

AQHA-UK Championship Rules 2018

1. Classes & Qualification

- 1.1. The AQHA-UK will run two AQHA shows (split/combined) and a double judged Championship Show at the AQHA-UK Breed and Championship Show 2018.
- 1.2. Championship classes will include Youth, Amateur and Open divisions
- 1.3. A pre-qualification will be required for entry into all the Championship Classes. See full set of qualification rules in Schedule 1 attached.
- 1.4. Halter Classes Supreme Champion Award will be judged by the same judge/s as per the Championship Performance Classes, qualification for which is detailed in Schedule 1 attached.
- 1.5. ALL owners and lessees, exhibitors and riders of any horse entered in any Championship class must be an AQHA-UK member or youth member in good standing to be eligible.
- 1.6. The maximum number of Championship Performance Classes that will be awarded are:
 - Amateur** (excl halter) - 9 classes (Western Riding, Western Pleasure, Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Reining and Ranch Riding)
 - Youth** (excl halter) - 9 classes (as Amateur)
 - Open** (excl halter) - 6 classes (Western Riding, Western Pleasure, Trail, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle and Ranch Riding)
- 1.7. The maximum number of Championship Halter Classes that will be awarded are:
 - Amateur** Halter Classes - 18 classes (Stallions, Geldings, Mares in Age Divisions)
 - Youth** Halter Classes - 12 classes (Geldings & Mares in Age Divisions)
 - Open** Halter Classes - 18 classes (Stallions, Geldings, Mares in Age Divisions)

2. Awards

- 2.1. Rosettes will be awarded to 6th Place for all classes. Championship Rosettes will be awarded to 6th Place for the Championship Classes.
- 2.2. A Buckle or Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the AQHA-UK Championship Classes and all Championships will be determined on a 'highest placings' basis with the previously nominated Tie Break Judge making any final decision in the event of a tie.
- 2.3. A Perpetual Trophy along with a Buckle or Trophy will be awarded to the AQHA-UK Supreme Champion.
- 2.4. L1 (Novice) Youth and L1 (Novice Amateur) - The highest placed combination across all classes over the 2 AQHA Shows will be named Hi Point Champions in each of these divisions and will be awarded a Champion rosette and a Buckle or Trophy; runner up places will receive a rosette and sash. In the event that a tie break criteria is required it shall be resolved as per AQHA Rule SHW803.9
- 2.5. AQHA-UK Super Horse will be awarded to the Open Hi Point Winner across both AQHA Shows and is subject to entry in an Open Halter Class.
- 2.6. AQHA-UK Best UK Bred Quarter Horse will be awarded a Trophy and will be held in accordance with the rules as shown in Schedule 2 attached.

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- 2.7. All award winners of Championship Classes are required to attend the award ceremony and official photograph, anyone not attending correctly dressed and with their horse may be forced to forfeit the award and any prize money if applicable.
- 2.8. If applicable a Tie-Break judge will be announced in the schedule prior to commencement of the show.
3. Competitors will be eligible to earn AQHA points in all AQHA classes in accordance with the AQHA Rules 2018.
4. Welfare
- 4.1 All members or competitors should abide by the AQHA Welfare/Drugs Policies.
- 4.2 AQHA-UK reserves the right to test any horse/competitor competing at the show to ensure compliance with 4.1
- 4.2 Entry into any classes held over the duration of the show will be considered as acceptance of the rule stated in 4.1 & 4.2

Schedule 1 – Qualifying Rules

AQHA-UK British Supreme Halter Champion Award

The British Supreme Open Champion and Reserve Champion will qualify from the winners of the AQHA Open Grand Champions of both AQHA Shows.

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In order to qualify for the Championship Classes* competitors will need to place 1st to 6th in that class at any 2 Qualifying Shows (listed below). Double Judged or Split/Combined Shows will count as only one qualifying show and we will take your highest placing as the Championship Qualifier.

Sherwood Easter Show - Oakridge 29th March - 1st April
GoE Wake Up Show –Bodiam 22rd April
Fenland Show - Sovereign QH 4th - 6th May
GoE Spring Show - Bodiam 24th - 28th May
Fenland Show - Sovereign QH 22nd – 24th June
Sherwood Summer Sizzler - Oakridge 28th June – 1st July
GoE International Show - 11th - 15th July
and a final opportunity actually at
AQHA UK Breed Show – Oakridge 14th-15th September

*Championship Classes in Youth, Amateur & Open Divisions, see AQHA-UK Website for a full list. Qualification for Amateur & Youth is Horse/Rider combination and Horse only for Open classes.

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Schedule 2 – AQHA-UK Best UK Bred Quarter Horse Rules

In previous years this award was run in conjunction with the AQHA-UK Futurity Scheme. From 2018 it will now form a part of the entire AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show.

1. The purpose of the award is to encourage participation and promote 'British Bred Quarter Horses' at the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show.
2. To be eligible for this award the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The horse must be currently registered with both AQHA and AQHA-UK (Section 1 or Appendix)
 - b. The horse must have been *conceived and foaled* in the UK, *a veterinary breeding certificate may be required if deemed necessary.*
 - c. The registered owner of the horse must hold current AQHA-UK *and AQHA* membership
 - d. *The exhibitor(s) of the horse must hold current AQHA-UK and AQHA membership*
3. The award will be given to the horse that meets the above criteria and attains the highest number of points over AQHA classes in a single division (Youth, Amateur or Open – L1 not included) held at the AQHA-UK Breed/Championship Show under all Judges.
4. Points will be awarded as per AQHA All-Around Rule SHW803.8, i.e Horses placing in the top 9 will be given one point for each horse/contestant placing below them plus one point not to exceed 9 points. E.g. in a class of 9 or more horses, the 1st placed horse shall receive 9 points, 2nd place shall receive 8 points and so on through 9th place.
5. In the event of a tie break it shall be resolved as per AQHA Rule SHW803.9. i.e.
 - 1st Tiebreak: Horse that earned points in the greatest number of events
 - 2nd Tiebreak: Horse winning over the greatest number of horses
 - 3rd Tiebreak: Horse earning the most points in performance events

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