

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The RMQHA Outreach Program is designed to promote the American Quarter Horse in competition outside of AQHA approved or sponsored shows by recognizing and rewarding achievements by American Quarter Horses in all-breed competition.

1. The RMQHA shall recognize and award points in any event that is sanctioned and supervised by an established record-keeping equine related governing body or specialty association such as the National Cutting Horse Association or 4-H, overseeing an outside event such as barrel racing, showing, roping, gaming, and the like and concerning which a representative of the sanctioning association will verify the awards earned by horses registered with AQHA. Points from other breed associations or registries will not count. This representative may be asked to supply records for up to one year from the date of the event.

A. Owners of horses enrolled in RMQHA Outreach Program may be asked to provide information about associations or organizations that approve and/or sponsor events in which the owner is participating.

2. RMQHA Outreach Program is designed for events outside the approved breed show ring. Points **cannot** be earned at any AQHA approved show or event, or at any show approved by another breed registry.

3. Any registered American Quarter Horse is eligible to compete for RMQHA Outreach Program points. Points will be kept on each horse/ exhibitor combination. Exhibitor(s) must be current members in good standing of RMQHA. If exhibitor is not the owner of the horse, a current lease agreement with the owner must be sent with the enrollment form.

4. An enrollment form must be completed annually for each horse wanting to compete in this program. The annual enrollment fee is \$10 and allows participation from October 1 through September 30.

5. The enrollment application and annual enrollment fee must be returned to RMQHA. Upon receipt, an exhibitor form will be forwarded and must be in the owner's possession prior to the horse's competition in RMQHA approved Outreach Program events.

6. The show secretary/manager must inspect the copy of the horse's registration papers to verify the exhibitor's participation on a registered American Quarter Horse, and sign the exhibitor's report form on the last day of competition after the class is complete, or at the end of a one-day event, verifying the exhibitor's placing and the number of entries. The exhibitor and owner must also sign the report form and return it to the RMQHA postmarked within twenty (20) days of the show, along with \$2 per horse/exhibitor per show processing fee. Horses may compete in more than one class per show; however, only \$2 per horse/exhibitor per show is due. All exhibitor reports must be received by September 30 of the year showing.

7. Horses will earn points based upon the number of horses exhibited in a class, whether or not an elimination round is held. Example: If 50 horses are entered and exhibited in elimination rounds with only 15 advancing to the final round, points are based upon the total number of entries; in this case, 50. Grand and Reserve points will be awarded if there are five or more in a halter class - Grand: 2 points; Reserve: 1 point.

8. Corrections to points tabulations must be made by September 30 and can only be made for points earned in the current year.

9. An annual award will be given to the horse/exhibitor combination that earns the most points in each particular category. In order for an annual award to be given in any individual category, a horse/exhibitor combination must have earned a minimum of three (3) points during the current year. If there are ties for champion or reserve in any of the categories, duplicate awards will be given. Top 5 horse/exhibitor combinations (minimum) by category will be listed monthly in the RMQHA Magazine.