
CHAPTER 14: REGIONAL & NATIONAL SHOW QUALIFICATIONS

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QUAL 101. GENERAL RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Only classes listed in the AHA Class List will be used to qualify for Regional and National Classes.
2. In order to compete in Regional or National Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Championship class, a horse in a performance class or rider in an equitation class must qualify within each Section/Class as listed in the AHA Class List.
3. Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Championship classes, a horse must:
 - a. Be issued a Certificate of Registration from the Arabian Horse Association (includes racing), the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry, or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Register.
 - b. For Regional Shows, be qualified in an AHA Recognized Show/Division that was held within the preceding calendar year and that period of the current year prior to the final deadline of entries of the show in which the Regional Championship class is held.
 - c. For National Shows, be qualified within the same time frame as Regionals, up to the closing date of entries for that particular National Championship Show in a qualifying class. (Includes AHA Medal qualification.)
4. It is the responsibility of the person(s) signing the Official Entry Form to verify that the horse is eligible to be entered and compete in the Regional/National Championship Class. Exhibitors are responsible for their qualifications.
5. Each Regional or National Championship class entry must have a separate and distinct qualification.
6. A horse may be cross entered in all exhibitors' age divisions of the same class providing enough qualifications are earned for each age group. Upon entry in

a National or Regional class, an exhibitor must elect one age split per qualification.

7. When a horse is already qualified and the qualifications/scores are increased, the horse must then earn the additional required qualifications/scores needed to enter that Regional or National Show.
8. Qualifications for new classes added or any class change to the National Championship Shows will become effective **January 1**, unless otherwise specified.
9. When a horse's ownership changes, the horse's Regional and/or National qualifications go with that horse.
10. All classes that have no qualifications or whose qualifications have been waived for Nationals shall also have qualifications waived for Regionals. (BOD 8/11)

QUAL 102. CLASSES THAT DO NOT COUNT FOR QUALIFICATIONS

1. Only classes in the AHA Class List will count for Regional or National qualifications. All other classes will not count. (**Exception:** Dressage Walk-Trot 10 & Under.)
2. Classes will not count unless they use an AHA Approved Scoring System or successfully apply for and receive dispensation (Refer to COMP 507 – DISPENSATION) (Res. 20-13).
3. Classes which do not have a corresponding AHA class code will not count. (CAC 5/13)
4. Mixed sex in Breeding and In-Hand classes will not qualify for Regional and National classes, except Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian colts (One Year & Under) which can be shown in yearling or weanling gelding classes and in Junior Gelding Horse Championships. (Note: Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Colts One Year & Under are not eligible to advance to further Championships. For more information refer to USEF Rules).
5. Local Futurities.
6. Any class added to an AHA Recognized Show or Division that is not in compliance with AHA rules.
7. A National Top Ten or a Top Ten from any other show does not qualify for future Regionals or Nationals.
8. Scores earned at Regional and National Shows do not count toward future Regional or National qualifications.
9. Top Five placings in Regional Championship classes that do not correspond with classes and/or sections offered at the National Shows will not qualify for any National Championship class. (Refer to AHA Class List)

QUAL 103. REGIONAL RULES

1. Any eligible horse may show in any Regional Championship class by qualifying for that class at an AHA Recognized Show for that Region, in that section. For example: To compete in the Region 13 Championship Show, you must qualify in a class in that section that was held at an AHA Recognized Region 13 Qualifying Show. See Chapter 15 for Open Qualifying rules (points or scores).
2. In addition to points (Refer to QUAL 105), Regional Shows allow qualifications by earning one first place ribbon or one second place ribbon. (BOD 8/09) See QUAL 103.7 for Cutting, Herd Work, Working Cow Horse and Reined Cow Horse.
3. The following do not qualify a horse for Regional Championship classes:
 - a. Top Tens from any show.
 - b. Top Five, Champion or Reserve Champion from Regional Championship classes.
 - c. Top Five, Champion or Reserve Champion from East Coast or Pacific Slope Championship classes.
 - d. Top Six, Champion or Reserve Champion from the Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship classes.
4. Only points/scores/placings (BOD 8/09) from shows other than Regional or Nationals will count for Regional Shows.
5. Classes that are not named on the chart require the lowest number of points in that particular Section with the exception of any classes that are age 13 & Under.

