

May 2016 Rule Changes

5.8 'AA' Class Shows

Delete last sentence in first paragraph and replace with:

Regional Clubs will be permitted to run three (3) "AA" Class shows per year.

5.10.2 Beginner Shows & Single discipline shows

Regional Appaloosa Clubs will be permitted to run two (2) Beginner Only or Single Discipline shows (i.e. Halter Only, Dressage Only, Hack Only, etc) per season.

Application is to be made using the appropriate form and submitted with a copy of the Show Program and approval fee.

5.12 Multi Judged Shows

Delete first sentence in third paragraph and replace with:

All Regional Clubs will be permitted to run two (2) Multi Judged shows per show season.

5.13 Multi Judged Consecutive Show

Delete first sentence in second paragraph and replace with:

Regional Appaloosa Clubs will be permitted to run two (2) Multi Judged Consecutive Shows per show season.

5.11.1 'C' Class Shows

Add the following new Rule:

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Any event not listed in the Rules above. Show program MUST be sent to AAA Ltd office with point recording sheets. The Registrar to have the discretion to determine whether the event fits within the Mission of the AAA Ltd.

Note: 'C' class points count towards ROM's only

7.3 Awards

Delete in its entirety and replace with

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A variety of awards are presented by the AAA Ltd for Horses, Youth and Amateur Riders.

RECOGNITION AWARD Ten (10) points in any recognised event.

REGISTER OF MERIT CERTIFICATE / REGISTER OF ACHIEVEMENT

The purpose of this Award is to establish a record for outstanding performance. There is a ROM /ROA for Halter, Showmanship and Performance.

Qualifications:

For any one event in the AAA Ltd and HSAA Rule Books. (Exception Rule 7.1).

- 20 points in any one event with 10 of these points being earned at 'A' or 'AA' class shows, OR
- 30 overall points in any one recognised event at any recognised shows.

ROM for General Performance Certificate (Horses only)

Qualifications for ROM at General Performance:

- Total 20 Performance points with 10 of these points being earned at 'A' or "AA' class shows, OR
- 30 overall performance points in recognised events at recognised shows
- In a minimum of 3 events under saddle
- With a minimum of 5 points in any one event

REGISTER of MERIT / Register of achievement (Cutting, Reining, Dressage, Hacking, Show Hunter, Showjumping, Campdrafting, Eventing and approved Rodeo events).

Qualifications for ROM are:

- Minimum of 20 points.

MEDALLION CERTIFICATES

After a Horse, Youth or Amateur has qualified for an ROM/ROA in an event, it can then qualify for a Medallion Certificate.

Bronze Medallion:

60 points in any one recognised event

Silver Medallion:

100 points in any one recognised event

Gold Medallion:

150 points in any one recognised event

Sapphire Award:

200 points in any one recognised event

Diamond Award:

300 points in any one recognised event

Platinum Award:

400 points in any one recognised event.

AAA LTD CHAMPION CERTIFICATE

The title of AAA Ltd Champion is reserved by the AAA Ltd for its own express use. It may be awarded only by the Association and is to be awarded to individual horses which meet the requirements outlined in the following paragraphs.

The title "AAA Ltd" Champion may be awarded to any individual stallion, mare or gelding registered in the AAA Ltd registry after it has won a total of two hundred (200) or more points in competition in official shows, contests, and races recognised by the AAA Ltd provided it has met with the qualifications below.

Register of Merit at Halter, plus 3 Performance Registers of Merit (this does not include General Performance).

When the title of AAA Ltd Champion is awarded, a proper certificate shall be prepared and sent to the owner of the said horse. Also a proper notation shall be made in an applicable stud book and in other records of the Association.

The registration certificate of any horse shall be revoked permanently by the Association if the owner thereof fraudulently advertises, claims or holds forth that this certain horse is entitled to any AAA Ltd award prior to the title being officially awarded by the Association.

