

NFQHA Certification Requirements

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

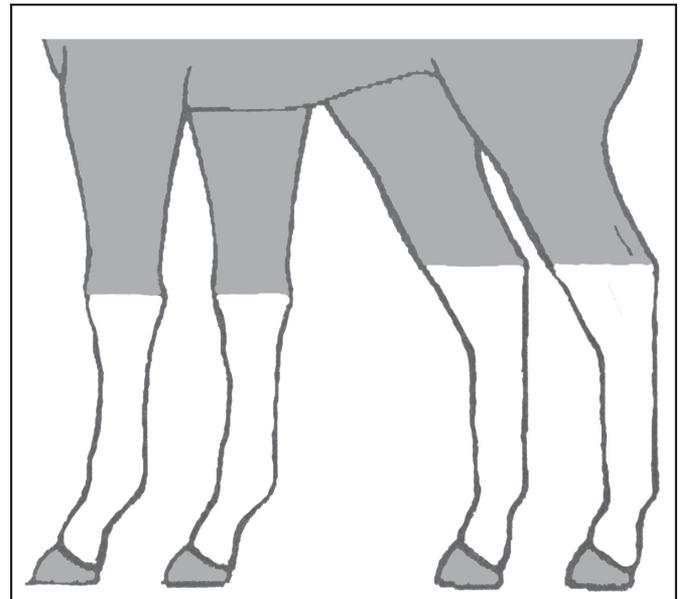
* IMPORTANT NOTICE *

The minimum amount of Quarter Horse required will be raised to 85% beginning 02/01/2018. There will be NO CHANGE in the 80% rule for horses with NFQHA certified Sire & Dam.

This change is necessitated by the TB dropping off in the 11th generation since NFQHA's inception 22 years ago. And to ensure realization of our goal of "Breeding the Quarter Horse Back into the Quarter Horse".

Please see website for more info.

Refer to item #6 for a description of the below illustrations of allowable white markings.



- 1) A horse must be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).
- 2) Before submitting please review the certification requirements and submit the appropriate research/certification fee.
- 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 Certification 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 Certification 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 a registration certificate. They *are* eligible for research and their offspring are eligible for certification 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 the NFQHA custom software program. 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 certified as a Foundation Quarter Horse the researched horse must be found to carry a minimum of 80% Quarter Horse blood per NFQHA research criteria for horses with NFQHA certified sire and dam **-or- 85% beginning 02/01/2017 for horses without two NFQHA parents.**

Qualified Foundation horses shall receive an NFQHA Foundation Certificate and a Blood Analysis Fact sheet showing all Thoroughbred blood found in the research and what percentage it contributed.

Non-qualifying horses receive the Blood Analysis Fact Sheet.