6. Classes that have age splits such as AO and AT or divided sexes that are not specifically listed on the National Class Chart for Regional classes require the number of qualification points that correlate to the named class.
7. Cutting, Herd Work, Working Cow Horse and Reined Cow Horse classes require participation from one Recognized AHA Competition within their respective qualifying section. 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. (BOD 11/17) See OPEN 103 for Open Qualifying rules (scores).

QUAL 104. NATIONAL RULES

1. To compete in National Championship classes:
 - a. Horses must be one year of age or older for Breeding/In-Hand classes at U.S., Canada and Sport Horse Nationals.
 - b. Be three years of age or older for Breeding/In-Hand classes at Youth.
 - c. Be three years of age or older for performance classes at U.S., Canada, Sport Horse and Youth Nationals. (BOD 2/11)
 - d. Yearlings and 2 Year Olds may only compete in the age specific National class; cross entry into Open, ATR/H or AOTR/H is not permitted.
2. Qualifications for Nationals are determined by:
 - a. Points or scores from AHA Recognized Qualifying competitions.
 - b. A Top Five from Regional Championship classes or East Coast or Pacific Slope Championship classes will qualify.
 - c. A Top Six from the Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship classes will qualify.
 - d. A Top Ten from a Regional Yearling Breeders Sweepstakes class. (Refer to QUAL 107)
 - e. Points or scores from Open Competitions. (Refer to QUAL 104.1)
 - f. Cutting, Herd Work, Working Cow Horse and Reined Cow Horse 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. (BOD 11/17) See OPEN 103 for Open Qualifying rules (scores).
3. Horses must be properly entered in the National Championship class prior to the final deadline of entries and have listed on the appropriate form found in the Omnibus (the date, show or event, class and placing of complete qualifications for each class entered). If not qualified at the time the Official Entry Form is submitted, the owner/agent must provide a completed Verification of Qualification Form prior to receiving an exhibitor number. For online entries see AHA Omnibus.
4. For U.S. Nationals, the closing date of entries will be determined by the U.S. National Show Commission. (Res. 50-12)

QUAL 105. METHODS FOR QUALIFYING

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Cutting, Working Cow Horse, Reining, Reined Cow Horse, Working Hunters, Jumpers, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Eventing, Combined Driving and Carriage Pleasure Driving may qualify in an Open Qualifying USEF/EC Competition (points or scores). Exhibitors must fulfill all requirements according to the Chapter 15 "AHA Open Qualifying Competitions". (BOD 8/02) (BOD 5/07)

SCORES

2. For scores required for Regional and National Championship Shows, see the AHA Class list under QUAL 125.
 - a. Scores may be earned under the same judge.
 - b. Scores may be earned at the same show providing more than one class is offered.

POINTS

3. Points and/or scores (BOD 8/04) must be obtained in the same AHA Section as listed in the AHA Class List (for example to qualify in any of the classes in the Arabian English Pleasure Section listed 075 through 091 you must have obtained the qualifications in any classes listed in that section and be eligible for the class. e.g. A qualification in Arabian English Pleasure can be used for

075 Arabian English Pleasure, or 077 Arabian English Pleasure AOTR, if you are eligible (an amateur owner, see AO rules), or 083 Arabian English Pleasure JTR, if you are eligible (age, 18 or under), or Arabian English Pleasure Junior Horse, if horse is eligible (age, 5 or under). (Refer to QUAL 125 for the AHA Class list) Points are not obtained at the AHA Recognized Regional Championship Shows (includes East Coast, Pacific Slope, Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders) or the AHA National Championship Shows.

4. Points for qualifications will be awarded to placings first through sixth. All other placings will be recorded, however, will not receive qualification points. (BOD 11/04) Points obtained during the qualification period (which is defined in QUAL 101.3.b) may be used multiple times to qualify a horse and/or rider for Regionals and/or Nationals up until the expiration of the qualification period. "Multiple times" are defined as shows and not classes within a particular show, i.e., 10 qualification points may be used for a Western Pleasure class at both Youth Nationals (JO) and U.S. Nationals (AO). The same 10 qualification points cannot be used for a Western Pleasure JT and JO at Youth Nationals. To qualify for both of those classes at one show, a total of 20 qualification points would be needed; 10 for each class.
5. Points are determined by:
 - a. The number of points a horse receives is based on the number of horses that are competing at the closing of the gate and the beginning of the class for all classes shown as a group and all those who pass through the gate in individual activity classes. (BOD 8/05) Horses will earn one point for every horse in the class including yourself.

