

## GENERAL RULES

1. New for 2016 US National Champion Sr. Stallion and/or Sr. Mare are no longer allowed to participate at US Nationals (COMP 1216.9).
2. Qualifications are not “used up” if you show at Regionals or Nationals, they **EXPIRE**.
3. Qualifications are earned during the current show year up to the time of the Regional or National show and the entire previous show year. (i.e. for the 2016 show year the previous year starts Jan 1, 2015)
4. **Professionals can use amateur and/or amateur owner earned points for any class.** Amateur/Amateurs owners can't use any points earned by a professional for any JT/AT/AAT/JO/AATO Class.
5. Regional and National Champion, Reserve Champion, National Top Ten or Regional Top Five do not qualify a horse for any Regional Championship classes.
6. Region Champion, Reserve and Top 5 and a CH, Res CH or Top 6 from East Coast, Pacific Slope, Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders automatically qualify for Nationals.
7. **Normally**, If qualifications are waived for Nationals, they are waived for Regionals as well. Exception to this is CNL 2014 Working Hunter Division & Hunter Hack Division (bod 3/14).
8. If the ownership changes the new owner can use all the qualifications the horse has including owner qualifications.
9. Performance and halter qualifications follow the horse.
10. Equitation qualifications follow the rider.
11. All Junior exhibitors are considered Amateurs for competition purposes. **This is for Arabian and HA/AA shows/classes ONLY.** It does not pertain to any other USEF recognized show.

## QUALIFICATIONS FROM AHA APPROVED SHOWS

1. A first or second place at an AHA Recognized Show qualifies for Regional classes **ONLY**.
2. Dressage, Reining, Reined Cow, Working Cow, Cutting and Trail can also qualify with scores from an AHA show.
3. **POINT/SCORE SYSTEM** See points chart
  - The Point System was implemented for all Regional and National classes commencing with the 2005 show season.
  - Qualification Points are **not** earned in Regional or National classes.
  - The number of points a horse receives is based on the number of horses in the class the time the gate closed. Horses will earn one point for every horse in the class that they beat PLUS one for themselves. Qualification points are awarded thru 6<sup>th</sup> place.
  - The points/scores listed on the Qualification chart must be obtained in the same AHA Section the Championship class is listed in. i.e. to qualify for Arabian Hunter Pleasure Open Championship - any Arabian Hunter Pleasure class will qualify – it does not matter what the Hunter Pleasure class is. Please remember rule 3 in General Rules and 4 & 5 below apply
  - You can't use both scores and points from the same qualifying class to enter different Regional or National classes. You must use one or the other.
4. **OWNER** Classes (AOT, AAOT, JOT) - an **owner AT THE TIME OF QUALIFICATIONS** must have been the rider/driver/handler **in the qualifying class** and must meet the USEF definition of an owner (USEF GR 141 & GR 123). Registration papers must be in an owners name (USEF AR 101.3)
  - The Owner can be any age from JOT to AAOT.
  - **\*\* Sale of horse =** If an Amateur qualified the horse and wants to go into an Owner class at Regionals or Nationals, *the date of the signed transfer will determine if the Amateur can use that qualification for an Owner class*
    - AHA or the Canadian Registry must be in receipt of the pending transfer.
    - the date of the transfer **MUST** be prior to the class the qualification was earned in.
5. **AMATEURS** Classes (AT, AAT, JT) - an **Amateur** (any age amateur) must have been the rider/driver/handler **in the qualifying class**. See #10 in the General rules regarding Junior exhibitors.

