships purchased at shows are credited to your account thus extending your membership by the amount of time you purchased, however this is not guaranteed.*
- Proof of AQHA lease arrangement if showing a leased horse as per AQHA rules.
- ✓ Payment must be made with the office upon registering for classes the evening before the show begins.

## **NSF Policy**

A fee of \$40.00 will be charged on all NSF payments in addition to replacement of the original amount. This payment must be made in cash/email transfer. Further payments to MQHA for the remainder of the year by that person must be in cash or email transfer.

## ✓ **Unsettled Accounts**

All accounts must be settled in full with the office prior to competing. Person(s) departing the show grounds with an unpaid MQHA Account will have their accumulated MQHA points voided and may be reported to AQHA, resulting in membership suspension. Subsequent bills in the same year MUST BE PREPAID. This applies to all fees including tack stalls and electrical hookups.

# General Show Rules

**Youth** – is 18 years of age & under as of January 1st of the show year

Youth/Novice Youth must have the appropriate AQHA Youth/Novice Youth membership card or purchase at show

Stallions are NOT permitted in Youth Classes. NO EXCEPTIONS

Maritime Quarter Horse Association is an affiliate of AQHA. All shows will be run in accordance with AQHA rules. It is the exhibitors responsibility to know the rules.

**Amateurs/Novice Amateurs** must show valid Amateur/Novice Amateur Card or apply at show. Amateurs must comply with ownership rules per AQHA Rulebook.

**Leases** as applicable per AQHA rules re: showing non-owned horse are required and must be provided to Show aangement. Leased horses are eligible for Year End Awards with MQHA, same membership rules apply.

## **Fees & Stall Info**

Hay & Feed will NOT be available at the show. Bedding is available for purchase directly from PLP Show Park Staff.

**Waiver:** All exhibitors and owners (parents of exhibitors under 18 years of age), must sign a waiver stating sponsors, organizers, staff, MQHA, AQHA do not assume responsibility for accident or illness to horses, attendants, riders, spectators, or others on the property or loss of/damage to equipment or personal belongings and that you assume all risks.

## **Fees:**

Box Stall - \$25/day

Grounds Fee \$25/day

Extra Night Stall \$25/day

Tack Stall \$25/day

Double Stall (barn 1-4) \$45/day

Stalls **Barn 5** \$45/day

Tack Stall **Barn 5** \$45 day

Office Fee \$10/judge

Electrical (2 way) \$25/day

Electrical (3 way) \$35/day

Drug Fee \$4/horse/judge

AQHA Fee \$7/judge

Class Fee \$10/judge

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are parked in a spot where hookup is available, you will be charged hookup fees. Dry camping is limited but available in the parking lot and behind Barn 4. "Piggybacking" of hookups will be charged per unit connected to the trailer parked in the space. Example: Mark plugs into Robb's trailer for 2 days, Robb will be charged for 2 hookups for 2 days.

\*\*If an exhibitor shows in a Performance class, they are able to enter the coinciding halter class for free.

\*\*\* Exhibitors competing in the Walk/Jog classes are not permitted to lope ANYWHERE ON THE GROUNDS

# Futurity & Stakes Classes Rules

1. Futurities and Stakes Classes are open to Registered AQHA & APHA horses
2. Both the Owner and Exhibitor MUST be current MQHA members. MQHA Futurity/Stake Exhibitor Requirements: an individual/handler may not show an entry in a Futurity/Stake Class for which the exhibitor would require an AQHA permit to exhibit the entry in a regular AQHA class. (Novice, Youth, and Amateurs please take note). A leased horse may be shown in the open Futurity classes, see Lease requirements in Show Rules.
3. Owners, exhibitors and parent or guardian of exhibitor or owner are under 18 years of age, are required to sign a waiver.
4. All Futurities/Stakes Classes EXCEPT Yearling Lunge Line, will be one go, double judged. Payouts will only be issued for the amount that is in the class. EXAMPLE: If there are only 3 exhibitors in the class, the money added and entry fees will only be paid out to the exhibitors in the class. The remaining amount will be retained by MQHA.
5. Entry Deadline for these classes is no later than the evening before the 1<sup>st</sup> go. Fees will be added to your show bill. There are no refunds for scratched futurity classes.
6. Placings will be calculated by converting each judges' placings into numerical scores. (see chart below) If the combined score results in a tied placing, then a tie-breaking judge will be used. First place ties will be broken.