Example: Twelve horses entered - 1st place = 12 points, 2nd place = 11 points, 3rd place = 10 points, etc.; One horse entered – 1st place = 1 point. (BOD 8/04)

QUAL 106. QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY PROTEST PROCEDURES – NATIONAL CLASSES

1. Any deficiency in a horse's qualifications or eligibility for any National Championship class must be protested, if at all, pursuant to the USEF/EC rules for protests within 48 hours after the conclusion of the National Show involved. If the person protesting was aware of, or should have been aware of, the horse's deficient qualifications or eligibility prior to the expiration of that 48 hour period. In appropriate and clear cases brought before it no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the show, the National Show Commission for the National Show involved may, upon 12 hours notice of an opportunity to be heard, bar from competition, or remove and redistribute any titles and associated prizes won at that show, by any horse determined to be ineligible or unqualified for the class or classes involved.
2. Any deficiency in a horse's qualifications or eligibility for any National Championship class that is discovered by the protester later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the National Show, and could not have been discovered sooner, may be the subject of a protest to the Executive Committee. Any such protest must be made in writing no later than 12 months after the conclusion of the National Show for which the horse's qualifications or eligibility are alleged to have been deficient. In appropriate cases, the Executive Committee may, upon 7 days notice of an opportunity to be heard, remove and redistribute any titles and associated prizes won at a National Show by any horse determined to have been ineligible or unqualified for the class or classes involved.
3. No protest of any deficiency in a horse's qualifications or eligibility for any National Championship class brought later than 12 months after the conclusion of the National Show involved will be considered, except as part of a complaint which has been forwarded to the Ethical Practice Review Board alleging an ethical violation.

QUAL 107. ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES – REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CLASSES

GENERAL

1. Refer to the Chapter 18, Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes for complete program rules and enrollment fees.

REGIONAL

2. All Breeding Entries which have met enrollment requirements are eligible to show at Regionals.

3. Regional Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian yearlings that have won a 1st place in a Sweepstakes Class in one Regional Show cannot compete in the same class in any other Regional Show.

NATIONAL

4. Sweepstakes Yearlings must qualify for U.S. Nationals by earning a Top Ten ribbon in the Regional Yearling Sweepstakes class. For Canadian and Sport Horse Nationals, no qualifications are required other than the yearlings must be Breeding Entries.
5. No qualifications are required for the ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive class. Sweepstakes and non-Sweepstakes horses may compete in this class until the year 2021 when the requirement will be changed to Sweepstakes horses only (Breeding Entries). Refer to SWP 116.8.
6. No qualifications are required for the ABS \$15,000 Green Working Hunter Derby Championship. All participants must be entered into the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program as Breeding Entries. Refer to SWP 116.11. (BOD 11/17)

QUAL 108. AMATEUR AND AMATEUR OWNER QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

It is the responsibility of the Amateur / Amateur Owner to abide by this rule.

AMATEUR

1. All horses entering any Regional or National Amateur (AT, AAT, JT and Select/Choice/Elite JT) must have been qualified by an Amateur. Amateur can be any age.

AMATEUR OWNERS

2. Amateur Owner (AO, AAO, JO and Select/Choice/Elite AO, AAO, JO) Championship class must have been qualified by an Amateur Owner. Amateur Owner can be any age.

QUAL 109. BREEDING AND IN-HAND QUALIFICATIONS

GENERAL

1. In Breeding classes, stallions must earn Breeding qualifications in Stallion Breeding classes, mares must earn Breeding qualifications in Mare Breeding classes and geldings must earn In-Hand qualifications in Gelding In-Hand classes.
2. Qualifications earned as a stallion will be carried forth with the horse as a gelding if the horse is castrated.