6. **AGE OF RIDER** - Is the age of the rider as of Dec 1 the year prior to the current show year. (Dec 1, 2015 for the 2016 show year)
  - If a horse is qualified for an Owner or Amateur class – ANY age Owner or Amateur can show the horse. If a rider/driver/handler was a youth when they qualified they are qualified as an Adult R/D/H
7. **WALK/TROT 10 & Under** can only qualify in
  - Walk/Trot 10 & Under designated classes
  - For dressage in USDF Into Test A or B. W/T (Test C requires a canter)
  - Qualifications in W/T **do not carry forward into** Youth classes

### **QUALIFICATIONS FROM ALL BREED OPEN SHOWS**

- Qualifications can be earned in **OPEN Competitions**, provided the horse is enrolled in the AHA Open Qualifying Competition Program.
- **New for 2016 Dressage can now use points as well as scores (OPEN 101.3).**

#### **With Placings (points)**

1. **Dressage (BOD11/15)**, Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper – show must be EC or USEF/ USDF/**WDAA** approved.
2. Eventing, Carriage Driving, Combined Driving and Driven Dressage – must be USEF, EC or ADS recognized

#### **With Scores**

1. Dressage – show must be EC or USEF/ USDF/**WDAA** approved
2. Cutting, Working Cow, Reined Cow, Reining – show must be NCHA, ACHA, NRCHA, NRHA recognized

### **EQUITATION**

Equitation is a qualification of the **rider**, not the horse. They can use any horse, Arabian or HA/AA

#### **Medal classes**

Are NOT held at Regional shows.

Are held at LOCAL shows **ONLY** and qualify **ONLY** for Nationals

**NATIONALS** National Equitation classes (with the exception of W/T) require a pattern

1. Require either
  - A Medal from the local show (medals are awarded if there are 3 or more in the class)
  - Medal Points can be earned in Medal classes ONLY. Points are awarded the same as in regular classes.
  - CH, RES CH or Top 5 at Regionals or CH, RES CH or Top 6 from East Coast, Pacific Slope, Western Canadian Breeders or Eastern Canadian Breeders

**REGIONALS** All Regional Equitation classes (with the exception of W/T) require a pattern

1. Qualifications are earned in the local Equitation classes that are **NOT** Medal with either:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.
  - Points

#### **NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FROM UPHA CHALLENGE CUP (Saddle Seat Only)**

1. UPHA qualifications run on a yearly basis. Riders can qualify up to 7 days prior to the first day of the show, thereafter qualifications will apply to next years Youth Nationals.
2. UPHA membership is required for the rider at the time of qualification.
3. Age divisions have NOT changed. The age division of 14 – 17 did **NOT** change to 14 – 18 for the Arabian Breed UPHA classes.
4. UPHA qualifies all exhibitors in the National UPHA Challenge Cup Class from All Breed UPHA classes.
5. AHA records and qualifies ONLY the UPHA Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup classes.
6. Riders can qualify in either a;
  - UPHA Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup (1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> qualify)
  - Open (all Breed) UPHA Challenge Cup provided they qualified on the same breed of horse they will compete on at the National Level. ( 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> qualify)

## LEVELING CLASSES

1. Refer to USEF rules (AR110.2.d) for leveling up
2. To find you level 1<sup>st</sup> qualify the horse in the section *then the rider* FOR THE CORRECT LEVEL
3. Ribbons won within a Section / Category do not count in reckoning Select Rider status if the rider/driver transfers to a new section / category.
4. It does not matter if they rode a Arabian or HA/AA
5. *If you are a select rider on Dec 1 of the previous year, you are a select rider for the current show year. (Dec 1, 2015 for the 2016 show year) **Wins after Dec 1 do not count toward Select Status.***
6. Achievement Leveling Points are not earned in Walk/Trot/Jog classes and will not count toward the Achievement Leveling Program.
7. No Achievement Leveling Award points will be awarded in one horse classes at any AHA recognized competition. See Point Table for Shows in ACH 105.1
8. Achievement Leveling points awarded to an exhibitor competing as a Youth will be maintained by that exhibitor when they move forward and compete in the Adult Amateur Achievement Levels.
9. Achievement Leveling points awarded to an exhibitor competing as a Youth and/or an Adult Amateur do not count against a rider crossing over into the Open Achievement Levels.
10. An exhibitor can return to a lower level in a particular section if the exhibitor has not earned any points (National, Regional or Regular Competition) in the past 10 consecutive years in that particular that defined section.
11. **Primetime – Open to AHA members which are USEF/EC amateurs 60 years of age or older and may participate in all disciplines with the exception of Reining. Reining Primetime exhibitors are 50 years of age or older**

