

Qualifications

1. Qualification period is the previous year plus the current year up to the close of entries. (Placings in year 2021 count towards next year's qualification period – if your placing was not previously recorded, you will need to qualify in year 2022 under the participation system)
2. Compete in any qualifying AHA Recognized show in any region (which includes Concurrent, Pre-Show, Value Show).
3. An Amateur must qualify the horse to participate in an Amateur or Amateur Owner class.
4. Compete in a recognized section, i.e., HA/AA Western Pleasure, Arabian Country English Pleasure, Arabian Hunter Pleasure, etc.
5. Compete in any recognized class within that section (Note: for Dressage, each level is considered its own section).
6. Participate in that one recognized class in that section now qualifies you to compete in as many classes within that section at any one Regional Championship Show of your choice.
 - a. Example: Participate at a qualifying show in HA/AA Western Pleasure ATR qualifies for any and as many classes in HA/AA Western Pleasure as long as you meet the definition for an Amateur, Amateur Owner, Leveling, Jr. Horse, etc. The qualification could have been earned in Region 8 but was used for the Region 6 Championship Show.
7. Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows and compete at any and as many Regional Championships in that section.
8. Equitation is based on the rider and the rider must participate in their qualifying section.
 - A. Youth - National Championship Show, a rider must win:
 1. A Medal, in a class of three or more entries; or
 2. obtain participation qualifications in AHA Medal classes (see current chart); or
 3. a Top Five or better from corresponding classes in Regional Championship Shows, East Coast Championship or Pacific Slope Championship, or a Top Six or better from corresponding classes in Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship Classes.
 - B. Adult - National Championship Show, a rider must win:
 1. obtain participation qualifications in classes requiring a pattern; or
 2. a Top Five or better from corresponding classes in Regional Championship Shows, East Coast Championship or Pacific Slope Championship, or a Top Six or better from corresponding classes in Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship Classes.
9. Participation can also be used to qualify in Specialty classes and can be obtained through Open Shows (and placings for Working Western/Dressage/Western Dressage).
10. A National Show Commission has the right to place restrictions on cross entry into classes.
11. The USEF/EC family definition and two distinct non-family owner definition must be adhered to.
12. East Coast and Pacific Slope (Top Five), Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders (Top Six) all count as Regional Placings.
13. Participation definition:
 - a. In a class where horses compete together, participated means a horse/rider/driver/handler must have been entered, shown, and judged (perform at all required gaits both ways of the ring and remain in the ring until excused by the judge). In other words, finishing the class.
 - b. In a class where horses compete individually, participated means a horse/rider must have completed the individual requirements of the class and be eligible to receive a score.
 - c. Horses which are excused/disqualified/eliminated/received a "no score" are not considered "adjudicated".

Category I – Main Ring

Regional Qualifications:

Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show in order to compete at one Regional Championship of your choice

Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows

in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships

National Qualifications

Regional Top 5 or better or

Participate at three (3) AHA Approved Shows

(one of which may be a participation from a Regional Championship)

Category II – Main Ring Exceptions/Sport Horse/Working Western (cannot receive a “no score”)

Junior Horses (unless affected by another category below)

Pleasure Driving

Country Pleasure Driving

Park Horse
 Walk Trot - 10 and Under/11 & Over (Pleasure, Equitation and other)
 Sport Horse In-Hand
 Sport Horse Under Saddle
 Sport Horse Show Hack
 Reining
 Trail
 Reined Cow Horse
 Limited Reined Cow Horse
 Working Cow Horse
 Herd Work
 Cutting
 Ranch Riding
 Ranch Reining
 Ranch Trail
 Ranch Working Cow
 Ranch Horse Cow Work
 Versatility Ranch Riding
 Ranch Cutting
 Ranch Rail
 Ranch Horse Conformation

See Category IV for Youth cattle classes

Regional Qualifications:

Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show or "Open Qualifying Show" (for Working Western) in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships

National Qualifications

Regional Top 5 or better or Participate at two (2) AHA Approved Shows or "Open Qualifying Show" (for Working Western) (one of which may be a participation from a Regional Championship)

Category III – Program Enrollment

ABS Yearling Classes (Arabian Filly/Colt/Gelding & HA/AA Filly/Gelding) – Breeding Entry only and received a Top 10 from Regional ABS Yearling class
 ABS Sport Horse Yearling Classes – Breeding Entry only
 ABS Canadian Yearling Classes – Breeding Entry only
 ABS AAOTR Jackpots (Arabian and HA/AA Western PI, County PI, Hunter PI, English PI, Reining) – Breeding or Original Entry
 ABS AAO Performance Halter – Breeding Entry or Original Entry – must be adjudicated at Nationals in a Performance Class
 ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot – Breeding or Original Entry
 ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive – Breeding or Original Entry
 ABS Green Working Hunter Derby – Breeding or Original Entry
 Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby – program enrollment
 Breeding/In-Hand Futurity – program enrollment

Category IV - Other

Youth Herd Work
 Youth Reined Cow Horse and Limited Reined Cow Horse
 Carriage Driving (all)
 Working Hunter
 Hunter Seat Equitation Over Fences
 Hunter Hack (all)
 Jumpers
 Green Working Hunter
 Dressage Seat Equitation

Regional and Nationals - No Qualifications - (same as it was 2020 and prior)

Category V – DRESSAGE/WESTERN DRESSAGE - Horse/Rider must not be eliminated

Regional Qualifications:

Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show or "Open Qualifying Show" in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships

National Qualifications

Regional Top 5 or better or Participate at two (2) AHA Approved Shows or "Open Qualifying Shows" (one of which may be a participation from a Regional Championship)

Freestyle – Must have a Minimum Score of 63% in Fourth Level and below, and 60% for FEI Levels, in highest test in level or higher level