

Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc

COMPETITION & SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS.

*horse refers to a QPAA registered pony.

1. ANNUAL AWARDS are formulated from the number of points earned by an individual QPAA registered horse, Amateur Owner or Junior Member (Youth) who nominate for each year. Nomination forms must be submitted, and the applicable fee/s paid before points can be awarded.

Awards are available for a wide range of Equestrian events and competitions that you may compete in. We would like to encourage our members and their registered ponies who participate in some of the following activities to nominate for our Annual Awards and Register of Merit.

Barrel Racing

Sporting

Showjumping

Eventing

Dressage

Western Performance

Pony Club or Riding Club

Camprafing

Cutting

Reining

Harness

In hand Performance

Agility

Quarter Pony specific classes – Halter, Ridden and Performance

Open Show Ring Competition – Led and Ridden

Awards are not limited to the above categories; other categories may be included as required.

2. Points are officially tallied over the duration of the competition year - 1st August to 31st July annually. Members must be financial to participate in the awards program.

3. Official QPAA results forms must be used; these are available by downloading and printing the form along with the Annual Awards Nomination forms which are available via the QPAA website or by contacting the President or Secretary. The annual fee must be paid with your nomination. Points will not be accepted if they are written on plain paper, only results recording sheets that have been filled in correctly and signed as required are acceptable.

4. Recording results – points are allocated for a wide range of categories including Halter, Performance and Saddle classes. These points will be tallied and recorded for the Annual Awards & ROM's.

5. Results sheets are to be returned to the Secretary NO LATER than 30 days of each competition, results returned later than 30 days will be void, no points will be issued.

6. Results sheets received for a registered horse not enrolled for Annual Awards will be marked invalid and will not be processed.

7. All result sheets must have the correct placing/s (1st through to 6th placing) for each event or class contended.

In the case of not placing in a class or classes please enter 'DNP' (did not place) you will still be awarded 1 point for each DNP so please still submit your results as prescribed so that the Point Score Office can keep a record of all events, classes or categories contended and points accumulated for awards etc. All results for that show must be signed by the Judge, steward or secretary of the show.

8. Lodging completed Results sheets:

A copy of the program is required from the Event, Competition, Agricultural Show Society and OR any other Club, Group event you have competed in and are eligible for recording results.

The **front page** identifying the show, event or competition and a copy of the page/s of classes or event/s competed in is sufficient, there is no need for the entire program to be submitted.

All areas of the Result sheet/s must be completed correctly, including owner and horse details.

The Results sheet/s must be **signed** in the appropriate section of the form on the day of the competition by the **judge, steward or show secretary**.

Separate sheets **MUST** be used for points for each Horse, Amateur Owner or Junior Member (Youth)

*Horse results – if you show more than one horse please put each horse's results on separate pages.

*When claiming points for Amateur Owner or Junior Member (Youth) classes, or Adult Handler or Rider classes a separate result sheet must be used - do not include these results on the same page as the horses' results. Failure to submit on a separate page will result in A/O or Youth points not being recorded.

Please note only classes marked AO will count for AO awards.

Any **incomplete, incorrect or unsigned** result sheets sent into the office will not be recorded. Results sent minus the show program cover and pages of classes competed in will not be recorded.

9. A 'Junior Member' must ride or exhibit a Registered QPAA horse whose owner is a financial member of the QPAA (the QPAA registered horse does not have to be their own)

10. QPAA registered horses whose owners are financial members may be exhibited or ridden by other persons provided they are also financial members of QPAA. Persons that are not financial members may not compete in Quarter Pony classes.

11. There is NO minimum requirement for a registered horse, Junior Member or A/O who attends competitions or events to be eligible for Annual Awards. Provided the correct nomination forms have been lodged and the appropriate fee/s have been paid members may send in results from as many or as few as one competitions or event to have points allocated for the year (ROM's accrue as long as nominations are kept current)

12. Amateur Owner – youth attaining 18 years of age and adults who have not been 'professional' for a period of no less than 3 years. To apply for Amateur Owner status you must hold an Adult Membership.

