



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 Day Membership.
- Nominations are now on www.globalentriesonline.com.au
- Day membership and waiver forms must be completed. Visit www.dqha.org.au for forms.
- 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.
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.
- 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.
- 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.
Each horse/rider combination must use a separate back number.
- 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 must wear an Approved Australian standards helmet at all times while mounted.
Accepted helmets shall have one of the following standards ASNZ 3838, ASTM F1163.EN 1384 clearly identified on the helmet and be within 5 years of date of manufacture. Helmets for Senior's are optional but encouraged to wear.

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.