**SELECT RIDER STATUS STARTS OVER IF YOU TRANSFER TO A NEW SECTION / CATEGORY** i.e Hunter Section to Western Section

CATEGORY / SECTION	CLASSES INCLUDED IN CATEGORY / SECTION	
TRAIL	Trail	
REINING	Reining	Reining Seat Equitation
HUNTER SECTION	Hunter Pleasure	Hunter Seat Equ Not To Jump
WESTERN SECTION	Western Pleasure	Western Horsemanship
SADDLE SEAT	English Pleasure / Show Hack Country English Pleasure / Park	Saddle Seat Equitation

## REINING

**New for 2016 for Reining – along with the AHA points, riders can't have earned enough awards to be ineligible as an NRHA Intermediate, Limited or Rookie Rider.**

I QUALIFY IN THE FOLLOWING IF I HAVE RECEIVED	NATIONAL CLASSES National Points only	REGIONALS / RECOGNIZED SHOWS/CLASSES All Points are combined = National, Regional & Recognized
ROOKIE	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 - 70 PTS OR has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section.
LIMITED	Between 0 - 60 PTS	Between 0 - 150 PTS OR has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section.
INTERMEDIATE	Not more than 90 PTS	Not more than 250 PTS OR Has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section
PRIME TIME NON PRO	AHA member, USEF amateur 50 years of age or older. Must enter one or more of the above Non Pro or the AAOTR class	AHA member, USEF amateur 50 years of age or older

**PARK, ENGLISH PLEASURE, COUNTRY ENGLISH PLEASURE, WESTERN PLEASURE, HUNTER PLEASURE, TRAIL**

<b>ACHIEVEMENT LEVELING PROGRAM - AMATEURS</b> <i>Points apply to a specific, individual section</i>		
<b>I QUALIFY IN THE FOLLOWING IF I HAVE RECEIVED</b>	<b>NATIONAL CLASSES</b> National Points only	<b>REGIONALS / RECOGNIZED SHOWS/CLASSES</b> All Points are combined = National, Regional & Recognized
Select Amateur	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 to 75 PTS OR has not leveled out of the National Select Amateur Level
Choice Amateur	Between 30 - 60 PTS	Between 75.5 + to 200 PTS OR has not leveled out of the National Choice Amateur Level
Elite Amateur	70 or more PTS	more than 200.5+ PTS
Primetime	AHA member, USEF amateur 60 years of age or older	AHA member, USEF amateur 60 years of age or older

<b>ACHIEVEMENT LEVELING PROGRAM - YOUTH</b>		
<b>I QUALIFY IN THE FOLLOWING IF I HAVE RECEIVED</b>	<b>NATIONAL CLASSES</b> National Points only	<b>REGIONALS / RECOGNIZED SHOWS/CLASSES</b> All Points are combined = National, Regional & Recognized
Select Youth	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 to 100 PTS OR has not leveled out of the National Select Amateur Level
Choice Youth	Between 30 - 60 PTS	Between 100.5 + to 200 PTS OR has not leveled out of the National Choice Amateur Level
Elite Youth	70 or more PTS	more than 200.5+ PTS

<b>ACHIEVEMENT LEVELING PROGRAM - OPEN</b>		
<b>I QUALIFY IN THE FOLLOWING IF I HAVE RECEIVED</b>	<b>NATIONAL CLASSES</b> National Points only	<b>REGIONALS / RECOGNIZED SHOWS/CLASSES</b> All Points are combined = National, Regional & Recognized
Select Open	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 - 100 PTS OR has not leveled out of the National Select Amateur Level
Choice Open	Between 30 - 60 PTS	Between 100.5+ - 250 PTS OR has not leveled out of the National Choice Amateur Level
Elite Open	70 or more PTS	more than 250.5+ PTS

