



SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

The organising body is the **Darwin Quarter Horse Association Inc.**

To comply with Darwin Quarter Horse Association Inc (DQHA), Paint Horse Association of Australia (PHAA), and Australian Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules, regulations and insurance coverage, all competitors (including parents and guardians of all competitors under the age of 18 years) must:

- Be current financial members of the DQHA or apply for temporary day membership.
- Nomination forms are available by emailing dqhainc@gmail.com.
- **All nominations are to be emailed to dqhainc@gmail.com prior to the closing date.**
- All competitors must read and sign the agreement on the Nomination Form.
- Temporary day membership and waiver form must be completed and returned when nominating.
- All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event, must have written permission from their parent/guardian to be at that event as a contestant or participant and in the case of a contest, the parent/guardian must also sign the entry form. All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event, must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the youth is in attendance at that event.
- Ridden events are open to all breeds of horses.
- Halter events are Breed specific.
- A copy of all Horses registration papers must be included with the nomination form. AQHA membership cards, amateur owner cards and horse registration papers (ie. Proof of horses' age), must be available on request for the Show Manager to view.
- The Show Manager has the right to remove any person or persons from the ground, considered to be in breach of these special rules and regulations or for any conduct deemed inappropriate by the organising bodies.
- No alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas.
- Competitor's/participants at any event run by DQHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
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- Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with the Affiliate and other competitors. To uphold the rules and regulations of the (DQHA) and the AQHA at all times. Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules and to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated.
- Entries are non-refundable except on receipt of vet written report/doctor certificate.
- DQHA Back Numbers must be worn.
Each horse and rider combination must use a separate back number.
All competitors are required to wear a back number. Back numbers must be worn on your back for all Halter events, or on both sides of the saddle blanket in ridden events. Back numbers must be secured firmly in place. Failure to correctly display your back number will result in disqualification.
- The Show Management Committee reserves the right to alter the program as required.
- Protests must be in writing to the Show Manager and lodged with-in one (1) hour of the event.
- All Competitors 18yrs/under are required to wear an approved ASA helmet in all ridden events.
All competitors will abide by show rules and regulations of set out by the DQHA and comply with approving bodies (AQHA, PHAA) rules and regulations at all times.