

MQHA SHOW APPROVAL RULES
Revised and Updated November 2015

In order for a show to be approved by the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association, the following mandatory requirements shall be met:

1. Be properly approved by AQHA
2. ~~Be located within the state of Mississippi.~~ Deleted November 2015
3. Request date approval from the secretary of the MQHA by November 1st. If the show is to be held within ninety (90) days of the beginning of the point year (November 1) it must be approved ninety (90) days prior to the event. (Ex. A show held November 15 must be approved at least 90 days prior to that date. MQHA points start November 1. In order for the above show to receive points it must be approved by August 15.) AQHA approved special events are exempt from this rule and will be considered on an individual basis by the Board, however, show approval application must be in the MQHA office ninety (90) days prior to the event.
4. Request show approval from the secretary of the MQHA and certify thereto that these mandatory regulations will be complied with at least ninety (90) days prior to the approved show dates. Show approval form must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 per show day. A copy-ready show bill must be made available to MQHA at least sixty (60) days prior to show dates.
5. Furnish within ten (10) days from completion of show, a list of all horses placing (by order of placing) in each registered class, Grand and Reserve Champions, and number of horses in each class. These results must be submitted on paper forms and on computer diskette compatible with the MQHA office software. These will be the unofficial results until official results are obtained from AQHA. Send \$.50 per registered entry for youth entries and \$1.00 per entry for open and amateur entries with list of entries. Make two checks, one to MQHA for the adult entries (including amateur) and one to the youth organization (MQHYA) for the youth entries. If results and money are not received in ten days, the show will not be approved next year at the discretion of the Directors.
6. It is recommended that no horse shows be approved conflicting with district and 4-H state horse shows. No new shows will be approved except in special cases. These shows will have to be voted upon by the entire Board of Directors. No single (1) show will be approved unless exception voted upon by Board of Directors.
7. No judge may officiate at two Mississippi Quarter Horse approved shows within six (6) months. Please inform the judge of this rule to insure no violations. For this reason your judge's name must be sent in with the application.
8. ~~No more than four (4) shows or two (2) MQHA-approved circuits per month arena, club or sponsoring organization may be approved in any one calendar year. Public arenas owned by the state, county, a municipality or other public entity may have more than four (4) shows or two (2) circuits when shows or circuits are sponsored by different groups or individuals. Naming nonexistent sponsors for the sole purpose of avoiding this rule will result in disciplinary action. Hence, the named sponsor must be the individual or individuals who bear the burden of expense.~~ Revised November 2015
9. ~~Beginning November 1, 1991, a moratorium has been placed on MQHA approved shows until a MQHA approved shows are limited to a maximum of thirty-five (35) shows per year. has been reached.~~ Revised November 2015

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10. Facilities must include but not be limited to: a fenced arena with the post outside and the wire or boards inside; a working telephone available for emergencies; fresh, clean drinking water for both horses and exhibitors; toilets, separate ones for men and women; the grounds should be reasonably clean and free from objects that could result in injury to horse and rider; the sound system shall be such that it can be heard in all parts of the arena without blasting into the ears of horse or rider; when the show will continue into the night, adequate lighting must be provided.

11. Failure to comply with these mandatory requirements will result in disapproval of the sponsoring organization's next show. Official complaints in regard to these rules will be investigated and the findings shall be published in the associations' monthly newsletter. The association President has the authority to appoint an investigative committee on these rules, with all the finding being brought before the Board of Directors for their final disposition and action.

12. All managers and secretaries of shows requesting MQHA approval must be members in good standing of the MQHA before show approval will be granted.