1 <sup>st</sup> 120	6 <sup>th</sup> 55	11 <sup>th</sup> 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> 105	7 <sup>th</sup> 45	12 <sup>th</sup> 10
3 <sup>rd</sup> 91	8 <sup>th</sup> 36	13 <sup>th</sup> 6
4 <sup>th</sup> 78	9 <sup>th</sup> 28	14 <sup>th</sup> 3
5 <sup>th</sup> 66	10 <sup>th</sup> 21	15 <sup>th</sup> 1

7. 20% of Entry fees will be retained by MQHA to support expenses.
8. Dispersal of Prize money is as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Judge 25%, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judge 25%, Overall 50%
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 38%
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 22%
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 15%
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 11%
  - 5<sup>th</sup> 8%
  - 6<sup>th</sup> 6%

## Lead Line 8 & Under Rules

1. Lead Line competitors must be 8 years or younger as of January 1 of the show year
2. Horses to be shown at the walk in both directions of the ring. At the judges discretion, the ring may be halved. Horses will be shown in proper tack for Western or English and will be led by a person with a halter and lead. As per AQHA Rules exhibitors must have their feet in the stirrups. "Buddy Stirrups" are permitted. Reins will be held by the exhibitor. Exhibitors will show a suitable attire for Western or English.

# MQHA Year End Awards Eligibility & Requirements

1. Horses become eligible for year end awards when owners and exhibitors membership has been paid in full for the year. A horse purchased from a non-member becomes eligible for points only from the date of purchase by MQHA member. Transfer of ownership between members will not alter Open points. Points accumulate only after membership has been paid. NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. For a horse to be eligible for an award, the class must be offered at and shown in at least 60% of the MQHA pointed shows. Please note the number of shows is based on the individual days and will be rounded up or down at the 0.5 mark.

## 2018 MQHA Pointed Shows

Date	Show Format	Value of # of Shows
July 6 – 9, 2018	Split Combined, Double Judged	4 shows
August 3 -6, 2018	Split Combined, Double Judged	4 shows
September 1-2, 2018	**MPHC Hosted Show 3 Judges	3 Shows
Total Eligible Judges		11

**For 2018 the qualifying number of shows/judges will be SEVEN (7)**

3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to advise the point secretary of any change in ownership.
4. Points will be based on the following: Horses placing in the top 10 will be given a point for each horse placing below them, plus one point. Not to exceed 10 points  
EXAMPLE: in a class of 10 horses, 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 9 points, etc
5. Grand & Reserve could receive additional points. The Grand Champion horse must receive one point more than any other horse in the same sex division, and the Reserve horse must receive one half point more than any other horse in the same sex division, except the Grand horse. These additional points are not awarded for the individual class but to the overall division awards.
6. All Around points for each horse in the Open division and each horse/rider combination in the Amateur, Youth & Novice divisions are then added together to obtain the overall year-end awards.
7. In order for a horse to be eligible for MQHA Year End All Around (High Point & Reserve High Point) they must:
  - a. Compete in at least 3 division classes per show at a minimum of 60% of the MQHA pointed shows.
  - b. Open, Youth & Amateur All Around - Horses **must** show in the halter class of their respective division.
  - c. Novice Halter will not be a required class for Novice High Point All Around.
8. There will be no year end award for Novice Halter classes in 2018.
9. In the event of a tie for High Point Overall Halter in any division, the award will go to the horse earning the most Grand Champions.
10. In the event of a tie for a High Point Class Award, the award will go to the horse with the most first place wins. If there is still a tie, then the award will go to the horse that has shown in the most classes for that event. If a tie still remains, the award will go to the horse with the highest placing under the last judge both horses showed under.
11. High point for Lead Line is based on the exhibitor only. Both rider and horse owner must be MQHA members in good standing for points to count. EXAMPLE: Sally rides Rusty at show # 1, and Snoopy at show # 2, both Rusty & Snoopys owners must be MQHA members, in addition to the exhibitor.

# Lunge Line Futurity Guidelines

1. Horses are to be shown in a halter, regular or show type is acceptable.
2. For the lunging demonstration, the only attachment to the halter allowed is the lunge line. The lunge line may not exceed 30' in length, with a snap attached to the halter. The lunge line must hang free from the halter without touching any part of the horse. Lunge whips are permitted.
3. No other equipment is allowed on the horse during the class except for a lead shank during the conformation judging. Mechanical or retractable lunge lines are not allowed.
4. For the conformation inspection, a lead shank such as used in halter or showmanship classes may be exchanged for the lunge line prior to the lunging demonstration.
5. Exhibitors are not to be penalized for using regular halters and plain lunge lines, nor are they to be rewarded for using show halters and plain lunge lines, or show lunge lines. Only movement, manners/expression/way of going, and conformation are being judged. The type of equipment used is not to be a consideration in placing the horse as long as the equipment meets the requirements stated above.

## Attire

Conventional Western attire (similar to that worn in Halter or showmanship) is mandatory, except if a prospect is considered to be a Hunter prospect, then conventional English attire is suggested. The type of attire worn by the exhibitor is not to be a consideration in placing the horse as long as the attire meets the requirements stated above.

## Gaits

Gaits are to be judged according to the rules for Gaits for Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle classes.

## Conformation & Equipment inspection

Each horse is to be inspected by the judge(s) on conformation, proper equipment and for evidence of abuse or inhumane treatment. It is mandatory that a "trot off" be administered by the judge in the conformation portion of the class prior to lunging. Horses that show evidence of lameness will be excused prior to the lunging demonstration.