UPDATES
For the 2020 show season

- QUALIFICATION POINT INCREASES – Qualification points/scores have been increased at the Regional and National levels in many classes. Please remember that:
  - A first or second place at an AHA qualifying show automatically qualifies for the Regional Championship.
  - A Top Five at the Regional Championship, Pacific Slope and East Coast Championship qualifies for Nationals.
  - A Top Six at the Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders qualifies for the Nationals.
  - The qualification period remains the same, the previous year (2019) up to the close of entries (for the 2020 year).
  - Open qualifications can used in some disciplines.
  - Working Western participation qualifications remain the same.
  - Qualification comes from the class section, Amateur and Amateur Owner have specific requirements.

Note: The new chart is located on the AHA Website under Competitions, Resources, Qualifications, 2020 Qualification Point Chart. New changes are indicated in a red font.

- 2020 AHA HANDBOOK – Please note the new change to the 2020 AHA Handbook, the previous Chapter 11 has now been broken into 4 separate chapters which are as follows:
  - Chapter 11 AHA Recognized Qualifying Shows and Events – deals with guidelines and requirements for putting on a show.
  - Chapter 12 Class Requirements – deals with class requirements for various disciplines, scoring and disqualifications.
  - Chapter 13 Judges & Stewards – deals with information for officials and includes Regional, National and Specialty information.
  - Chapter 14 Regional & National Show Qualifications – deals with everything qualification related at the Regional and National levels and specific disciplines.

Note: Once the Handbook is in print, all Show Managers/Secretaries/Judges/Stewards on file will be sent one automatically.

- LEVELING – The point spread for Choice and Elite levels has changed at the National level. Choice is now defined as 30 to 110 points and the Elite level now starts at 120 points. In addition, a new table has been added for Amateur Trail which includes both Adults and Youth. These changes are located in the online version of the Handbook and included on the web under Competitions, Resources, Leveling Sections Defined and New 2020 Leveling Points Chart.

- RESOLUTION CHANGES – See the approved resolutions for more information on the following changes:
  - Res 4-19 Change Age Restriction in Sport Horse In-Hand (USEF/EC)
  - Res 5-19 Clarification to Sport Horse In-Hand (USEF/EC)
  - Res 6-19 Additions to Sport Horse Appointments (USEF/EC)
  - Res 7-19 Appointing Another Rider in Owner Classes for Working Hunter (USEF/EC)
  - Res 9-19 Addition of Ranch Horse Cow Work (USEF/EC)
- Res 10-19 Addition of Ranch Horse Trail (USEF/EC)
- Res 11-19 Addition of Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure (USEF/EC)
- Res 12-19 Redefining Age Splits for Youth (USEF/EC)
- Res 13-19 Showmanship Rules Modified (USEF/EC)
- Res 14-19 New Section for Walk/Trot/Jog Classes 11 & Over (USEF/EC)
- Res 16-19 Allow Concurrent Specialty Classes to be Held at Regionals – effective 12/31/19
- Res 17-19 Combined Regional Championship Shows/Rides – effective 12/31/19
- Res 19-19 Filing Fee on Judges & Stewards Complaints to be set by the AHA Board of Directors – effective 12/31/19

**Note:** Resolutions are pending USEF/EC approval and effective dates.

- **RANCH HORSE COW WORK/TRAIL/RAIL PLEASURE** – These classes have been approved at the 2019 AHA Convention, however, they will have a standard effective date at USEF/EC so will not be in effect until December, 1, 2020. A competition may hold these classes in 2020, but they will **NOT** be recognized by AHA until the USEF/EC effective date.

- **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** – With the passage of Resolution 16-19, regional shows can run Specialty classes concurrently. These are any classes in which exhibitors are participating in as individual go’s within the arena and are easily identified as to which Regional Championship they are qualified for prior to their actual individual go, thus are easily adjudicated by the appropriate Regional judge(s). Resolution 17-19 now allows for Regional Championship Shows/Rides to combine their competitions. Rules for regional shows can be found in COMP 205.11.