*Professional refers to a person who receives either sponsorship or remuneration, either directly or indirectly for breaking, training, schooling, driving, halter & show preparation, showing or competing in halter or under

saddle at any event; conducting clinics, seminars or giving instruction to any other person in showing, competition, training or riding. Prize money received at a show is not considered remuneration.

- 13.** Authorized officers of the QPAA may liaise with show societies, breed societies or Event organizers for inclusion of relevant classes or any change in a program relating to relevant classes
- 14.** QPAA members (or persons accompanying QPAA members) may not request relevant classes be held until their arrival at show ground or venue, nor request alterations to relevant classes in programs either before or on the day of the show.
- 15.** QPAA registered horses must be 2 years of age or over (as of 1st Aug) to be ridden in relevant classes at any show
- 16.** QPAA registered colts 2 years and over must be handled by adults 18 years & over. QPAA registered Colts/Stallions 2 years and over are only to be ridden by an adult 18 years and over.
- 17.** Foals over the age of 2 months and up to the age of 4 months are to be presented with their dam. Foals must wear a halter and lead at all times.
- 18.** Drugs - Prohibited drugs are not permitted to be administered to any QPAA registered horses at any show
- 19.** Progeny group of 2 - Mare's group of 2, progeny must be out of the same registered mare. Sires group of 2, progeny must be by the same registered Stallion. (Not eligible for points)
- 20.** Owner Group of 2, both horses must be registered in the same QPAA member's name. (Not eligible for halter points)
- 21.** Best Bred to Type - judged on conformation and type. (Not eligible for halter points – but will be awarded points for the awards program)
- 22.** Where a program states – Colt under 4 years, Filly under 4 years, Gelding under 4 years, and provides a foal class under 1 year, foals must compete in the foal class.
- 23.** FOAL RECORDED – registered horses that are foal recorded and turn 4 years of age on the 1st August may not be shown further until they have been upgraded to the adult register.
- 24.** If a program states (for example) 'mare 3 years & over' and 'Broodmare 3 years and over' a mare cannot compete in both - only Mares that are in foal or have had a foal in the previous 12 months may compete in Broodmare classes. Broodmares may compete in either mare class but not both.
- 25.** When entering results on results sheets competitors must enter the class exactly as it reads in the program. Eg: 'Class 33' 'Led Mare 3 years & over N.E. 14hh' if that is how the program reads. Please make your results legible.

26. AWARDS:

Awards will be allocated to encourage members who enjoy competing in a wide variety of equestrian events by providing an attractive system of points to attain recognition of achievement (Register of Merit) and awards across a wide range of categories in which a registered horse may participate. Annual nomination forms must be lodged to be eligible for awards and ROMs.

1. Awards are divided into 2 categories:

Quarter Pony category – this is for Quarter Pony only classes (classes at shows or events that only registered Quarter Ponies may enter ie; Mare 4 years & Over, Best presented Quarter Pony, Ridden Quarter Pony, Bridle Path Hack etc.

Open category – this means the class, event etc is open to any horse or pony regardless of breed or registration ie; led or ridden classes at open hack shows, western shows, showjumping, open sporting, pony club or adult rider groups etc

APPROVED EVENTS FOR AWARDS & R.O.M. AWARDS INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

General Hacking classes, English Pleasure, Bridle Path Hack, Dressage, Q.P Under Saddle, Ridden Hack, Galloway or Pony, Working Hunter and Hunter Hack, Jumping, Working Stock Horse, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Reining, Trail, Hunter In Hand, Led Performance, in Hand Trail, Led Halter classes, Showmanship and or Handler, Harness, Camp Drafting, Bulldogging, Calf Roping, Cutting, Working Cow Horse, Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing, Endurance Riding. Other events may be considered if they qualify.

HALTER POINTS:

Halter points will be allocated from results submitted from Quarter Pony specific classes and from open halter classes (where the class may be entered by any horse)

Awards for halter classes include (subject to alteration at any time) the following:

Quarter Pony Halter Awards:

*FILLY 3 years & under *GELDING 3 years & under *COLT 3 years & under

*MARE 4 years & over *STALLION 4 years & over *GELDING 4 years & over

*OVERALL HALTER QUARTER PONY.

