



**Sound Horses-Honest Judging-Objective Inspections-Winning Fairly**  
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Dear Show Managers,

SHOW would like to thank you for your continued support of the SHOW HIO. We are making a few changes regarding our inspection fees and DQP session fees.

First, SHOW will no longer require an additional \$15 per entry for lobbying fees. We do recommend management still collect that fee for the industry, but it is NOT a requirement. Inspection fees collected on behalf of SHOW will remain as they have been for several years: padded horses- management collects \$15 per horse per class; pleasure horses- management collects \$15 per horse for its first class then \$5 each additional class.

SHOW has also changed the pay scale for DQPs by pushing the overtime requirement to begin after the DQP has been on the grounds for more than 7 hours (DQPs are required to be on show grounds one hour prior to published show start time). After 7 hours, an additional \$100 will be added to the DQP session fee. This is per DQP.

Also as has been policy for several years, if SHOW sends two DQPs to your show and your show does not hit a 125 minimum number of entries, SHOW will cover the cost of the second DQP.

If an alliance of industry HIOs and/or associations comes together SHOW intends to join but above fees would be the maximum fees charged. Also, that alliance will not carry any penalties for joining.

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the USDA is hosting an open house inside Cooper Steel Arena which is open to owners, trainers, exhibitors, show managers, and members of the public. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by February 27, 2026. I am currently waiting for either a phone number or email address to use to RSVP and will forward to you once received.

For your convenience I have attached the 2026 Affiliation Application. If you would prefer a hard copy affiliation packet sent to you, please let me know and I am happy to mail one out.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

I look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,

Rachel Reed  
Secretary/Treasurer