Please contact AHA at 303-696-4500, option 4 or info.comp@arabianhorses.org with any questions

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REMINDERS
for the 2020 show season

➢ PAYMENT SUBMITTED BY CARD – Any payment submitted to AHA using a card (debit or credit) will be charged a 3% convenience fee.

➢ UNRELATED OWNERS IN OWNER CLASSES – For the purposes of showing in Junior Owner and Amateur Owner classes, two non-related owners will now be able to co-own a horse and show in owner classes provided the following rules are followed. The ownership MUST be an AND relationship and not an OR relationship. No family member of a professional may enter into this relationship. “Non-family owners” are defined as two distinct individuals who are not related as family as defined by US Equestrian or Equestrian Canada. The horse must be registered with one of the five Registries in US or Canada or another approved Registry. Family members of these two co-owners are NOT permitted to show in owner classes. Both co-owners must be members of USEF or EC and hold valid amateur cards. Co-ownership is limited to two distinct individuals (no farms or business entities). A horse can only be in (1) one non-related Co-ownership per show season – if a co-ownership is terminated, another co-ownership cannot be entered into for that horse until the next year. An individual can only enter into (2) two distinct non-related co-ownerships at any one time. Show management may deny horses in this relationship entry into AO/JO classes with payout in excess of $2,500. Please see USEF AR110.4.e for complete requirements and limitations.

➢ DRESSAGE TEST OF CHOICE CLASSES - If you offer Test of Choice for a single level in dressage, there are 2 ways to report the results:
   - As one class (preferred). You can divide the class into A, B, and C sections for each test if your program does automatic calculations, but the final results must be ranked and reported as one class.
   - As separate classes (not preferred). Each test will be placed as a separate class and the prize list must state which test number is being recorded under which class number. The best way is to have a completely separate class number for each test. (i.e. 1, 2, and 3, vs. 1A, 1B, and 1C.)

➢ MEMBERSHIPS TAKEN AT SHOWS - All membership applications, renewals & upgrades taken at AHA recognized shows must be sent to AHA for processing. Please make sure you collect the correct fees including any club dues and GST/HST Tax for Canadian residents, if applicable. Please use the current AHA Membership Application which is available on the AHA web site and will be in your pre show packet.

➢ JUDGES CARDS - All the current judge’s cards can be found at http://www.arabianhorses.org/competitions/j-s/jsforms.asp

➢ WALK TROT CLASSES & USEF SHOWS - To have your exhibitors exempt from the USEF membership requirement, “Walk/Trot” must appear in the class title. i.e. Showmanship Walk/Trot 10 & Under. If Walk/Trot is not in the title, they will not consider the exhibitor as being exempt from the USEF membership rule and will assess the show the non-member fee. For exhibitors competing in Short Stirrup Reining 10 & Under, USEF membership is required (Per USEF 4/2015). Note: Walk/Trot/Jog classes for 11& Over has passed the AHA Convention but will not be in effect until it is passed by USEF/EC. You can run these classes but they will not count until they appear in the USEF/EC Rule Book.

➢ TBA CLASSES - To be more exhibitor friendly, the following is an acceptable statement for TBA classes in your prize lists:

   “Any class on the AHA Class List or that is recognized by AHA.”

   If there are classes you do not want to offer, please state the exceptions. i.e. “Any class on the AHA Class List or
that is recognized by AHA, with the exception of Dressage, Sport Horse, Cutting, Reined Cow, .......

**TBA time slots must be listed in the time schedule.** A show will be charged $30 for any TBA slots added after the prize list has been published. See **COMP 301.16.a.** for details.

**REGIONAL TBA CLASSES** – TBA Classes may be offered at Regional Championship Shows. (Exception: Sweepstakes mandatory classes must be held and may not be offered as TBA’s. Sweepstakes exempt classes may be TBA’s, however, if added as a TBA, they are ineligible for Sweepstakes money. – refer to COMP 302.4 for list)

- **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & OFFSITE CHAMPIONSHIPS** – Please remember Championship classes cannot be duplicated at a Regional Championship or between the Regional and the Regional Offsite Championship. Duplicated classes are defined as classes with the exact same class title. i.e. if your Regional show offers a Hunter Seat Equitation AATR Championship, your Regional Offsite Championships can’t offer that class, but it would be acceptable for the Regional Offsite to offer Hunter Seat Equitation AATR 19-39 and Hunter Seat Equitation AATR 40 and Over. If your Regional Championship offers a Western PL AAOTR 19-39 and a Western PL AAOTR 40 and Over, someone could request that a Western PL AAOTR 50 and Over be added.

