



To All Region 14 Members,

November 8, 2021

I feel as your regional director; I have an obligation and responsibility to keep you informed, as to what is happening in our association.

The Competitions Advisory Committee (CAC) has been working on the 2022 qualifications, which was presented to the membership in a virtual Town Hall. The (CAC) proposed an updated qualifications version. Jim Hitt gave a report on the proposal under consideration.

1. Qualifications—revised 9/27/21(Draft)
 1. Qualification period is the previous year plus the current year up to the close of entries. (Placings in year 2021 count towards next year's qualification period—if your placing was not previously recorded, you will need to qualify in year 2022 under the participation system)
 2. Compete in any qualifying AHA Recognized show in any region (which includes Concurrent, Pre-Show, Value Show).
 3. An Amateur must qualify the horse to participate in an Amateur or Amateur Owner class.
 4. Compete in a recognized section, i.e. HA/AA Western Pleasure, Arabian Country English Pleasure, Arabian Hunter Pleasure, etc.
 5. Compete in any recognized class within that section (Note: for Dressage, each level is considered its own section).
 6. Participate in that one recognized class in that section now qualifies you to compete in as many classes within that section at any one Regional Championship Show of your choice.
 - a. Example: Participate at a qualifying show in HA/AA Western Pleasure ATR qualifies for any and as many classes in HA/AA Western Pleasure as long as you meet the definition for an Amateur, Amateur Owner, Leveling, Jr. Horse, etc. The qualification could have been earned in Region 8 but was used for the Region 6 Championship Show.
 7. Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows and compete at any and as many Regional Championships in that section.
 8. Equitation is based on the rider and the rider must participate in their qualifying section.
 - A. Youth-National Championship Show, a rider must win:
 1. A Medal, in a class of three or more entries; or
 2. obtain participation qualifications in AHA Medal classes (see current chart); or
 3. 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.
 - B. Adult-National Championship Show, a rider must win:
 1. obtain participation qualifications in classes requiring a pattern; or
 2. 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.
 9. Participation can also be used to qualify in Specialty classes and can be obtained through Open Shows (and placings for Working Western/Dressage/Western Dressage).
 10. A National Show Commission has the right to place restrictions on cross entry into classes.
 11. The USEF/EC family definition and two distinct non-family owner definition must be adhered to.
 12. East Coast and Pacific Slope (Top Five), Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders (Top Six) all count as Regional Placings.
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Participation definition: A. In a class where horses compete together, participated means a horse/rider/driver/handler must have been entered, shown, and judged (perform at all required gaits both ways of the ring and remain in the ring until excused by the judge). In other words, finishing the class. B. In a class where horses compete individually, participated means a horse/rider must have completed the individual requirements of the class and be eligible to receive a score. C. Horses which are excused/disqualified/eliminated/received a "no score" are not considered "adjudicated".

Category I—Main Ring Regional Qualifications: National Qualifications Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show Regional Top 5 or better or in order to compete at one Regional Championship of your choice Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships Participate at three (3) AHA Approved Shows (one of which choice may be participation at a Regional show) Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships.

Category II—Main Ring Exceptions/Sport Horse/Working Western (cannot receive a "no score") Junior Horses (unless affected by other category below)Pleasure Driving Country Pleasure Driving Park Horse Walk Trot—10 and Under/11 & Over(Pleasure, Equitation and other)Sport Horse In-Hand Sport Horse Under Saddle Sport Horse Show Hack Reining Trail Reined Cow Horse Limited Reined Cow Horse Working Cow Horse Herd Work Cutting Ranch Riding Ranch Reining Ranch Trail Ranch Working Cow Ranch Horse Cow Work Versatility Ranch Riding Ranch Cutting Ranch Rail Ranch Horse Conformation.

See Category IV for Youth cattle classesRegional Qualifications: National Qualifications Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show Regional Top 5 or better or "Open Qualifying Show" (for Working Western) in order to Participate at any and as many Regional Championship two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows (one of which may be participation at a Regional show) or "Open Qualifying Show" (for Working Western)

Category III—Program Enrollment ABS Yearling Classes (Arabian Filly/Colt/Gelding & HA/AA Filly/Gelding)—Breeding Entry only and received a Top10 from Regional ABS Yearling class ABS Sport Horse Yearling Classes—Breeding Entry only ABS Canadian Yearling Classes—Breeding Entry only ABS AAOTR Jackpots (Arabian and HA/AA Western PI, County PI, Hunter PI, English PI, Reining)—Breeding or Original Entry ABS AAO Performance Halter—Breeding Entry or Original Entry—must be adjudicated at Nationals in a Performance Class ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot—Breeding or Original Entry ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive—Breeding or Original Entry ABS Green Working Hunter Derby—Breeding or Original Entry Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby—program enrollment Breeding/In-Hand Futurity—program enrollment Category IV-Other Youth Herd Work Youth Reined Cow Horse and Limited Reined Cow Horse Carriage Driving (all)Working Hunter Hunter Seat Equitation Over Fences Hunter Hack (all) Jumpers Green Working Hunter Dressage Seat Equitation Regional and Nationals-No Qualifications-(same as it was 2020 and prior)

