

# 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 be 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.

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