- **CHANGES TO SHOW APPLICATION AFTER APPROVAL** - If there is a change in the Manager, Judge or Steward, AHA must be notified in writing prior to the competition or notification should be submitted with the results. If there is a change of Show Secretary, please notify AHA as soon as the change is made. This will insure the show packet goes to the right person.

- **FORMS** - Please use the website for the most up-to-date versions of the forms you need. Most forms can be found in one convenient location at [https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/forms/](https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/forms/).

- **RESULTS SUBMISSION** - All AHA Recognized Local shows must place first (1) through sixth (6) regardless of the number of awards recognized or issued (all placings must be submitted if placing more than six). Show results not submitted in an acceptable electronic format will be assessed an office fee in the amount of $50. Please refer to “Results Submission Tips” for more information. [https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/forms/competition-forms/](https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/forms/competition-forms/)

- **ALL FEES MUST BE FULLY DISCLOSED (COMP 301.4)** - For shows in Canada, if you need to add an exchange rate, DO NOT place it within any of the AHA fees.
  
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- **JUDGES AND STEWARDS 9-90 FEE** – The 9-90 fee will now be charged for all shows regardless of the number of horses at the show in the previous two years. This also includes the AHA One Day Shows and Arabian Value Shows.

- **CUTTING CLASS PAYOUTS** – All cutting class payouts need to be submitted along with your results. The payout should be reported by class with the amount paid out to each exhibitor. In addition, the amount of added money and intent to have Jackpot classes must be clearly printed in your prize list, and finalized no later than 30 days prior to the show.

- **LEVELING PROGRAM** - A rider may now choose to ride any and all levels at or above their given level unless so stated in a show’s prize list, but cannot ride below their designated level. They must have separate qualifications for each class ridden. This applies to all shows unless restricted by show management. **USEF AR110.2.g.** The leveling view can be found at the bottom of the exhibitor’s leveling record which indicates which level they should be competing at.
- **CUTTING HORSE CLASSES** - All cutting horse classes must be judged by an approved National Cutting Horse Association Judge or must have a Guest Judge Card from the AHA Judges and Stewards Commissioner. Please contact the Judges and Stewards office at 303-696-4539 with any questions.

- **JUDGING BACK TO BACK SHOWS** – This clarification has been added to the AHA Handbook, AHA One Day Show Rules, and Arabian Value Show Rules.

Recognized Judges may not adjudicate in back-to-back AHA recognized shows unless they are not adjudicating the same type of classes. Class type is defined by:

a. Sections – Western, English/Country English, Hunter, Reining, Trail, etc.

b. By sex for Breeding/In-Hand – Stallion, Mare, Gelding.

*For example:* A judge may adjudicate Western Pleasure and Stallion Breeding at the first show and then could adjudicate English/Country English Pleasure and Mare Breeding at the second show. Splitting of judging assignments in a back-to-back situation by AO/JO/AAO/AT/JT/AAT within a section is not allowed.

- **SPECIALTY JUDGE CHANGES** – Specialty judges may adjudicate at back to back competitions including any preshow and Regional Championships. Effective January 1, 2019

- **REMEMBER: AHA VALUE AND ONE DAY SHOW RULES** – These shows do not require USEF approval, but you must still adhere to their rules. You can find the complete rules under Competitions, AHA Recognized, One Day & Value Shows.

- **HALTER SCORING/JUDGING SYSTEMS** – Local level shows may now utilize any halter scoring/judging system that is outlined in the AHA Handbook, and Regional Championship shows may utilize any halter scoring/judging system that is outlined in **COMP 501, 502, 506, or 507**. The application for Halter Dispensation is still available for any show that chooses to use a scoring/judging system not outlined herein.

