

## **HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW QUALIFIERS AND FINAL 2014**

Both AHS Rules and HOYS Rules apply to Qualifier. The numbered points at the end of this document are intended to clarify some of these rules.

Horse of the Year Show has made several changes to its rules for qualifiers for 2014, some of which have been made quite recently.

The entire HOYS Rules can be found on their website and, in addition to general rules, the class specific rules for Arabs appear below in italics.

### **CLASS SPECIFIC RULES FOR ARABS (EXTRACT FROM THE ENTIRE HOYS RULES)**

#### ***RIDDEN PURE BRED ARAB OF THE YEAR***

*Open to horses qualified in open ridden classes at a qualifying show in 2014.*

*Owners of qualified horses must be members of the Arab Horse Society and the horse registered in its owner's name. The exhibitor must have purchased an AHS Q Card displaying the name of the horse.*

*These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this (HOYS) rule book.*

*This class will be divided into three sections as follows:*

*Section A Ridden Purebred Arab Gelding*

*Section B Ridden Purebred Arab Stallion*

*Section C Ridden Purebred Arab Mare*

*The qualifying horse will be the highest placed exhibit within the Championship of the separate mare, stallion and gelding Open Ridden Arab classes. The exhibit must not have previously qualified and must have an AHS Q Card displaying the name of the horse. If a rider has qualified more than one horse, that rider will be allowed, if they wish, to exchange horses and ride each horse for its individual display. A groom is allowed into the ring to hold the horse whilst it is not being ridden.*

#### ***Method of Judging:***

- 1. The whole section will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.*
- 2. The section will be split into two halves, one half will remain for one judge to ride the exhibits, while at the same time the other half will be judged for conformation, action in hand, soundness and type. The halves will then change places until all have been judged in both phases.*

#### ***Additional Rules:***

- 1. Judges must be selected from the appropriate Arab Horse Society List of Judges.*

2. Judges must not judge at more than two qualifiers, and if they judge at more than one qualifier, the two qualifiers must take place more than 100miles apart.
3. It is preferential for separate judges to be used for the ridden and conformation sections.
4. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

*Ride – 50 maximum*

*Conformation – 50 maximum*

*In the case of equality, the horse with the highest conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be quality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.*

*Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show Office.*

**Points listed below are intended to clarify the rules, however all Judges, Exhibitors and Stewards are advised to read both HOYS Rules and AHS Rules in their entirety.**

1. The Championship will have up to six horses in it. Judges, Stewards and Show Organisers will find it beneficial to have all horses placed and their placings recorded. Sometimes the placings will be required long after the show.
2. Show schedules which were approved by HOYS early in the year may state that the qualifier is the highest placed previously unqualified in the first five. HOYS have amended their rule since then to six places and will take the sixth as a qualifier at these shows if it is required.
3. The Method of Judging described in the rules is for the Final. At qualifiers it will be more convenient to use the preferred method of the Show Organiser.
4. Judges are now allowed to judge at two qualifiers as long as they are more than 100 miles apart. However Ridden Judges are still restricted to one appointment under the AHS Guidelines and Rules of Conduct for Judges. There has never been this restriction for In Hand Judges.
5. At shows where two judges are appointed the Ride Judge must be on the Ridden List and the Conformation Judge must be on either the In Hand or the Ridden List.
6. Marks are awarded at the Final and so qualifying shows are a good opportunity for Exhibitors, Judges, Stewards and Organisers to become familiar with the system. However HOYS does not make it compulsory for qualifiers.

In the 'Ride' section HOYS would like to encourage Judges to take the 'go-round' into consideration as well as the actual ride.

The 'Conformation' section will cover type as well as conformation, action in hand and soundness.

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