

Show info:

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

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.

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 Management.

Leased horses are eligible for Year End Awards with MQHA. Horse owner and leaser must be MQHA members.

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.

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

7. 20% of Entry fees will be retained by MQHA to support expenses. 8. Dispersal of Prize money is as follows: 1st Judge 25%, 2nd Judge 25%, Overall 50%

1st 38%, 2nd 22%, 3rd 15%, 4th 11%, 5th 8%, 6th 6%

Lunge Line Futurity Guidelines

1. Horses are to be shown in a halter, regular or show type is acceptable.
2. For the longing 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 de

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.

Show High Point and Reserve All Around Divisions

All around High Point and Reserve will be based on entire show circuit. Points will be added from classes shown in the following divisions.

Please note that Halter is not required to qualify for All Around. If you choose to show halter those points will count but participation in halter is not a requirement.

Open

Youth

Novice Youth

Novice Youth Walk Jog

Amateur

Novice Amateur

Novice Amateur Walk Jog