AAA LTD LED PERFORMANCE CHAMPION CERTIFICATE

The title of AAA Ltd Led Performance Champion is reserved by the AAA Ltd for its own express use. It may be awarded only by the Association and is to be awarded to individual horses which meet the requirements outlined in the following paragraphs.

The title "AAA Ltd" Led Performance Champion may be awarded to any individual stallion, mare or gelding registered in the AAA Ltd registry after it has won a total of two hundred (200) or more points in competition in official shows, contests, and races recognised by the AAA Ltd provided it has met with the qualifications below.

Register of Merit at Halter, plus 3 Led Performance Registers of Merit (this does not include General Performance).

When the title of AAA Ltd Led Performance Champion is awarded, a proper certificate shall be prepared and sent to the owner of the said horse. Also a proper notation shall be made in an applicable stud book and in other records of the Association.

The registration certificate of any horse shall be revoked permanently by the Association if the owner thereof fraudulently advertises, claims or holds forth that this certain horse is entitled to any AAA Ltd award prior to the title being officially awarded by the Association.

SUPERIOR ALL ROUND HORSE

That recognition be given to horses who continue past the Champion to be Superior All Round Horse.

The title AAA Ltd Superior All Round Horse will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding which has been issued with showing rights registration certificate by the AAA Ltd, providing said horse meets the following requirements:

Must have Superior Rating in Halter, having earned 150 or more points.

Must have Superior Rating in one Performance Class, having earned at least 150 points in one of the recognised Performance events.

Must have at least 4 ROM's in Performance. (This does not include a ROM in General Performance).

SUPERIOR ALL ROUND PERFORMANCE HORSE

The title AAA Ltd Superior All Round Performance Horse will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding which has been issued with showing rights registration certificate by the AAA Ltd, providing said horse meets the following requirements:

Must have Superior Rating in two Performance Class, having earned at least 150 points in two recognised Performance events.

Must have at least 4 additional ROM's in Performance. (This does not include a ROM in General Performance).

SUPERIOR ALL ROUND LED PERFORMANCE HORSE

The title AAA Ltd Superior All Round Led Performance Horse will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding which has been issued with showing rights registration certificate by the AAA Ltd, providing said horse meets the following requirements:

Must have Superior Rating in Halter, having earned 150 or more points.

Must have Superior Rating in one Led Performance Class, having earned at least 150 points in one of the recognised Led Performance events.

Must have at least 4 ROM's in Led Performance. (This does not include a ROM in General Performance).

Novice Amateur

As from 1st August 2016, Limited Amateur has been removed in its entirety from the AAA Ltd Rule Book.

As from 1st August 2016, Novice Amateur has been introduced to the AAA Ltd Rule Book, therefore the following changes must be made.

- Rule 5.7 State Championship Shows – Delete Amateur Ltd and replace with Novice Amateur.
- Rule 7.2 AAA Ltd End Of Year High Point Awards – Recognised events – Delete Ltd Amateur and replace with Novice Amateur.

Delete the rules 10.5, 1.6 and 10.7 and replace with the following:

10.5 Novice Amateur

a) Classes:

Only six (6) classes in total will be offered being: Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail and Showmanship.

b) Eligibility:

You must hold a financial Full membership and an Amateur membership with the AAA

- i. If you have achieved an ROM with the AAA, or a respective breed organisation, in any of the above classes, then you are NOT eligible as a Novice in that class but would be eligible for the class that you haven't achieved a ROM in;
- ii. If an Amateur is eligible for any Novice classes, they will be informed after application, from the AAA office by letter or email which Novice classes they are eligible to compete in.

