

## OPEN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

### *AQHA World Championship Shows*

- Q Unless otherwise stated, these guidelines apply to international exhibitor eligibility for the Open and Versatility Ranch Horse World Championship Shows.
- Q Exhibitors residing and exhibiting in countries other than the United States are eligible to participate in AQHA World Championship Shows under these guidelines. Exhibitors residing and exhibiting in Alaska and Hawaii are also eligible to participate under these guidelines.
- Q Participating countries must have a recognized international AQHA affiliate.
- Q Each exhibitor must be a current-year individual member of the AQHA.
- Q **NEW for 2018: Any International Exhibitor eligible to show at an AQHA World Show may extend their World Show invitation by one year to allow for travel and horse lease planning. For example, if an exhibitor qualifies for the 2018 World Show, they may elect to show in the 2018 *or* 2019 World Show. This applies to earned or invited qualifiers for all AQHA World Shows.**
- Q Open exhibitors are eligible to exhibit any horse that has qualified in the open division in the class they have qualified in and at the AQHA World Championship Show they have qualified for.
- Q When a horse has qualified in another country for the open division of an AQHA World Championship Show, an invitation to participate in the AQHA World Championship Show for which they have qualified will be sent the horse's owner of record, **as well as** all international open exhibitors who exhibited the horse in the class for which they qualified during the qualifying period.
- Q If no horse from a particular country qualified by points in a specific class, AQHA will invite the horse and corresponding owner and exhibitors from that country that earned the highest number of points in that class. For those who tied with the highest number of points in that class, they will also be invited by AQHA.

- Q International owners/exhibitors who have received an invitation to a world show have the option of leasing horses to exhibit at the world shows to avoid the cost of transporting a horse overseas. Lease guidelines are as follows:
- o If using a leased horse at the world show, the leased horse does not have to be qualified in the event in which they will be exhibited.
  - o If using a leased horse, the **International Lease Form** must be completed and submitted to [international@aqha.org](mailto:international@aqha.org) prior to the entry deadline for the event.
- Q Exhibitors are responsible for the feed, bedding and other care as required for horses they exhibit, whether owned or leased. AQHA is not responsible for the care, safety or management of these horses at any time. Horses must meet all health requirements as outlined in AQHA's Official Handbook or specific world show qualifying handbook.
- Q In individually worked classes, Open exhibitors may ride up to four junior horses and four senior horses.
- Q All international exhibitors who meet eligibility requirements and wish to compete at a specific AQHA world show must have all entry forms and fees to the AQHA office no later than the specified entry deadline. AQHA will accept entries via e-mail, fax or guaranteed delivery at the following contact information. No late entries will be accepted, and no entries will be accepted via phone.
- o Email: [international@aqha.org](mailto:international@aqha.org)
  - o Fax: +1-806-349-6408
  - o Mail: 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79104
- Q Following are entry deadlines for the 2018 AQHA World Championship Shows:

Event	Event Date	Location	Entry Deadline
Open/Amateur World	November 1-17, 2018	Oklahoma City, OK	September 17, 2018
Versatility Ranch Horse World	June 13-17, 2018	Guthrie, OK	April 20, 2018