

ANNOUNCEMENT

NQHA Dutch Championship 2025

3 – 7 September 2025

AQHA & NSBA & NQHA All-breed classes

Host:

NQHA Nederlandse Quarter Horse Associatie

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Location

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Netherlands

Judges

Linda Long – USA

Nicolas Perrin – France

Conditions for entries

Entry form and program can be found at www.nqha.nl

Deadline: 11 August 2025

1. Entry form
 - Entry forms need to be filled out online and sent by email before the deadline. The organization reserves the right not to accept new registrations after the deadline. Additional fees will apply after the deadline.
 - No photos of the entry form are accepted.
 - All participants in L1 classes Amateur, Youth (exhibitors) & Open (horses) must be able to confirm their leveling status if requested by the show office. You can find your levelling status at:
<https://aqhaservices.aqha.com/members/summaries/viewleveling>
 - By sending in the entry form, each owner/exhibitor acknowledges the announcement and the general terms and conditions.
 - Please send a copy of the AQHA registration papers and AQHA membership card when entering AQHA classes. Include a copy of NSBA registration certificate and NSBA membership card for rider and owner. If documentation is not complete the registration cannot be processed. No exceptions are made.
 - The host is not responsible for emails which have not arrived.
 - Every participant will receive an entry confirmation and updated information. Each participant is responsible to check this information.
2. Every participant is responsible for being on time before the class starts.
3. The host reserves the right to change the announcement until the entry deadline, change the date of show or cancel it if necessitated by certain circumstances. After the deadline, the final schedule will be published and might contain slight changes.

4. In case of cancellation after the deadline with a valid reason and a doctor's or veterinarian's statement, only the stall – camping – membership(s) and office charge will be charged. If the participant is unable to provide said statement or has not cancelled in time, the full costs will be charged.
5. Each horse must be covered by liability insurance.
6. Horse must be vaccinated according to the rules set forth by the KNHS. These can be found here: <https://www.knhs.nl/helpdesk/paarden-en-ponys/welke-vaccinaties-heeft-mijn-paard-nodig-om-deel-te-mogen-nemen-aan-wedstrijden>
7. Participation and attendance at the show is entirely at your own risk. Neither the Nederlandse Quarter Horse Associatie nor the location accepts any liability for loss, damage or theft of your horse(s) and/or property, nor for any injury suffered or death of a participating and/or present horse, rider or visitor during the entire duration of the show/event.
8. Longeline and In Hand Trail is for 2 and 3 year old horses. A horse entering those classes may not be entered under saddle. Horses shown in In Hand Trail 4 & Older, the same rider/horse combination may not be entering trail classes under saddle.
9. Futurity & Maturity classes are open to nominated horses and follow the rules and regulations set forth by the NQHA SSA: <https://www.nqha.nl/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-SSA-reglement-NL.pdf> (English version available on request).
10. If there are less than three entries for Select classes at the time of the entry deadline, the respective class will be cancelled and integrated in the respective Amateur class.
11. If there are less than three entries in Hunter Hack Class, this class will be cancelled.
12. AQHA & NSBA classes will be held class in class, except for Open Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure.
13. You must not lunge or ride on the showground without a valid entry number. The whole facility, especially the warm-up pen will be checked on unsportsmanlike behavior (Rulebook VIO200). Lunging is only allowed at the indicated places.

Arrival & Stables

Arrival on Wednesday 3 September 2025 from 13.00. Not earlier because the stalls will not be ready. Stalls are appointed in order of receipt of the entry form. Stall assignment is based on the order of received entries. The stalls are provided with straw. If shavings or any other material is added or completely replaces the straw, the stall must be completely emptied at the end of the show. If the stall is not emptied, the venue will charge a €50.00 fine to the person to whom the stall was rented by the NQHA. Failure to pay this fine may result in exclusion from a future show or stall rental. If you have chosen shavings in your stall, we charge a €50 deposit. This will be refunded when the stable is returned clean.

Opening hours Show Office

The show office will be open Wednesday 3 August 2024 from 15.00 – 18.00. On show days the show office is open 1 hour before the show starts and closed at 18.00. Changes can be made until 16.00 the day before the class takes place.

Dutch Champion

The title of Dutch Champion in AQHA and NSBA open classes will be awarded to the horse. The horse owner must be a current NQHA member.

Titles in AQHA and NSBA Amateur and Youth will be awarded to the horse/rider combination. The rider must be a current NQHA Member.

To determine a Dutch Champion the results of both judges will be used to calculate the winner. In case of a tie, the tie judge will decide. The winner is calculated with the points of the allround system:

- Place 1: 120 points
- Place 2: 105 points
- Place 3: 91 points
- Place 4: 78 points
- Place 5: 66 points
- Place 6: 55 points
- Place 7: 45 points
- Place 8: 36 points
- Place 9: 28 points

There have to be at least 3 participants in a class to become a Dutch champion.

