

NFQHA Registration Requirements

Before submitting a horse for NFQHA Research/Registration please read the following:

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

The minimum amount of Quarter Horse required was raised to 85% beginning 04/30/2018.

There is **NO CHANGE** in the 80% rule for horses with NFQHA registered Sire & Dam (both parents).

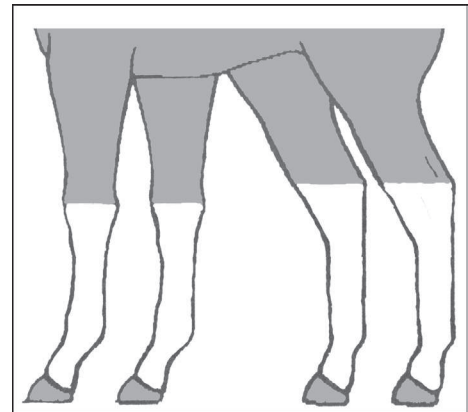
This change was necessitated because of TB's dropping off in the 11th generation since NFQHA's inception. And to ensure realization of our goal of "Breeding the Quarter Horse Back into the Quarter Horse".

Note: All percentages over a whole number are rounded up.
Example: 84.01% is rounded up to 85%.

- 1) A horse must be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).
- 2) Before submitting please review the registration requirements.
- 3) A copy of the horse's AQHA Registration Certificate (and if leased, a copy of the AQHA Lease Authorization Form), must accompany the NFQHA Registration application.
- 4) The current Owner or Lessee shown on the AQHA Registration Certificate or AQHA Lease Authorization Form, must coincide with the NFQHA member submitting the Registration application. The name need not be identical, but it must be obvious that it is the same person, persons, or entity.
- 5) Horses must be one of the following colors: Sorrel, Black, Bay, Brown, Grullo, Dun, Red Dun, Chestnut, Red Roan, Blue Roan, Bay Roan, Gray, Palomino, or Buckskin.

Horses possessing all three characteristics of pink skin, blue eyes, and white or creme colored coat do **not** meet the breed color requirement and are **NOT** eligible for NFQHA registration. They **ARE** eligible for research and their offspring are eligible for registration if they meet the other breed requirements.

- 6) White Markings: A horse may not have any white markings above the middle of the knee or point of hock, nor beyond an imaginary line drawn from the bottom outside edge of each ear, then to the outside bottom edge of the opposite ear, then to the corners of horse's mouth, and from there under the chin. Horse may not exhibit any belly spots or any white spots with underlying pink skin other than on face or lower legs such that it cannot be completely covered with a disk one inch in diameter.



RESEARCH PROCEDURE:

NFQHA downloads all our pedigree information directly from AQHA, and research is performed by computer with NFQHA custom software. Each line is researched to the parents of the first registered horse, or the first Thoroughbred, or 11 generations, whichever comes first. (11 generations is 2,046 horses, or 33 6-generation pedigrees.)

In order to be registered as a Foundation Quarter Horse the researched horse must be found to carry a minimum of 85% Quarter Horse blood per NFQHA research criteria. **Or 80% for horses with NFQHA REGISTERED sire and dam (both parents)**

Qualified Foundation horses shall receive NFQHA Foundation Registration and a Percentage Fact sheet showing all Thoroughbred blood found in the research and what percentage it contributed. Non-qualifying horses receive the Percentage Fact Sheet.