Qualifications Made Easy	<i>I want to show in...will my points / placings qualify me???</i>					
Class Ridden In	Qualifying for...					
	AAO/AO/JO	AAT/AT/JT	OPEN	AOTS	** LEVELED**	JR. HORSE
AAO/AO/JO (REGARDLESS OF AGE)	YES	YES	YES	Yes, if trained and shown by an amateur owner	Yes, if a true Leveled Rider	YES, if Horse is a Jr Horse
AAT/AT/JT (REGARDLESS OF AGE)	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur owner	YES	YES	Yes, if trained and shown by an amateur owner	Yes, if a true Leveled Rider	YES, if Horse is a Jr Horse
OPEN (includes mares, stallions, geldings, ladies and gents)	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur owner	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur	YES	Yes, if trained and shown by an amateur owner	Yes, if a true Leveled Rider	YES, if Horse is a Jr Horse
NOVICE - LIMIT OR MAIDEN HORSE OR RIDER	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur owner	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur	YES	Yes, if trained and shown by an amateur owner	Yes, if a true Leveled Rider	YES, if Horse is a Jr Horse
AOTS Amateur owner trained & Shown	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur owner	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur	YES	Yes, if trained and shown by an amateur owner	Yes, if a true Leveled Rider	YES, if Horse is a Jr Horse
LEVELING CLASSES (HORSE MUST QUALIFY - RIDER MUST MEET DEFINITION OF SELECT RIDER PER USEF RULE)	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur owner	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur	YES	Yes, if trained and shown by an amateur owner	Yes, if a true Leveled Rider	YES, if Horse is a Jr Horse
JR. HORSE	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur owner	Yes, if ridden in the class by an amateur	YES	Yes, if trained and shown by an amateur owner	Yes, if a true Leveled Rider	YES

**AAO/AAT = Amateur Owner or Amateur 19+    AO/AT = Amateur Owner or Amateur Any Age    JO/JT = Junior Owner or Junior Exhibitor 18 & Under**

## POINTS CHART

Points are earned to 6 <sup>th</sup> Place ONLY						
# in class / placing	1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6	6	5	4	3	2	1
7	7	6	5	4	3	2
8	8	7	6	5	4	3
9	9	8	7	6	5	4
10	10	9	8	7	6	5
11	11	10	9	8	7	6
12	12	11	10	9	8	7
13	13	12	11	10	9	8
14	14	13	12	11	10	9
15	15	14	13	12	11	10
16	16	15	14	13	12	11
17	17	16	15	14	13	12
18	18	17	16	15	14	13

## Equitation Qualification Chart for Regionals and Nationals

### Nationals

#### AHA MEDAL CLASSES

Are only offered at Local shows and patterns are required.

Medal classes qualify for Nationals 2 ways:

1. Medal = 1<sup>st</sup> place earned in a Medal Class with 3 or more riders.
2. Points from a Medal Class – Points are earned up to 6<sup>th</sup> place

#### REGIONAL EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

Top 5 = Auto Qualification For National Classes

Patterns are required in all Regional Equitation classes with the exception of Walk/Trot Equitation

#### UPHA

Can qualify for Nationals 2 ways:

1. ***All Breeds Challenge Cup*** but must ride an Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian, with a 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> place
2. ***Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup*** (held at an Arabian Show) with a 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**MUST BE CURRENT UPHA MEMBER AT TIME QUALIFICATIONS WERE EARNED.**

For Qualifications see the UPHA rules in the USEF Equitation Chapter

#### LOCAL SHOW

#### EQUITATION CLASSES

Can qualify for Regionals 2 ways:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
2. Points – Points are earned up to 6<sup>th</sup> place