IRHA classes

- 3 Divisions: Open, Non-Pro
- 3 Events in each Division: Ranch Riding / Ranch Trail / Ranch Rail
- IRHA rulebook - <https://internationalrha.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/IRHA-Rule-Book.pdf>
- This event is open to ALL-BREEDS.
- Any horse three years of age or older is eligible.
- Non-Pro Eligibility: Exhibitor must be a youth (18 years of age or younger as of January 1) or an amateur/non-pro with a current and valid amateur/non-pro card held with any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, ABRA, PHBA, PtHA, NRHA, NRCHA, NCHA and SHTX.
- All horses entered in the non-pro division must be owned/leased by the non-pro exhibitor or an immediate family member only in accordance with APHA and AQHA immediate family rules
- Each competitor is limited to five (5) horses shown per class, except Rail where only one (1) horse may be shown.
- No cross entry allowed in - English & Western Versatility - Hunter Under Saddle - Western Pleasure - Trail (if Ranch Trail is shown)
- IRHA Membership is mandatory (free of charge in 2025) <https://internationalrha.com/#membership>
- 75% of the entry fees added per class. This is divided as follows:

Payout Schedule

# of Paid Entries	Placings Paid	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
1-2	1	100%														
3-4	2	60%	40%													
5-6	3	45%	35%	20%												
7-9	5	34%	27%	20%	10%	9%										
10-12	6	32%	22%	19%	10%	9%	8%									
13-15	8	26%	22%	14%	10%	9%	8%	6%	5%							
16-19	10	25%	18%	13%	10%	8.5%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%					
20-23	12	25%	16%	11%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%			
24-27	14	23%	15%	10.5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%	2%	1.5%	
28+	15	23%	14%	10.5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%	2%	1.5%	1%

Ties will be resolved by a tie-breaker judge. A tie-breaker judge will be selected at random and announced prior to each class. If this is not sufficient, the other judges in the order will be consulted. In the absence of a ruling in both the rule book and this announcement, the show manager will make the final decision.

Hunt Seat Versatility

English Versatility is poised to do for Hunt Seat riders what ranch classes have done for western enthusiast: demonstrate the handiness and fun of riding a versatile, forward moving horse with light contact. Horses work individually in this pattern class that combines elements of working hunter mixed with a bit of trail, the spirit of ranch riding, the flow of dressage and the elegance of equitation. The ideal English versatility horse travels with forward movement and demonstrates an obvious lengthening of stride when extending gaits. Horses are to be ridden on light contact. The overall manners, responsiveness and smoothness of the English versatility horse while making transitions, as well as the quality of movement are of primary considerations. Importantly, the horse's head should be carried at a natural angle that is suitable to the horse's conformation at all gaits. Ideally, a horse should carry its head no lower than level and its nose should be in front of vertical.

Entry fees

AQHA or NSBA CLASSES

AQHA or NSBA Classe	€ 35,00
AQHA or NSBA Flatrate*	€ 110,00
Halter Classes	€ 15,00
L1 Youth/Youth	€ 15,00
L1 Youth/Youth Flatrate*	€ 60,00

AQHA/NSBA Class in Class

AQHA & NSBA Class	€ 55,00
AQHA & NSBA Flatrate*	€ 200,00
AQHA & NSBA L1 Youth/Youth	€ 35,00
AQHA & NSBA L1 Youth/Youth Flatrate*	€ 100,00

** Flatrate is per division. L1 Open or Open or L1 Amateur or Amateur etc.*

OTHER CLASSES

Futurity or Maturity	€ 75,00
IRHA (75% payback)	€ 100,00
Freestyle (100% payback)	€ 50,00
NQHA All-Breed	€ 35,00
Paid Warm Up	€ 15,00

STALL & CAMPING

Stall with Straw	€ 150,00
Camping With Electricity	€ 100,00
Electricity Tackbox per day	€ 15,00

NQHA Membership	€ 50,00
AQHA Horse Fee	€ 20,00
Office Charge	€ 25,00

** If you enter 4 or more classes regardless of which division, you can enter 1 halter class for free.*

Freestyle Western Class Regulations

General Rules

The Freestyle Western Class is designed to give riders the freedom to perform a self-choreographed, creative routine to music, incorporating all elements of western riding. The emphasis is on harmony between horse and rider, originality, level of difficulty, and execution of the chosen maneuvers.

Riders of all ages and experience levels are welcome, and horses of any breed are allowed. Any type of tack or lack thereof is permitted. All clothing is allowed, provided it is safe and appropriate. Every performance must be safe for the horse, rider, and bystanders.

Music must be submitted to the announcer at least 1 hour before the start of the class.

Structure

Duration: maximum of 3.5 minutes. The routine is performed to music chosen by the rider. Each rider composes their own routine including at least five (5) different elements from western riding. A maximum of three (3) reining elements and/or spectacular tricks (such as spins, sliding stops) may be included.

Riders may choose from (but are not limited to) the following elements:

- Showmanship elements
- Trot poles
- Spins
- Sliding stop
- Ground tie
- Jumping obstacles
- Side pass
- Lead changes
- Circles (large/fast, small/slow)
- Pivots
- Gate (mounted or dismounted)
- Back-up
- Serpetine

Judging

A panel of judges will score the routine based on the following criteria (100 points total):

- Technique & Precision of the performed maneuvers (25 points)
- Originality & Creativity (20 points)
- Harmony between rider and horse (20 points)
- Level of Difficulty (15 points)
- Musical interpretation & Presentation (10 points)
- Safety & Control (10 points)

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Freestyle Trail