- **YEARLINGS IN HALTER CHAMPIONSHIPS** – Yearlings are now eligible to win the Championship in either a Junior Championship or Grand Show Championship class. See USEF AR118. Sport Horse Yearlings cannot be named Champion or Reserve Champion until the rule is in effect at USEF on December 1, 2020.

- **SCORES FOR IN-HAND TRAIL AND RANCH HORSE RIDING** – Don’t forget that you need to report scores for these recognized Working Western classes.

- **QUALIFICATIONS FOR COW CLASSES** – For Regional qualification, the horse is required to have participated in at least one (1) class at a Recognized AHA Competition within their respective qualifying section and Region. Participation is defined as entered, shown and scored in that class. A zero is considered a score, but a “no score” is not considered a qualifying score. For Nationals, the horse is required to have participated in at least two (2) classes at either a Recognized AHA Competition or a Regional Championship, and the same rules apply. When reporting local level cow classes, remember **ALL** exhibitors must be reported unless they had a **NO SCORE** – exhibitors with a **ZERO** score, and all other exhibitors after 6th place should be reported with a zero placing.

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*January 28, 2020 /v commons/competitions/recognition/New for YR Flyers*
AHA Checklist – Prize List/Entry Form
Requirements For All Shows

___ All Prize Lists must be submitted to AHA at least 90 days prior to the show. Prize list submitted 30 days or less are subject to a fine of $150.00.
___ List the Region the show is qualifying for.
___ List Judges and the classes they are adjudicating, for which Region, and are from the approved list.
___ For Concurrent shows, list which judge is doing which show recognition number and or classes.
___ USEF Steward is from the approved list. (Not applicable for One Day Show).

___ CURRENT Class codes are listed in the schedule or class description. (in the schedule is preferred)
___ Contain the AHA recognition page with; 1. Show Recognition number, 2. Sponsor listed and 3. Membership Contact name and contact information. One Day Shows may use the abbreviate form without the picture.
___ TBA Time Slots MUST be listed in the time schedule or they will not be recognized (USEF AR 107.4.b) AND a TBA Statement must be in the prize list.

TBA Suggested wording for Prize Lists
Any class on the AHA Class List or that is recognized by AHA, (You Must List Exceptions i.e. with the exception of Dressage, Sport Horse, Cutting, Reined Cow, .......)

___ Offer all required AHA equitation and medal classes (Not applicable for One Day Show).
  Saddle Seat Equitation JTR AHA Saddle Seat Medal JTR
  Western Horsemanship JTR AHA Western Horsemanship Medal JTR
  Western Seat Equitation JTR AHA Reining Seat Medal JTR
  Hunt Seat Equitation Not To Jump JTR AHA Hunt Seat Medal Not To Jump JTR
  Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences JTR AHA Hunt Seat Medal Over Fences JTR
  * Dressage Seat Equitation JTR * AHA Dressage Seat Medal JTR * Required Only if Dressage is offered

- Medal specs no longer are required in the prize list since they are now in the USEF/EC rulebook
- Western Seat Equitation can serve as the required equitation class for both the Reining Seat and Western Horsemanship Medal classes

___ Colt/Gelding In-Hand classes are limited to weanling/yearling. If not, classes will not be recognized.
___ List Halter procedure - if it is in ring or exit ring procedure.

___ If classes are split by age or type they must be all inclusive per AHA handbook. ie. Sport Horse In Hand if you offer Hunter type you must offer Dressage type, and Western Pl if you offer 14-18 you must offer 13 & under.

___ Indicate if the show is holding Working Hunter Championships and if so results must be reported for the Championship as well as all sections (2 Over Fence sections & 1 Under Saddle Section).

___ May not offer more than 1 Championship class with the same title per show/recognition number. If entries warrant the class may be divided into section that run into a Final Championship. (exception: Concurrent shows)
___ Must fully disclose all fees including AHA, USEF & EC fees.
___ Contain the AHA Membership statement. The following membership statement must appear in bold type in a prominent place:

AHA MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

EACH COMPETITOR (THIS INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE RECORDED OWNER AND ALL TRAINERS, DRIVERS, RIDERS, HALTER HANDLERS, COACHES AND THE PERSON(S) SIGNING THE ENTRY BLANK) IN AN ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED ARABIAN DIVISION, AT THE TIME OF ENTRY INTO A COMPETITION, MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF A VALID AHA MEMBERSHIP/COMPETITION CARD, JOIN AHA OR PAY AN AHA SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP FEE PER COMPETITOR.