Any other Led Class e.g. *Best Presented Quarter Pony etc are also eligible for points.

Points for Open Halter Awards can be gained from (but not limited to)

A. Led age categories

B. Led gender categories

If a program includes the following:

C. Best Bred to Type, Progeny group of 2, Owner group of 2, Dual Registered classes etc:

Results from any or all of the above are not for eligible for halter points but may be included in other categories.

D. QPAA registered horses that are registered as Paints, Stock Horse, or hold any other registration will not have points for their other breed classes accepted for Quarter Pony awards.

E. "Any Other Breed" if the show or event does not provide Quarter Pony specific classes results from any other breed will be accepted for halter and or ridden classes.

RIDDEN POINTS:

Ridden points will be allocated from results submitted from Quarter Pony specific ridden classes and from open ridden classes (where the class may be entered by any horse)

Awards for ridden classes include (subject to alteration at any time) the following:

Quarter Pony Ridden Awards:

*Ridden MARE *Ridden GELDING *Ridden STALLION

Awards for any other ridden Quarter Pony specific classes if included in a show/event program will be taken into consideration.

Points for Open Ridden (saddle) Awards may be gained from –

Open Performance Shows, Open Hack Shows, Agricultural Shows, Western Shows, All Breed Shows etc.

THIS CATEGORY MAY ALSO INCLUDE (but may not be limited to)

*SPORTING *BARREL RACING *CAMPDRAFTING *CUTTING *REINING

*HARNESS *DRESSAGE *SHOWJUMPING *EVENTING

OTHER AWARD CATEGORIES but not limited to:

*PONY CLUB *RIDING CLUB/GROUP *ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD * MOST IMPROVED AWARD

Awards will be revised/altered as required.

Please – nominate your horse for awards if you will be taking your horse to ANY competition or event that you intend to compete in – we would like to encourage all members by offering a supportive range of award categories.

AMATEUR OWNER AWRDS:

A/O awards are for financial QPAA members that compete with a registered horse or horses in their name, in the case of multiple ownership a nominated A/O handler/rider must be stated. Amateur classes attract points in Halter and Ridden categories; a separate show result sheet is required for submission to receive A/O points. An A/O may compete more than one horse but cannot compete 2 horses in the same A/O class or event. Points attained are allocated to the A/O members, not the horse/s.

Amateur Owner awards are divided into 2 categories for handlers and riders that hold a current QPAA A/O card

QPAA Amateur Owner – for handlers or riders who compete in Quarter Pony specific A/O classes.

Open Amateur Owner – for handlers and riders who enter an A/O class open to any person holding an A/O card.

**A/O classes that are NOT judged on the handler or rider eg: A/O Halter Gelding or A/O Hunter in Hand etc – these events are not included in the A/O awards for handlers or riders, these results will be placed in a separate category/s.

** Adult Handler or Adult Rider classes – you do not have to hold an A/O card for these classes, you may claim points for them provided your horse has been nominated for the annual awards program; Adult awards are a separate category and are not included in A/O awards.

YOUTH AWARDS:

Points for Youth Awards are eligible where a program states specific events in age groups.

Results for Youth class results - a separate show result sheet is required for submission to receive Youth points.

Youth awards for Junior members are divided into 2 categories for handlers and riders that hold a current QPAA Youth card.

QPAA Youth – for handlers or riders who compete in Quarter Pony specific Youth classes, ie; Youth Handler, Youth Bridle Path Hack etc.

Open Youth – for handlers and riders who enter any Youth class open to any Youth, eg: Youth Showmanship, Youth Rider etc.

NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS:

For members who wish to nominate for Hi- Point Awards but do not wish to formally compete in competitions. Events may include training days, clinics etc. Please fill in a results record sheet and a copy of the event/clinic/ training day attended to claim points for the non-competitive awards category.

27. POINT SCORE SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL AWARDS REGARDLESS OF NUMBERS IN CLASS:

1st - 7 Points, 2nd - 6 Points, 3rd - 5 Points, 4th - 4 Points, 5th - 3 Points, 6th - 2 Points, DNP – 1 point
Champion 2 Points, Res. Champion 1 Point, Grand Champion 3 Points or Supreme Champion 3 Points.