NATIONALS

3. Performance qualifications are no longer required for the Senior Stallion and Senior Mare Breeding classes. (Res. 18-06)
4. If ran as a 3 & Under and 4 & Over Championship classes at U.S. Nationals, the horse must have placed as either first or second in the age appropriate lead in classes. In addition, the next 4 horses which received the highest scores from the lead in classes will be eligible to compete in the 3 & Under and 4 & Over Championships. The 3 & Under and 4 & Over Championship classes will be judged comparatively to determine the overall Champion and Reserve Champion in each Breeding/In-Hand section. (BOD 2/11)
5. For Arabian Senior Stallion and Senior Mare qualification exceptions refer to QUAL 116.9 and 116.10 (BOD 11/15)

QUAL 110. CUTTING

1. Must be qualified at an AHA, NCHA, ACHA, USCHA or WCHA Recognized show/division. (BOD 11/17)
2. Participation or Scores will qualify for a Regional Championship class. See QUAL 103.7. (BOD 11/05) (BOD 11/17)
3. Participation or Scores will qualify for a National Championship class or be in the Year End Cutting Standings as maintained by an NCHA, ACHA, or AHA Affiliate Club. See QUAL 104.2.f. (Res. 12-13) (BOD 11/17)

QUAL 111. DRESSAGE/WESTERN DRESSAGE QUALIFICATIONS USING SCORES/POINTS

For USEF/EC/USDF Open Shows scores/points to count toward AHA Championship classes, the horse must be enrolled in the AHA Open Qualifying Program (Refer to Chapter 15). See the Regional and National Class list for qualifying scores/points (QUAL 125).

REGIONAL

1. For USEF/USDF Open Shows scores/points to count toward AHA Regional Championship classes, the show must be held in the same Region as the Region Championship class entered.
2. May qualify for Regional Championships using only scores or points obtained in Open Shows in the same AHA Section listed in the AHA Classes List (refer to OPEN 101.3.c).

NATIONAL

3. If there are two or more judges the average scores used to place the class.
4. Qualifications may be earned from AHA Recognized Shows in qualifying classes or from final scores/points with the exception of QUAL 111.7
5. Only Top Five placings from Regional Championship classes will be used for National qualifications.
6. Scores earned from Regional or National Championship classes will not count toward qualifications.
7. Only final scores/points in qualifying classes from Open Shows may be used for qualifications (refer to OPEN 101.3.c).

QUAL 112. EQUITATION QUALIFICATIONS

REGIONAL

1. Equitation riders must qualify for Regional Shows from either an equitation class or an AHA Medal class (Medal points or Medal) from the corresponding Equitation section at AHA Recognized Local Shows. (Res. 24-17)

NATIONAL (Res. 17-09)

2. If an Equitation rider will be ineligible to show in the next consecutive year because of being over-age, and qualifies after the closing date of entries of a National Championship Show, but no later than seven days prior to the National Championship Show the rider wishes to enter, the rider may enter no later than seven days prior to that particular National Championship Show.
3. To qualify for a National Championship Show, a rider must win:
 - a. A Medal, in a class of three or more entries; or
 - b. win a total of 5 qualification points in AHA Medal classes; or
 - c. 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.
4. All Equitation Medal Classes will award points to riders using the current AHA qualifying point system. (Refer to QUAL 105.3 through 105.5) Medal eligibility for National Equitation Championship classes is for the current AHA Qualification Period. (Refer to QUAL 101.3.b)
5. Riders will be qualified for entry in the corresponding Equitation Division determined by the points acquired in a corresponding AHA Medal Class or Regional Championship Class.
6. A rider need not use the horse on which the rider qualified. However, the horse used must be a registered Arabian, Half-Arabian, or an Anglo-Arabian, and riders must use the same horse throughout all phases of the competition unless the show veterinarian certifies that the horse used at the beginning is unsound and the required forms are filed at the horse Show Office.
7. Refer to QUAL 116 for qualifications pertaining to age of rider. The age of the rider determines the corresponding National Championship age group class entry.

Example: Providing the required qualifications have been met (within the equitation qualification time frame), a 13 year old rider can advance to the 14-18 age group without re-qualifying.