WHEN AN AGENT SIGNS FOR THE OWNER AT AN AHA RECOGNIZED COMPETITION, BOTH THE OWNER AND AGENT MUST BE MEMBERS OF AHA OR PAY THE AHA SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP.

SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT AHA REGIONAL OR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

EXHIBITORS IN WALK-TROT CLASSES ARE EXEMPT FROM AHA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AT QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS, BUT MUST HAVE AN AHA MEMBERSHIP WITH COMPETITION CARD AT AHA REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

EXHIBITORS IN LEAD LINE CLASSES OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS SIGNING FOR MINORS ARE EXEMPT FROM AHA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS. (BOD 5/12)
The Single Event Membership fee must be listed in the prize list and on the entry form except for Regional Show prize lists and entry forms, where membership is required for all exhibitors except those in Leadline only.

Show manager and secretary listed in prize list must be the same as the event application. If not, call AHA and update.

ENTRY FORMS must include;
___ AHA Waiver of Liability. Please ensure all owners, trainers, drivers/riders/handlers sign the waiver.
___ Single Event fee $35.00
___ Education (9-90) fee (now due for all shows regardless of the number of horses)
   $7.00 per horse Concurrent shows (the $7.00 per horse fee covers both A & B Shows)
   $5.00 per horse Regular shows

Additional Regional Show Checklist

___ All Prize Lists must be submitted to AHA at least 120 days prior to the show. Prize list submitted 30 days or less will be subject to a fine of $150.00.
___ Use the CURRENT AHA Championship codes for all Regional Championship classes.
___ List all judges and what classes they will adjudicate. Judge can’t judge more than 2 Regional shows in one year and can’t judge 2 consecutive Regions (excluding Specialty class judges).
___ State if a Full Top 5 will be awarded or if Top Five is 50% of the class rounded up method will be used
___ If awarding a full Top Five, then the statement must be included in bold type.
   "Top Five Awards will be made regardless of the number of entries in a class. However, only awards made to the top 50% of the class (rounded up and not to exceed 5 awards) will receive Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes payout, AHA Horse Achievement Award, Amateur Achievement Awards, High Point Horse, Achievement Award, High Point Amateur Achievement Award and Distance Award Points."

ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES: All Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes classes
   All Sweepstakes Classes MUST be offered AND will be coded as such by AHA, and can’t be on a TBA list
   (exception Reining Junior Horse & AAOTR, Western Trail Junior Horse & AAOTR, Working Cow Junior Horse & AAOTR, Cutting Junior Horse & Non-Pro, SH Under Saddle AOTR, Dressage Second Level AOTR, and Regular Working Hunter AOTR) or pay $500 fine per class. Please use a symbol (*, $, #, etc.) before or after the class title in the prize list.
___ If you are using Leveling you can also offer the age break of that class (example: Hunter Pl AAOTR Select Champ, Hunter Pl AAOTR Choice Champ, Hunter Pl AAOTR Elite Champ, Hunter Pl AAOTR 19-39 Champ, & Hunter Pl AAOTR 40 & Over), but the Level classes will be the allocated sweepstakes classes.
___ List Off-Site Regionals, their classes, Judges location and date and contact. (Comp 302.3)

REGIONAL ENTRY FORMS must include;
___ AHA Waiver of Liability. Please ensure all owners, trainers, drivers/riders/handlers sign the waiver.
___ Education (9-90) fee
   $15.00 per horse Regional Shows

Additional things to remember

All shows must submit a certificate of insurance with AHA named as additional insured at least 3 weeks prior to the show. Please have your insurance company include your AHA show recognition number and/or show name so we can track the insurance back to the correct show.

Prize lists may be submitted to AHA for review prior to printing. It must state it is a DRAFT and that you would like it reviewed. At least 2 weeks must be allowed for the review.

Common/Competitions/Recognition/checklists 01/10/2020