

Qualifications 101 2019

GENERAL RULES

1. 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 2019 show year the previous year starts Jan 1, 2018)
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. Top 5 from one of the 18 AHA Regionals, a Top 5 from East Coast, Pacific Slope or a Top 6 Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders automatically qualify for Nationals.
7. If qualifications are waived for Nationals, they are waived for Regionals as well. Exception to this is Canadian Nationals 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 any past owner qualifications).
9. Performance and halter qualifications follow the horse.
10. For Regional Performance Halter – the horse must be entered and qualified in a performance class at that Regional show in order to enter a performance halter. No other qualification is required for the performance halter Regional class.
11. Equitation, Showmanship & Horsemanship qualifications follow the rider.
12. All Junior exhibitors (18 & Under) are considered Amateurs for competition purposes. **This is age limit of 18 for Junior Exhibitors 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. **PARTICIPATION (For classes that require the use of a cow)**
 - a. Starting with the 2018 competition year - Cutting, Herd Work, Working Cow Horse and Reined Cow Horse Regional Championship classes require participation from one Recognized AHA Competition within their respective qualifying section. For National Championships, classes require participation from two Recognized AHA Competitions within their respective qualifying section (one of which may be a Regional Championship Show). Participation is defined as entered, shown and scored in that class. A zero is considered a 0 score and a NS or no score is not considered a score.
3. Dressage (English or Western), **Ranch Riding**, Reining and Trail can also qualify with scores from an AHA show.
4. **POINT/SCORE SYSTEM** Points are awarded through 6th place. 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 them self. Qualification points are awarded thru 6th 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.
 - **For Working Western Class that do NOT requiring the use of a cow (i.e. trail, reining, ranch riding) neither a “no score” nor a “zero score” penalty may receive an award and will NOT receive any qualification points in that class. A zero score MAY advance in a multiple-go event and if they get a positive score in the 2nd go round, they are eligible for an award and will receive qualification points**

5. **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).
See USEF AR 110.4.e for Combined Ownership.
 - 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.
6. **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.
7. **AGE OF RIDER** - Is the age of the rider as of Dec 1 the year prior to the current show year. (Dec 1, 2016 for the 2017 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
8. **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.
- Dressage can now use points as well as scores (OPEN 101.3).

With Placings (points)

1. Dressage (English or Western) (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 (English or Western) – show must be EC or USEF/ USDF/WDAA approved
2. Cutting, Working Cow, Reined Cow, Reining – show must be NCHA, ACHA, NRCHA, NRHA, USCHA, WCHA recognized

EQUITATION

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

Medal classes

Are held at the local shows. They are NOT held at Regional shows. **Note: Resolution 24-17 was passed allowing for an AHA Medal class (Medal points or Medal) to qualify an exhibitor for the Regional Championship starting December 31, 2018**

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:
 - 1st or 2nd 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. UPHA qualifies all exhibitors in the National UPHA Challenge Cup Class from Local All Breed UPHA classes only.
4. AHA records and qualifies ONLY the UPHA Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup classes.
5. Riders can qualify in either a;
 - UPHA Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup (1st thru 4th qualify). Open (all Breed) UPHA Challenge Cup provided they qualified on the same breed of horse they will compete on at the National Level. (1st thru 4th qualify)

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELING CLASSES

1. Refer to (USEF AR110.2) for complete rules for Achievement leveling.
2. Riders may Level Up (but not down) USEF AR 110.2.g.
3. To find you level, 1st qualify the horse in the section then the rider FOR THE CORRECT LEVEL.
4. Ribbons won within a Section / Category do not count in reckoning Select Rider status if the rider/driver transfers to a new *section / category*.
5. It does not matter if they rode a Arabian or HA/AA.
6. *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, 2017 for the 2018 show year) **Wins after Dec 1 do not count toward any Achievement leveling Status.***
7. Achievement Leveling Points are not earned in Walk/Trot/Jog classes and will not count toward the Achievement Leveling Program.
8. 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
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Primetime (**including Reining 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 Pleasure Section to Western Pleasure Section

Trail has been divided into Western & English

CATEGORY / SECTION	CLASSES INCLUDED IN CATEGORY / SECTION	
WESTERN TRAIL	Western Trail classes	
ENGLISH TRAIL	English Trail classes	
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

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

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELING PROGRAM - AMATEURS		
Points apply to a specific, individual section		
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
Select Amateur	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 to 75 PTS AND has not leveled out of the National Select Amateur Level
Choice Amateur	Between 30 - 60 PTS	Between 75.5 + to 200 PTS AND 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

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELING PROGRAM - YOUTH		
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
Select Youth	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 to 100 PTS AND has not leveled out of the National Select Amateur Level
Choice Youth	Between 30 - 60 PTS	Between 100.5 + to 200 PTS AND has not leveled out of the National Choice Amateur Level
Elite Youth	70 or more PTS	more than 200.5+ PTS

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELING PROGRAM - OPEN		
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
Select Open	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 - 100 PTS AND has not leveled out of the National Select Amateur Level
Choice Open	Between 30 - 60 PTS	Between 100.5+ - 250 PTS AND has not leveled out of the National Choice Amateur Level
Elite Open	70 or more PTS	more than 250.5+ PTS

REINING

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
OPEN	Eligible to compete in this division as an AHA Member	
INTERMEDIATE OPEN	Not more than 90 PTS	Not more than 250 PTS AND has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section received earning making them ineligible as an NRHA Intermediate Rider
LIMITED OPEN	Between 0 - 60 PTS	Between 0 - 150 PTS AND has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section Or received earning making them ineligible as an NRHA Limited Rider
NON PRO	Eligible to compete in this division as an AHA Amateur "Non Pro" Member	
INTERMEDIATE	Not more than 90 PTS	Not more than 250 PTS AND has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section received earning making them ineligible as an NRHA Intermediate Rider
LIMITED	Between 0 - 60 PTS	Between 0 - 150 PTS AND has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section Or received earning making them ineligible as an NRHA Limited Rider
ROOKIE	Between 0 - 20 PTS	Between 0 - 70 PTS AND has not "leveled out" of the National level in the Reining Section. received earning making them ineligible as an NRHA Rookie Rider
PRIME TIME NON PRO	AHA member, USEF amateur 60 years of age or older	

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 th Place ONLY						
# in class / placing	1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
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