

## Concerns Over Halter Horse Conformation Spawn New Organization

**The World Conformation Horse Association is the equine industry's newest group.**

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A new equine association called the World Conformation Horse Association has formed, and prospective members will get a chance to learn more about the organization on October 17 during the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

The WCHA got its start when more than 40 concerned halter horse owners, breeders and trainers from nine states gathered in Tioga, Texas, May 29-30, for a think-tank strategy meeting to discuss issues facing the halter horse industry. There has been criticism in the stock horse world over today's halter horse conformation, which some critics argue is now detrimental to soundness and good performance. According to reports, the WCHA's purpose is not only to promote the halter horse, but to bring back the value of good conformation in the horse.

"We have been extremely encouraged by the response we have received from the industry," says Peter Cofrancesco, III, of Sparta, N.J., WCHA steering committee chairman. "There has been nothing but positive support from all sectors of the stock horse industry as the WCHA has begun delivering its message regarding the value of good conformation in the horse, regardless of the discipline it might be competing in."

Cofrancesco said that during the Congress, information will be provided about the direction and focus of the WCHA, and special announcements will be made regarding competitions to be held in 2008. The WCHA event is free and open to anyone interested, although tickets are required to attend. Tickets are available from any WCHA committee member, at indicated stalling areas at the Congress or by e-mailing [julie@golatigo.com](mailto:julie@golatigo.com). Tickets will be available through October 12. For more information about the WCHA, call (817) 443-0686.