- iii. Any person competing in the Novice classes MUST have a Novice Ticket with their relevant breed organisation, and the rules for gaining that Novice Ticket through their relevant breed organisation must be rules similar to the AAA;
 - iv. If there is a Novice Amateur class on the program, plus the Amateur classes are offered in the same discipline, then the choice must be made;
 - a. An Amateur cannot compete in the Novice class and the Amateur class at the same show;
 - v. Novice Amateur can compete in the Amateur classes on the program if no Novice classes offered.
- c) Programs:
It is compulsory to run Novice Amateur classes at AAA National, State and AA approved shows.
It is not compulsory for any Affiliate to run Novice classes in their A or B class programs.
- d) Points:
All points gained in Novice Amateur classes will go towards AAA Amateur ROM's.

A AAA Ltd End of Year High Point award will be awarded for Novice Amateur.

It is up to the Affiliate if they wish to run Novice Amateur Hi Point awards at shows.
- e) Youth to Amateur
From the day you are eligible to apply for an Amateur membership you may also apply for a Novice Amateur Ticket.

If a Youth has achieved twenty (20) AAA Ltd points in Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail or Showmanship or a Youth from a respective breed organisation has achieved twenty (20) or more points on any of the above classes, they will not be eligible to compete in Amateur Novice classes.
- f) Amateur to Professional and back again. If you have gained Novice Amateur points and you relinquish your Amateur Permit, and then reapply for Amateur status in the future, you will not be eligible for Novice Amateur events.

The following are also to be amended

- Rule 10.9 Amateur Events – Delete Limited Amateur and the following: Dressage, Hack, *Note: Limited events to be held at State or Nationals Level only. And replace with Novice Amateur – Events to remain: Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship & Trail.
- Rule 10.9 b – Remove Amateur Limited and (State and National Only) and replace with Novice Amateur (State, National and AA Approved).
- Rule 10.10 Amateur Horse Substitution – Delete Amateur Limited and replace with Novice Amateur.
- Rule 10.11 Amateur High Point Performance Awards of the Show – Delete Limited Amateur and the following: Dressage, Hack, *Note: Limited events to be held at State or Nationals Level only. And replace with Novice Amateur – Events to remain: Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship & Trail.
- Rule 10.12 Amateur High Point Performance Awards of the Show – Delete Amateur Limited and replace with Novice Amateur.

- Rule 10.12 (c) AAA Ltd Awards are to be amended as per Rule 7.3 Awards

Rule 13.3 Riders With Disabilities

To provide Show Management with the option to include equestrians with disabilities competition, Australian Appaloosa Association (AAA) has adopted these rules and provided an achievement points and awards system for participants. In doing so, AAA does not assume responsibility for safety of participants.

The Judge can set their own patterns for RWD classes but must keep in mind the limitations of the RWD riders. Eg: No picking up objects; no dismounting.

1. In the case of adult participants, each participant assumes all risk of personal injury or property damage and releases and discharges AAA, AAA Affiliates and Show Management, their respective officers, directors, representatives, and employees, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, as to personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of participation in these classes, except for the negligent act or omission, if any, of said indemnities. If the participant is a minor, the parent or guardian, by allowing participation, assumes all risk of personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of the participation and does hereby release and discharge AAA and Show Management, their respective officers, directors, representatives, and employees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from such participation, except for the negligent act or omission, if any, of an indemnity. Further, as parent or legal guardian, they agree to indemnify and hold harmless AAA and Show Management from such liability to the minor.
 - a) Each participant, authorises the use of any picture, still or video which may be taken in conjunction with the exhibitor's participation in these equestrians with disabilities classes for AAA's official uses.
 - b) Only horses registered with the AAA or registered with a relevant breed society are eligible to participate in RWD classes. Only geldings or mares can be shown.
 - c) Each exhibitor must have a financial individual membership with the AAA or relevant breed society.
 - d) An exhibitor cannot show more than one (1) horse in the same class and a horse cannot be shown by more than one (1) exhibitor in the same class.
 - e) RWD riders cannot compete in any other class in the program as well as RWD classes at the same show; they must make a choice either RWD classes for that show or Open/Amateur classes for that show;
 - f) For participation in these classes, a rider must produce a Doctors Certificate, upon joining the AAA for the first time, which states the disability.
 - g) Eligible Conditions Include: Amputation, Anthrogyrosis, Aspergers Syndrome, Autism, Batten's Disease, Cerebrovascular Accident, Cerebella Ataxia, Cerebral Palsy, Coffin Lowry Syndrome, Cystic Fibrosis, Down Syndrome, Dwarfism, Fragile X Syndrome, Friedrich's Ataxia, Guillan Barre Syndrome, Hearing Impairment, Hunter's Syndrome, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Intellectual Disability, Microcephaly, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Post Polio Syndrome, Prader Willie Syndrome, Rhett Syndrome, Spina Bifida, Spinal Cord Injury, Touretts Syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury, Trisomy Abnormalities, Vision Impairment, Other diagnoses will be considered upon request.