28. Points will not be accepted for any class or event that have not appeared in a program. The QPAA reserves the right to accept or reject any points submitted for inclusion in the records for Association Awards should the validity of said points be called into question.

29. A member found to be supplying false information towards Annual Awards or where specific placings are required to qualify for any show, will forfeit all points previously and currently accumulated. If the same member supplies further false information the horse and/or member will be disqualified from competing for the current years' awards.

30. Any member found to be breaching the QPAA Competition & Show Rules may be called before the committee and disciplinary action may be taken.

31. R.O.M'S. (REGISTER OF MERIT)

The purpose of the Register of Merit (R.O.M.) program is to establish a record of performance for individual QPAA registered horses. The fee for enrolling for the 'Register of Merit' is included in your Annual Award nominations fee, your horse will be automatically eligible for R.O.M.s upon receipt of your Annual Award nomination. Points for R.O.M are extracted from the official Results sheets which are used by members when competing for Annual Awards. You must nominate your horse, A/O and or Youth annually; this is the only way you can earn points. Just complete the sheets and submit, the Point Score Officer will do the rest.

Horses may be of any age when enrolled, and once enrolled points gained are accrued over its lifetime and are transferable from owner to owner. R.O.M. points commence from the date the annual awards nomination form and fee is received. When your horse has accumulated enough points in any one category a R.O.M. Certificate in that category will be issued. R.O.M awards are also allocated for A/O. Youth and or other categories.

Certificates are issued once a year usually at the Annual Awards presentation. To qualify the following points

must be accumulated for the various categories.

REGISTER OF MERIT – ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Halter 200 points.

Ridden 200 points.

Performance (or other category) 200 points.

These categories will specify what category each 200 points has been achieved in at time of presentation

REGISTER OF MERIT – EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Halter 600 points.

Ridden 600 points.

Performance (or other category) 600 points.

These categories will specify what category each 600 points has been achieved in at time of presentation

REGISTER OF MERIT – SUPERIOR AWARD:

Halter 1000 points

Saddle 1000 points

Performance (or other category) 1000 points.

These awards will specify what category each 1000 points has been achieved in at time of presentation

HALL OF FAME: A SPECIAL AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED UPON ATTAINING 1,500 POINTS IN EACH CATEGORY

SHOW REGULATIONS

PRESENTING AND SHOWING YOUR QUARTER PONY

There is a standard for presenting your Quarter Pony when showing; the standard for presentation must be followed to maintain the best possible example of the Quarter Pony exhibit.

As the Quarter Pony is valued for its versatility as an all-round type, presentation is not limited to western style – there are some extremely well performed Quarter Ponies representing the breed in a variety of events; therefore presentation is to be of personal preference: English, Western, Stock Horse are often the preferred styles and all are acceptable.

Horses should be presented clean and trimmed where need be.

*Manes are to be clean, preferably plaited, or short and banded or hogged; left natural is acceptable however long manes do restrict the Judges ability to clearly view neck conformation and could be marked down.

*Tails to be clean, either plaited, pulled or left natural, trimmed so as not to drag on the ground, false tails permitted but not encouraged.

*Feet may be oiled or lacquered, either natural or blackened.

*Excess hair should be removed from jawline, legs must be clean, excess leg hair should be removed to permit the Judge to view conformation of legs clearly. Sensory hairs preferably left intact **Please check show rules for events as some have adopted the EA ruling re sensory hairs.

Attire must be suitable for the show ring and complimentary to your horse; halter class attire can be of English style ridden or led attire, Western attire or Stock Horse attire.

Leather Halter, Bridle or in-hand bridles to suit your horse and attire.

BEST PRESENTED CLASS:

Presentation of Horse & Handler:

Horses will neither be marked down for being clipped or presented with a clean presentable winter coat. Horses may be marked down for presenting with excess hair on jawline or legs.

Excess make up is not encouraged.

Manes preferably plaited or short and banded, or hogged, left natural is acceptable however long manes do restrict the Judges ability to clearly view neck conformation and may be marked down.

Removal of muzzle whiskers and or inner ear hair is not encouraged – check rules at each event.

