

To all CMSA Certified Range Masters:

As CMSA continues to grow more opportunities arise for the Association as well as its members. CMSA Certified Range Masters who complete the following will be among those selected from for all CMSA/AQHA events held during the 2012 season.

As CMSA adds AQHA events to its schedule the need for experienced Range Masters who know the rules and regulation of both organizations will be needed to fill the AQHA specialty Judge requirements.

One important point that AQHA and CMSA want to insure that each one of you to be aware of: If you elect to become an AQHA Specialized Judge you will lose any AQHA Amateur status and only be able to compete in the Open Class when competing in an AQHA/CMSA event. This status has nothing to do with your level in a CMSA event or Pro Status with the CMSA.

In the near future you will find on the Range Master page of the CMSA website the following AQHA approval process. Requirements are:

1. Must be a 2012 CMSA Certified Range Master.
2. Must be 25 years or older
3. Must be a level 3 or higher.
4. Have a current AQHA individual membership in good standing – application available online.
5. Sign and submit to AQHA the AQHA Code of Ethics- form available online.
6. Complete and submit to AQHA the 10 question orientation test on rule 438 – test available online.
7. Fill out and return a biographical sheet.

The opportunity to become a AQHA card carrying Judge is a privilege and is sought by many but only achieved by a few. Come be a part of the CMSA's future as we begin this exciting new venture with the American Quarter Horse Association in 2012 and become a proud AQHA card carrying judge.

Memo

To: CMSA - Range Masters

From: Alex Ross

Re: AQHA Specialized Cowboy Mounting Shooting Judges

The AQHA Judges Committee and AQHA Executive Committee, along with CMSA, have agreed to approve CMSA Range Masters for AQHA approved events with the following stipulations.

1. The judge must have a current AQHA individual membership.
2. The judge must sign and submit to AQHA the AQHA Judge Code of Ethics.
3. The judge must complete and submit to AQHA the 10 question test on Rule 438 (Judges), to AQHA.
4. Fill out and return the information sheet.

Enclosed in this packet is a membership form, the AQHA Code of Ethics, the 10 question test, a personal information sheet. If you are interested in becoming an AQHA-Approved Specialized Judge, complete the information listed above and submit to:

AQHA
Attention: Shelly Spears
P.O. Box 200, Amarillo, Texas 79168

If you have any questions, please email Shelly at sspears@aqha.org or call (806) 378-4712.

Printed Name _____

OPEN BOOK JUDGES PROCEDURE TEST

**Complete the following sentences by filling in the blank. PRINT.
Make sure list the page and rule number.**

1. AQHA judges must hold current _____ membership.
2. After accepting a judging commitment, endeavor, with all reasonable effort, to judge the show, and _____ to show management any inability to do so, to allow show management maximum time to seek a suitable replacement. Additionally, the judge shall
3. immediately file with AQHA a _____ of such inability to meet his/her commitment, specifying the _____ in which he/she communicated such to show management.
4. A judge must at all times, act in a _____ manner.
5. A judge must _____ to the Judges Code of Ethics.
6. Judges must wear _____ attire, including hat and boots, while judging an AQHA approved show.
7. The _____ is responsible for tallying the correct number of entries actually exhibited in each class and recording the correct figure on the form supplied by AQHA.
8. It is the judge's responsibility to complete, sign and return the judge's report card to AQHA within _____ of the show.
9. A judge _____ be involved in the management of a show and officiate as a judge at that show.
10. Rule 412 states no class is complete until all _____ through point-earning places are _____ .

We need the following biographical information on you for your file. Please assist us by completing the following questions. Thank you.

Name _____ **AQHA ID#** _____

Address _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Numbers: (_____) _____ (_____) _____

There is room on the judges list for two numbers, but online there is only one listed. The number you list first will show up online.

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____

AQHA JUDGE CODE OF ETHICS

Designation as an AQHA-approved Judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Judges Committee to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. It is important that you judge by and adhere to all the current rules and regulations as stated in the *AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations*. An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor and judge, must be exemplary; is subject to continual Judge's Committee review; and such designation is revocable by the Judges Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Executive Committee.

By signing below, I agree to the following:

To uphold all rules pertaining to Judges (rule 438).

To adhere to the professional standards of the AQHA and at all times, act in a professional manner.

To be courteous and judge with a positive attitude.

To have the conviction to judge by the rules and disqualify entries that are in the violation of the rules.

To not accept any sort of remuneration, consideration, or anything of value that constitutes a bribe in the furtherance of judging duties.

To promptly report to the Director of Judges any attempt by third parties to bribe me or otherwise influence me in the furtherance of my judging services.

To report any information regarding bribes or illegal persuasion of judges, whether directed toward myself or other judges.

To ensure that the welfare of the American Quarter Horse is paramount and that every American Quarter Horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.

To instill confidence among exhibitors and the public in the American Quarter Horse industry, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or membership in the American Quarter Horse Association.

To judge honestly, fairly and impartially each horse exhibited to me strictly on the horse's conformation and/or its performance as the rules of the event dictate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____