# INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY FOR AMATEURS

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Amateurs residing in countries not contiguous to the United States will be eligible. Each amateur must be a current year member of the American Quarter Horse Association.
- 2. Individual amateur members may participate at the Adequan Select and/or the Bank of America World Championship Shows. If participating in the Adequan Select and/or the Bank of America World Championship Shows, the individual may lease a horse to avoid the cost of transporting the horse overseas. However, all records must be complete in the AQHA office by June 30 for the Adequan Select World Show and August 31 for the Bank of America World Show the year of the show.
- 3. Individual amateurs are eligible to compete at the Adequan Select World Show or the Bank of America World Show on a leased horse; the individual must have qualified in their international country or received an invitation from AQHA. A special invitation will be sent to the exhibitor/horse combination that has earned the greatest number of points during the qualifying period, which did not meet the minimum number of qualifying points per class.
- **4.** The amateur exhibitor must be 50 years of age or older on or before August 3, 2009, to compete at the Adequan Select World Championship Show.

### **ENTRY**

- 5. All international amateurs who wish to compete at the Adequan Select or the Bank of America World Championship Shows must have all entries and entry fees to the AQHA Offices no later than August 3 for the Adequan Select and September 15 for the Bank of America World Shows of the year of the show (not postmarked by that date). No entries will be accepted via telephone.
- 6. Individuals leasing horses or bringing their own, via transporting, are responsible for the horse's feed, bedding and other maintenance costs required. AQHA is not responsible for the care, safety or management of these horses at any time. Horses being leased must meet all health requirements as outlined in the Adequan Select and the Bank of America World Championship Shows rules and regulations.

7. Horses acquired for international competitors may not be nationally qualified in the United States or Canada for the Adequan Select or the Bank of America World Championship Shows. In addition, horses secured for competition at the Adequan Select or the Bank of America World Shows by an international exhibitor may not compete in the same event at the AQHA World Championship Show or the Adequan Select World Show. (For example a horse leased to compete in western riding for the Adequan Select World Championship Show may not be used in western riding at the AQHYA World Championship Show or the Bank of America World Show).

#### **CLASSES**

- **8.** Unless otherwise indicated in the rules of the Adequan Select and/or the Bank of America World Championship Show, all class rules of the Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association will apply.
- **9.** The same horse/exhibitor combination is not eligible to compete in the same class(es) at the Adequan Select World Championship Show and the corresponding amateur class(es) at the Bank of America World Show.

## **FEES**

- **10.** Fees for international amateur members will be the same as nationally qualified individuals. (To be paid in U.S. dollars)
- **11.** All fees, including stall and entry fees, must be sent to AQHA per the instructions on the entry and stall forms.

## RESIDENCY

**12.** Amateurs must be bona fide residents of the country they are representing.