8. In the Equitation Division riders must qualify in the section/class in which they are entered. Equitation sections are: Saddle Seat, Reining/Western Seat, Hunter Seat Over Obstacles, Hunter Seat Not to Jump, Western Horsemanship, Dressage Seat. (BOD 5/06)

QUAL 113. NATIONAL FUTURITIES

1. For information regarding qualifications for the National Breeding and In-Hand Futurity, refer to the Chapter 19 on the National Halter Futurity for program rules and enrollment fees.
2. For information regarding qualifications for the National Performance Futurity and Maturity, refer to the Chapter 20 on the National Performance Futurity and Maturity for program rules and enrollment fees.

QUAL 114. JACKPOT QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

REGIONAL 2-YEAR OLD JACKPOT CLASSES

1. Must qualify using the required points from the AHA Recognized Class list in the appropriate qualifying section, Regional Top Five or an Eastern/Western Canadian Breeders Top Six. (QUAL 125)

THE AHA CANADIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN GELDING, FILLY & COLT 2-YEAR-OLD JACKPOT CLASSES (BOD 11/05)

2. Must qualify using the required points from the AHA Recognized Class list in the appropriate qualifying section, Regional Top Five or an Eastern/Western Canadian Breeders Top Six. (QUAL 125) (BOD 11/12)

SPORT HORSE JACKPOT QUALIFICATIONS (BOD 8/04)

3. If Sport Horse Jackpot classes are held, they will not require qualifications. (BOD 8/04)

ABS AMATEUR OWNER JACKPOT CLASSES (BOD 11/15)

4. Horses must be enrolled as valid Breeding Entries and the Jackpot fee and entry fees must be paid to compete in these classes. The events will be for Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Amateur Owners and will consist of:
 - a. Western Pleasure AAO
 - b. Country English Pleasure AAO
 - c. Hunter Pleasure AAO
 - d. English Pleasure AAO
 - e. Reining AAO

These classes are offered at U.S. Nationals. Refer to SWP 116.10.

QUAL 115. LEAD LINE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

The Lead Line Class exhibitors shall be at least two years of age and have not reached their 7th birthday (USEF/EC rules). The class requires no Regional or National qualifications.

QUAL 116. NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FROM NATIONAL SHOWS

Beginning in year 2020, AHA Recognized National Champions are qualified for **two additional years** and may re-enter that National Championship class. Reserve National Champions are qualified for **an additional year** to re-enter that National Championship class (BOD 8/19). **Previous 2019 and earlier** AHA Recognized National Champions are qualified for life and may re-enter that National Championship class. Reserve National Champions are qualified for two additional years to re-enter that National Championship class (BOD 8/09). **Previous** Lifetime qualifications earned may be used at any National Championship Show (as long as the class is offered). (BOD 3/12)

Exceptions:

1. UPHA Equitation riders must re-qualify each year. (Refer to UPHA for complete rules and age of rider)
2. An Equitation rider qualified in 18 & under is not affected by a change in the age of the rider.
3. An Amateur Owner qualified horse is not affected by a change in the age of the Amateur Owner Rider (AAO or JO).
4. An Amateur qualified horse is not affected by a change in the age of the Amateur Rider (AAT or JT).
5. Only points or scores from AHA Recognized Shows other than Regionals or Nationals will count for National Shows.
6. A National Championship earned in a Junior Horse Performance class will qualify that horse in that Junior Horse Performance class for as long as that horse is deemed a Junior Horse.
7. **Beginning in year 2020**, a National Champion in Dressage in an Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian National Championship class is qualified for **two additional years** in that class including split Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes. A National Championship in Dressage in an Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian class is qualified for **two additional years** in that class including combined Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes. (BOD 3/12) **See above for 2019 and earlier Lifetime Champions.** (BOD8/19)
8. A National Champion or Reserve National Champion in Sport Horse in an Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian National Championship class may use

this qualification for either Dressage Type or Hunter Type (but not both) when classes are split by type. (BOD 3/14)

9. The U.S. National Champion Arabian Open Senior Stallion or Arabian Open Senior Mare is no longer allowed to participate at the U.S. Nationals in their respective divisions after achieving said title. (BOD 11/15)
10. The Canadian National Champion Arabian Open Senior Stallion or Arabian Open Senior Mare is no longer allowed to participate at the Canadian Nationals in their respective divisions after achieving said title. (BOD 11/15)

QUAL 117. PERFORMANCE HALTER QUALIFICATIONS

Must qualify using the required points from the AHA Recognized Class list in the appropriate qualifying section (QUAL 125). Must also meet the criteria outlined in REQ 112.3.