Category V-DRESSAGE-Horse/Rider must not be eliminated Regional Qualifications: National Qualifications Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show or "Open Qualifying Show" in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships. Regional Top 5 or better or Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows (one of which may be participation at a Regional show) or "Open Qualifying Shows. Freestyle

Must have a Minimum Score of 63% in Fourth Level and below, and 60% for FEI Levels, in highest test in level or higher level.

MOTION: Peter Conway moved, Lisa Blackstone seconded to amend delete Participate at three (3) AHA Qualifying Shows add: "Participate at three (3) AHA approved Shows (one of which may be participation at a Regional Show")

MOTION: Question was called by John Simmons.

MOTION: Agreed by consent Motion #13 -09/28/2021-BOD)

MOTION: Unanimously Passed (Motion #12-09/28/2021-BOD

SPORT HORSE NATIONALS:

The SHN Commission finished the 19th Annual Arabian Sport Horse Nationals, held September 13-18 in Wilmington, Ohio at the World Equestrian Center with the 2nd largest show since Lexington, 2007. That show had 613 horses entered. **This year we had 602 horses entered.** This was the first year at the WEC location and the SHN Commission looks forward to being able to tweak aspects of the show now that we have a working knowledge of the facility. Once again, we are appreciative of the support we have gotten from the Arabian Breeder's Sweepstakes program and feel those classes will continue to be well received. The quality of the horses at the show was outstanding across the board and the future of the Arabian Sport Horse is unlimited. Looking forward to seeing the financial report and hope to share that with the BOD at Convention. Next year will be our 20th Anniversary and the SHN Commission already has several ideas in the works to make next year's show commemorative

YOUTH NATIONALS/MID-SUMMER:

2021 YOUTH NATIONAL & MID SUMMER NATIONAL SHOWS was diligently planned and successfully held in July 2021. **1406 horses were entered** with 90 vet & other scratches = **1316 total horses were shown.** This year's show was a larger than 2020 YN/MSN combo show (1353 entered with 131 scratches Covid/vet scratches = 1220 were shown in 2020). **At the BOD meeting in October, the future of the Mid-Summer Show was thoroughly discussed.** A motion was passed to continue Mid-Summer Show with Youth National Championship Show. **The title of the Mid-Summer Show will be changed to a Championship show, not a National Championship Show,** with the intent that it would have the same level as a Regional Show. Plans are in progress to make the necessary changes. At our October 5th Zoom meeting, the Youth Show Commission thoroughly discussed the BOD motion to. It was now the job of this commission to set up perimeters for the new venue and make it all happen. The following ideas and items are being considered: 1) Make the Youth National Championship & Mid-Summer Championship a MUST ATTEND show for everyone. 2) Revise the Show Schedule for 2022. 3) NEW trophies will be designed for Mid-Summer show. 4) Awards are changing for Mid-Summer show. Top Ten will be recognized, instead of Top Five, and receive recognition & prizes. Trophies will be changed to Gold (1st), Silver (2nd) and Bronze (3rd) to further recognize our 3rd place horse in the Top Ten. 5) Jackpot classes will be added to reward outstanding competition. 6) Achievement Award Points will be equal to Regional

Show points.7)Exhibitors must qualify for Mid-Summer show just like a Regional Show.8)A letter from Youth National Show Commission was sent to the Sweepstakes Commission requesting the Sweepstakes Regional Funds be allocated to the appropriate Mid-Summer classes. We are not requesting Top Ten funding but same funds as allocated of other Regional Championships, East & West Coast Championships. 9) A letter was sent to Kathy Callahan Smith regarding the USEF proposal to change Youth ages to 21 years & under. The YN show commission voted unanimously to ask for an exemption for future USEF rule proposals to change the age of the Youth exhibitor to 21 years & under. We feel it is in the best interest of AHA to have our current exemption, 19 years & under, remain in place.10)Our plans are to have a new look for the2022Mid-SummerShow and make it feel like “no other AHA competition” .Brief outline of Motions to come before the Board of Directors: Leslie Lockard to work with Competition Advisory Committee to bring forward the necessary motions needed to make the Mid-Summer Show to be the same level as a Regional show in the areas necessary in the AHA Rulebook.

Please let your members know that online registration is still open for convention, and we hope to have many members attending.

This is all I have until after our BOD’s meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday November 17.

Sincerely,

Jeff Caldwell

Director Region 14