# News Bulletin

## RWD Update

**Minimum Class Requirements for Approved Shows will change on the 1st August 2020.**

From 1st August 2020 ALL clubs seeking show approval (including State Shows & Paint O Rama's) must include RWD Classes.
The mandatory classes will include:
Showmanship
Western Horsemanship
Trail
English Equitation (Hunt Seat Eq)

Please note anyone wishing to compete in RWD classes on a registered PHAA; must hold a current PHAA Exemption Card.

## Novice Amateur

Reminder to all members wishing to compete in Novice Amateur in 2020/2021, must reapply to the PHAA.

You will be issued with a new Novice AO card.

## If you want to advertise in the upcoming Stallion Showcase please contact the Newsletter Editor at

**admin@painthorse.net.au**

This showcase is open to upgraded PHAA Stallions as well as listed AQHA Stallions

## Changes to DNA from AmQHA

To our members,
As you may or may not know the AmQHA have restricted us from using their DNA database for Parent Verification of horses bred here, which was previously accessed through AQHA Australia. This affects all imported QH stallions and mares that are being used for breeding Paint horses in Australia.

See attached letter from AQHA.

What this means to us:

1. If you want to breed to an imported QH stallion we will need to have a copy of his DNA on file here in Australia. Because AmQHA have restricted our use, we cannot even use DNA markers. This means sending a hair sample to our genetics laboratory. Also if you bred to an imported stallion last season the PHAA will need a copy of his DNA on file to be able to register any resulting foal – for this season. Please contact the office and we can get the documentation to you – Remember this MUST happen even if the horse has already been listed with the PHAA.

2. Imported semen. Again if you are planning on breeding to imported QH semen or did so last season, we will need to get a copy of the stallions DNA on file here. This can be done by submitting a hair sample as usual (we have collection and shipping information at the office). Or a sample can be extracted from a frozen straw.

This situation is totally out of our hands and we have no other option than to start our own database for the imported horses.

At present AQHA is allowing us access to their database for Australian bred QH mares and stallions.

The PHAA Board has reached out to the APHA and the AmQHA to see if there are any ways around these new restrictions.

*Letter from Australian Quarter Horse Association can be found on Page 2.*

## Membership Renewals are now due. The 2020/2021 Season commences 1st August 2020

# Changes to DNA from AmQHA

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Letter from the AQHA Manager

Good morning everyone,

The American Quarter Horse Association has recently implemented a data share agreement with the Australian Quarter Horse Association, and as a result our ability to share data with other Associations has been restricted.

The Australian Quarter Horse Association are no longer able to share DNA markers or profiles provided by the American Quarter Horse Association, stored at Racing Australia.

This restriction applies to DNA results and markers stored by Racing Australian for both imported horses and imported semen.

For you Association to gain DNA markers will need to seek a sample from the owner of the particular horse for future testing.

This notification is effective immediately and it is retrospective.

This only applies to American horses and imported semen, not Australian Registered Quarter Horses. Your Associations are still able to apply to the AQHA registrar for Australian Quarter Horse DNA results and markers on an individual basis. This process has not changed.

Our apology for this required change but unfortunately this is beyond our control.

Kind Regards,

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Manager

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