QUAL 118. REINING QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be qualified at an AHA Recognized Show or NRHA Sanctioned Class (BOD 8/08).
2. May also qualify on scores. See the AHA Class List for qualifying scores (QUAL 125).
3. Placings in the Non-Pro Divisions do not affect eligibility in the Open Divisions. Refer to USEF/EC Working Western Section, Reining Horse Class Specifications for Open and Non-Pro criteria. (Res. 42-10)

QUAL 119. REINED COW HORSE QUALIFICATIONS

GENERAL

1. Must be qualified at an AHA or NRCHA Recognized show/division. (BOD 11/08).
2. Participation or Scores will qualify for a Regional Championship class. See QUAL 103.7 (BOD 11/17)
3. Participation or Scores will qualify for a National Championship class. See QUAL 104.2.f. (BOD 11/17)
4. **Limited Reined Cow classes** - Open to any qualified rider that has not taken a cow down the fence 3 actual runs in any judged class or event (classes in which a rider "goes down the fence" include Working Cow and Reined Cow Horse classes. A rider does not "go down the fence" in a Limited Reined Cow Horse class). Being entered in a class that includes fence work will be counted as going down the fence REGARDLESS if the rider boxed the cow and pulled up before the run was completed. (Res. 35-10)
5. Non-Pro Limited Competitors (50 years of age and older) – this class is open to approved Non-Pro Limited riders who comply with all eligibility rules (see NRCHA Non-Pro eligibility rules/USEF Amateur rules). (Res. 16-15)
 - a. May not go down the fence again in any judged class(es) or event(s) with the exception of horse sales.
 - b. May fall back into the Non-Pro Limited Reined Cow Horse division/class only once.

SCORES

6. May also qualify on scores. See the AHA Class List for qualifying scores (QUAL 125).

QUAL 120. TRAIL QUALIFICATIONS – WESTERN & ENGLISH

1. Must be qualified at an AHA Recognized Show/Division for the Regional or National Championships entered.
2. May also qualify on scores. See the AHA Class List for qualifying scores (QUAL 125).

QUAL 121. UPHA ARABIAN BREEDS CHALLENGE CUP QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

UPHA Equitation riders must re-qualify each year. Refer to the United Professional Horseman's Association for program rules and qualifications. Phone (859) 231-5070.

QUAL 122. WORKING COW

1. Must be qualified at an AHA Recognized Show or NRCHA Sanctioned Class (BOD 8/08).
2. May also qualify on scores through open NRCHA Sanctioned Classes. See the Regional and National Class list for qualifying scores (QUAL 125).

3. Participation or Scores will qualify for a Regional Championship class. See QUAL 103.7 (BOD 11/17)
4. Participation or Scores will qualify for a National Championship class. See QUAL 104.2.f. (BOD 11/17)

QUAL 123. WORKING HUNTER, JUMPER, HUNTER HACK

The following classes may qualify for Regional and National Championships using points obtained in Open Shows in the same AHA Section listed in the AHA Class List. (BOD 8/04) (Refer to the Chapter 15, AHA Open Qualifying Competitions for complete program rules.)

1. For USEF/EC/USDF Open Shows points to count toward Regional or National Championship classes, the horse must be enrolled in the AHA Open Show Program.
2. If qualifying for a Regional Show, the show must be held in the same Region as the Region Championship class entered.

QUAL 124. 10 & UNDER WALK-TROT/JOG QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

The Walk-Trot/Jog Pleasure and Equitation classes for Arabians, Half-Arabians, and Anglo-Arabians are for exhibitors age 10 and under. A rider must never have been judged in a class at a Recognized or Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope (**Exception:** Short Stirrup Reining Riders and Cross Rail 10 & Under Riders – see USEF/EC). (Res. 13-15)

1. A combined Walk-Trot/Jog Equitation/Pleasure class or a Walk-Trot/Jog class that does not specify whether it is a pleasure or equitation class will not be recorded.
2. Dressage 10 & under Walk-Trot classes may qualify using the USDF Intro to Dressage (Walk-Trot) tests. Qualifications may be earned by points or Scores. Refer to the AHA Class List (QUAL 125).

