

**Judges Committee Meeting Agenda  
2020 Convention  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Nominations for committee chair (Saturday)

**Agenda Items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:**

6. Request to add minor, major and severe fault wording to SHW350. Halter to align with WCHA judging procedures.  
(Judges recommendation to Show Halter sub-committee as primary)
7. Request to add to SHW362, Procedure for Judging Halter, Incorrect Pattern.  
(Judges recommendation to Show Halter sub-committee as primary)
8. Reword the first paragraph of SHW911.7, Judges May: For multiple judged shows, judges must work independently. There shall be no consultation or visiting between judges during the actual judging of any class. For scored classes only, upon completion of runs, judges may confer in a timely manner regarding disqualification, or major penalties provided a ring steward or show official is present. In all classes, judges should not confer regarding any other judging considerations. ~~Judges may confer in a timely manner regarding lameness, rule violations, disqualifications and major penalties provided a ring steward is present. Judges are never required or obligated to confer with other judges. Other than lameness, in placed classes, wait until horses are lined up to confer in the presence of a ring steward regarding rule violations, disqualifications, and major penalties, only. Judges should not confer regarding other judging considerations. In scored classes, wait until the run is complete and has been judged independently to confer in the presence of a ring steward. When questioning obvious lameness or other disqualifications, the remainder is the same.~~
9. Review request to allow USEF "r" judges to apply for AQHA Specialized Over Fence Judge status.
10. Amend SHW454.2 Western Riding Penalties One (1) point
  - hitting or rolling log
  - out of lead more than one stride either side of the center point and between the markers splitting the log (log between the two front or two hind feet) at the lope
  - ~~hind legs skipping or coming together during lead change~~
  - break of gait at the walk or jog up to two strides
  - non-simultaneous lead change (including front to hind, hind to front, front or hind legs coming together during the change) ~~(front to hind or hind to front)~~

11. Review requests to reduce the minimum judging requirement from three (3) credits to one (1) credit, or eliminate it completely.
12. Review request to allow AQHA Specialized Working Cow Horse Judges to judge AQHA approved reining and cutting classes.
13. Review request to allow AQHA Specialized VRH Judges, who also have NRCHA credentials to judge AQHA approved cutting, reining and cow horse events.
14. Review request to clarify maneuver and penalty application of all scored classes.
15. Review request to modify the penalties in Showmanship, Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation on the flat.
16. Review request to make rail work optional in Western Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat.
17. Review request to delete Reining rule SHW489, Faults against the rider to be scored accordingly, but not to cause disqualification: Losing stirrup; Failure to run circles or figure eights within the markers is not considered a fault depending on arena conditions and size, as these are no longer in the NRHA handbook.
18. Review recommendations of Judge Conflicts sub-committee to amend sections of AQHA-Approved Judges:
  - SHW904.5 judging a show or set of shows in which a horse owned by or belonging to or being exhibited by any member of his/her immediate family is entered. See SHW220.1 for definition of "immediate family". This rule applies regardless of whether the judge is scheduled to judge such horse.
  - SHW904.6 judging a horse at a show or set of shows that is trained by an immediate family member or an immediate family member's assistant trainer.
  - SHW904.7 If prohibited by a show's conflict of interest policy (check with show management), judging a show or set of shows in which a horse trained by an immediate family member or an immediate family member's assistant trainer is entered and such immediate family member or their assistant trainer are on the show grounds. If not prohibited by a show's conflict of interest policy, SHW904.6 above still applies.
  - SHW904.68 judging a horse at a show or set of shows that he/she has been owner, trainer, agent in any capacity, or conditioner of that horse within the previous three months prior to the date of the subject show.

### **Confidential Discussion of Judges Committee (Executive Session)**

19. Review files of judges who did not judge the three show minimum
20. Review files of specialized judges who did not judge a minimum of one show in a three year period
21. Review retirement requests

22. Review Judge Applicants

23. Update from the sub-committee reviewing specialized judges and the various judge programs

**Closing Business:**

24. Election of Committee Chair

25. Adjourn