

**Racing Committee  
2018 AQHA Convention  
Jacksonville, Florida**

Mister President, by way of background, the Racing Committee recommendations are sent to the Racing Council which may approve, deny or modify such recommendations. The following report represents the Racing Committee's recommendations that were approved by the Racing Council:

1. Maintain Champions Selection Committee member size of 21 members and establish a required quorum of 15 members present for voting.
2. Modify the South American Racing Champion criteria to the same as Canada and Mexico champion categories, which reads:

"The top 10 money earning Canada foaled and Mexico foaled racing American Quarter Horses that competed primarily in Canada or Mexico respectively will be placed on the ballot."

South American horses are required to be registered with AQHA in order to be considered on the ballot.

3. The following individuals were elected to serve on the 2018 Champions Selection Committee:

- a. Robert Gutke (UT)
- b. Dr. Larry Findley (LA)
- c. Lee Jenkins (SC)
- d. Russell Harris (TX)
- e. Duayne Didericksen (ID)
- f. Jorge Haddad Mestre (TX)
- g. Paris Wixon (AL)
- h. Bob Broadstock (ON)
- i. Mark Brown (ID)
- j. Ron Smith (FL)
- k. Kelvin Childers (CO)

The following Racing Committee members volunteered as alternates should someone become unavailable:

- a. Colt Vessels (TX)
- b. Rob Lowe (OR)
- c. Pete Scarmardo (TX)
- d. Bob Gaston (TX)
- e. Dr. Tommy Hayes (TX)
- f. Kirk Goodfellow (TX)
- g. Rob Werstler (TX)

4. Recommend amendments to the Animal Welfare Commission's proposed modifications to the AQHA Policy Concerning Awards and Publicity of Horses and/or Trainers with Racing Medication Positives, effective upon Executive Committee approval and AQHA Publication. The Racing Committee had one opposition to the Racing Committee's modifications.
5. Redevelop the Racing Challenge program to incorporate the regional race format used prior to 2018.
6. Beginning in 2019, Racing Challenge program funds should be concentrated on regional races and championship night, and funding should not be provided for Bonus and Maiden races.
7. The Racing Committee requests that the Executive Committee conduct an immediate outside audit of the Racing Challenge program funds going back to at least 2013. Also, the Racing Committee requests verification that the Challenge program funds have been dispersed according to program guidelines and in accordance with state laws governing the administration of funds held for the future use of participants.
8. AQHA Accounting Department shall provide an annual report of Racing Challenge financials to the Racing Committee at Convention each year to inform them of the current status of funds available and funds held.
9. For 2019, temporarily reduce nominator awards deducted from regional races from 7% to 3.5% in an effort to increase regional race purses.
10. Mark Brown was elected as chairperson of the committee.

On behalf of the Racing Committee, I move that the Membership approve these recommendations, which have been approved by the Racing Council, and forward them to the Board of Directors for approval.

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Debbie Schauf, Racing Council Chair  
Substituting for Kelvin Childers, Racing Committee Chair