- h) The following disorders are not eligible: ADHD, Anxiety Disorders, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Depression, Dyslexia, Eating Disorders, Fibromyalgia, Learning Disabilities, Psychological Diagnosis.
- i) The rider or their family does not have to own the horse.
- j) A competitor with a hearing impairment can have an assistant who communicates via sign language or cue cards to the competitor so they can conform to the judge's directives. This assistant will be outside the ring and their position known to the judge and ring steward;
- k) Judges are not permitted to alter the mandatory workout in any manner. Markers must be used, may be numbered. People must not be used as markers no matter if they are safety stand-by spotters.

2. Tack and Equipment

- a) Equipment is to conform to the needs of the competitor and be suitable for the horse.

3. Walk/Trot Hunter Under saddle (on the Flat)

English equipment and attire will follow rules as set forth in the AQHA Rules & Regulations with the exceptions of authorized adaptations. Riders must wear a properly fitted and fastened with harness, ASTM approved protective helmet. No equipment is allowed that would in any way affix the rider to the horse or saddle with the exception of light rubber bands. Safety stirrups (Peacock, S-shaped irons or Devonshire) are required if rider is unable to wear boots with heels. Peacock irons are recommended in all cases.

- a) The following points have equal consideration in judging the class; Rider's balance Rider's seat Use of aids Ability to follow directions Ring etiquette and safety Sportsmanlike conduct Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the manner used in obtaining them.
- b) Class Procedure - Riders will compete on the rail at a walk, trot both ways of the ring, line up and complete an individual workout. Riders will remain in the ring throughout the individual workouts.

4. Walk/Jog Western Pleasure

- a) Western equipment and attire with exceptions of authorised adaptations.
- b) Riders must wear a properly fitted and fastened with harness, Australian Standard protective helmet. A Western hat can be affixed over the helmet. No equipment is allowed that would in any way affix the rider to the horse or saddle with the exception of light rubber bands. Safety stirrups (covered or other approved safety stirrups) are required if rider is unable to wear boots with a heel.
- c) The following points have equal consideration in judging the class: Rider's balance, Rider's seat

Use of aids Ability to follow directions Ring etiquette and safety Sportsmanlike conduct Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the manner used in obtaining them.

- d) Class procedure – All exhibitors will compete on the rail at a walk and jog both ways of the ring, line up and complete an individual workout. Riders will remain in the ring throughout the individual workouts.

5. Walk/Jog Trail Classes

- a) Equipment and attire - Class must be ridden in western attire.

- b) The following points have equal consideration in judging the class: Rider's balance Rider's seat Use of aids Ability to follow directions Ring etiquette and safety Sportsmanlike conduct Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the manner used in obtaining them.
- c) Class procedure and scoring - This class will be judged on the performance of the horse and while manoeuvring five (5) obstacles for walk, trot/jog trail and six (6) obstacles for walk, trot/jog, trail. Riders are to work individually. There will be no rail work.
- d) Course - Safety of riders is to be the first consideration in setting up the course. The course should be attractive with readily recognized obstacles. Sufficient space is to be allowed between obstacles.