Hooves may be presented naturally, or with clear or black lacquer.

Handlers must be neat and tidy and compliment their horse, all junior members MUST wear an approved safety helmet, all handlers must wear suitably covered shoes or boots in keeping with their attire.

Crops, canes or whips if carried must NOT exceed the maximum length of 75 cm. Dressage whips are unacceptable in ANY halter or ridden class.

DRESS STANDARD Guide:

Led Classes

LADIES: English, Western or Stock Horse Attire: Jacket, Blouse, Hat, helmet or Akubra style hat, Gloves, Vest, Skirt, Flat shoes, Dress trousers, Moleskins, Western Shirt, Top Boots, Jodhpur Boots, Western Boots
GENTS: Western, English or Stock Horse Attire: Trousers, Moleskins, Dress Jeans, Shirt, Tie, Vest, Jacket, Lace up shoes, Top Boots, Jodhpur Boots, Western Boots, Western, English or Akubra style hat.

Appropriate tack for Led Classes – Leather Halter, English Bridle with bit or bitless in hand bridle, or Western Halter permitted.

Ridden Classes – Hacking Jacket, shirt with tie or stock, jodhpurs with top boots or flat heel jodhpur boots (gaiters permitted) Riding helmet. Junior members must wear an approved safety helmet, no top boots.

Stock Horse attire with Akubra style hat, shirt, tie, moleskins, flat heel boots, Jacket, Stock Saddle, bridle etc is acceptable but is not appropriate for Hack classes ie: Bridle Path Hack, Hunter under Saddle etc. unless stated otherwise. Western attire with Western boots, Western Saddle, bridle etc will be required for horses performing in Western ridden events but is not appropriate for Hack classes ie; Bridle Path Hack, Hunter under Saddle etc. unless stated otherwise.

Please make sure to be fully aware of the rules at each show or event regarding acceptable attire, tack and equipment for classes.

Leadline & Walk Trot – these classes may be ridden in English, Western or Stockhorse style tack and attire (unless the event organizing body is restricted by their rules, ie: Pony Club)

Junior members -

Youth Handler/Led classes: may be dressed in English, Western or Stockhorse style attire; must wear long pants/trousers or jodhpurs, jackets optional, blouse or shirt; long sleeve preferred, covered footwear ie: jodhpur/western style boots, sneakers not permitted. **Approved safety helmet mandatory.**

Youth Ridden Classes: Tack and attire as above.

Safety Helmets:

The Quarter Pony Ass. Aus. Inc recommends all members wear an approved safety helmet.

*Please note that Safety helmets which must meet the current Australian approved safety standards are mandatory for ALL youth 17 and under for all ridden classes.

We understand that this is not always practicable, ie; Members who ride and compete in western events may prefer to wear a western style hat. This is acceptable but it is recommended that you check with the rules and regulations of the event you are attending – some Ag Shows and other event organizers now require all competitors to wear an approved helmet.

Please ensure that all youth 17 & under always wear an approved helmet (in halter and ridden classes)

The following approved protective headgear conforms the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- Current American standards **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.*
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked.*
- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark.*



BSI Kitemarked:

SAI Global marked:



SEI marked



Outgoing European Standard **EN/1384** during 2016 only – no longer permitted (effective from 2017)

Your responsibilities:

Members will be liable for the actions of any Quarter Pony registered with QPAA at any show, or public gathering. All horses must be suitably restrained and handled whilst in the exhibitor's care. All horses that are known to kick - appropriate care to be taken, a red ribbon tied in the tail to warn of a possible kick, failure to take preventative measures could result in the horse being requested to

leave the area. The same is applicable to any horse exhibiting dangerous intent towards fellow competitors and their exhibits.

As a member of QPAA you are responsible for ensuring you are familiar with the Assn rules, for ensuring your membership is kept financial for the purposes of showing or breeding, that anyone exhibiting your horse including children, are current financial members

Protests and Complaints:

On receipt of a written complaint (and the accompanying fee) regarding a breach of conduct (see Code of Ethics) of any member at any show which may discredit the Assn. that member will be answerable to the Management Committee. All parties will be required to attend an arranged meeting.