QUAL 125. AHA CLASS LIST

1. **Governing Bodies and Rule Books** - AHA, USEF, USDF, NRHA, NRCHA, RSNC, ADS, NCHA, USTPA. Any show may hold any class that is governed by any of the Rule books or Association rules that AHA recognizes.
2. **Standard Definitions** - Breeding/In Hand - based on Horse Ages (May include specialty classes like Jackpot). All Ages, 2 & Over, 2 & Under, 1 & Under, or any age over and/or under. Yearling, 2 yrs, 3 yrs, 4 yrs, or any combination of years (2 & 3yrs, 3 & 4 yrs, etc.). Sport Horse may or may not be divided according to type - Dressage or Hunter.
3. **Divisions Based on Horse** - May be restricted by specific age or open to all. Open / Mares / Stallions / Geldings / Maiden / Novice / Limit Horse / Ladies / Gentleman/Junior Horse. Sport Horse Under Saddle may or may not be divided according to type - Dressage or Hunter.
4. **Divisions Based on Rider/Driver/Handler Status** - Amateur Owner / Amateur / Amateur Owner Trained & Shown / Select / Choice / Elite / Primetime / Maiden Rider / Novice Rider / Limit Rider. May be restricted by sex (Ladies, Gents) age groups or open to all. Note: Some descriptions above are only available to Rider's.
5. **Cutting** – Open, Non-Pro, Novice, Rookie.
6. **Performance Based on Seats** – All Seats may be run together, separate or a combination of types, i.e, Western, English, Country English and Hunter.
7. **Carriage Pleasure Driving** - Divisions / Extensions can be based on Horse (HS), Driver (RS).
 - a. Pleasure (CD & PD) - Turnout, Working, Park, Reinsmanship, Freestyle Reinsmanship, Super Reinsmanship.
 - b. Combination (CD & COMB) - Drive & Ride, Hunter, Sport Tandem.
 - c. Obstacle (CD & OBST)
 - 1) Specialty Time Comp - Scurry, Town & Country, Double Jeopardy, Reverse Psychology, Pick Your Route, Your Route/My Route.
 - 2) High-Point Comp - Fault and out, Progressive, Gambler's Choice.
 - 3) Fault Competitions - Cross Country, Fault Obstacle.
 - d. Driven Dressage (DD) - Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Arena Driving Trial.
8. **Combined Driving (DC) USEF** – Based on level, Intermediate, Preliminary, Training.

9. **Working Western** - All Horse / Rider Status classes plus Limited, Bitted / Bosal - Hackamore. May also include Freestyle.
10. **Working Hunter – Provides the maximum fence height (Res. 8-15)**
 Working Hunter Warm Up – 2' – 2'6"/Spread Max 2'6"
 Working Hunter – Open, JTR, ATR, AATR - 2'
 Combined Working Hunter - 2'3" and 2' 6" (Classes may be combined or run as separate classes – unrated class)
 Modified Working Hunter - Open – 2'9"
 Regular Working Hunter - Open – 3'0"
 Working Hunter Classic – Open
 Working Hunter Derby
 Green Working Hunter Open – 2'6" – See USEF for eligibility requirements
 Green Working Hunter Open - 2'9" - See USEF for eligibility requirements
 14.2 HH and Under Working Hunter - Open – 2'6"
 14.2 HH and Under Working Hunter JTR/AATR/ATR – 2'3"
 14.2 HH and Under Green Hunter - Open – 2'3"
 Modified Working Hunter, JTR/ATR/AATR – 2'3"
 Junior/Amateur Working Hunter JTR/ATR/AATR – 2'6"
 Junior/Amateur Owner Working Hunter - JOTR/AOTR/AAOTR – 2'9"
 Cross Rails not to exceed 18"
11. **Jumper** - Based on Fence Heights
 Open - .8m, .9m, 1m, 1.1m
 AO / AT (All ages) - .8m, .9m, 1m, 1.1m
 Novice - .7m, .8m, .9m
12. **Eventing** – Based on level, Novice, Training, Preliminary or above, Combined.
13. **Western Dressage** – Based on levels = Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2. Plus may be based on Horse and/or Rider divisions.
14. **Ranch Sorting** – Based on rating system. See RSNC for rating definitions.