

CHAPTER 12. AHA OPEN QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

AHA programs and events deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by hand delivery, postal service, fax, e-mail, internet or other electronic means.

Exhibitors in Dressage, Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper, Eventing/Trials, Combined Driving, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Reining, Working Cow, Reined Cow and Cutting classes that are not recognized by AHA are permitted to qualify for Regional and National Events and participate in AHA programs as long as all the requirements are met for each event. Competitive Trail Rides/Drives and Endurance Rides are permitted to qualify in AHA programs as long as all the requirements are met for each program.

MEMBERSHIP

For all Membership requirements refer to Chapter 7.

1. Points, scores or placings for AHA Programs and Regional and National qualifications will only be recorded for horses shown by participants who have an AHA Competition Level Membership. (Adult, Youth, Life or Business).

OPEN 101. DRESSAGE ENROLLMENT FEES FOR USEF/EC/USDF OPEN SHOWS (BOD 3/15)

1. Dressage/Western Dressage Qualification Enrollment. Horses must be enrolled in the program for USEF/EC/USDF/WDAAs Open Show scores/points to be recorded toward AHA qualifications.
 - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using USEF/EC/USDF/WDAAs Open Show scores for AHA qualifications is \$45 per horse and scores must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition date. All USEF/EC/USDF Open Show scores/points earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.
 - b. The annual enrollment fee of \$75 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$75 per year to have scores/points earned from the previous qualification year's count toward AHA qualifications.
 - c. For Dressage classes, refer to COMP 707, 808 and 1223.2.
 - d. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows where Arabian; Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Dressage and/or Western Dressage classes are included within the recognized list of classes.

DRESSAGE OPEN SHOW RESULTS REPORTING

2. The horse must be properly enrolled and qualifying scores/points must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name, signature of the Show Secretary, Manager or technical Delegate a copy of the prize list and the required information as stated on the form. (Res. 7-93)
 - a. For Dressage Walk-Trot 10 & Under through Third Level submit all placings, number of horses in each class, levels and percentage scores of 55% or better. (BOD 11/15)
 - b. For Dressage classes Fourth Level and higher submit all placings, number of horses in each class, levels and percentage scores of 50% or better. (BOD 11/15)
 - c. That AHA calculate points for Regional and National qualifications consistent with the number of horses shown in a class as per Chapter 11 of the AHA Handbook. (BOD 11/15)
4. Shows must have USEF or EC Recognition and judges must be USEF/EC rated in the Dressage Division. Refer to Subchapter WD-Officials in the USEF Rulebook for 'Western Dressage Judge' requirements.
5. Dressage scores/points from Eventing will be accepted, providing the Dressage portion meets the requirements of the AHA Dressage program. Scores/points from schooling shows, Kur, and Musical Freestyle do not count.

6. Only Introductory, Basic and Levels 1 through 4 (when applicable for Level 4) scores/points are counted for Western Dressage.
7. When combination (multiple classes for one ride) classes are offered at open shows, AHA will acknowledge only one of those ride scores. Declaration must be made at the time the score is reported to AHA on Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form indicating which one score from the classes offered is to count.
8. Note: For Regional Shows, horses must be qualified at shows held within the Region where the horse is entered in the Regional Championship class. For qualifications rules refer to Chapter 11.

OPEN 102. WORKING HUNTER, HUNTER HACK AND JUMPER ENROLLMENT FEES FOR USEF/EC OPEN SHOWS

1. OPEN SHOW Qualification Enrollment. Horses must be enrolled in the program for USEF/EC AHA Programs and Open Show placings to be recorded toward AHA qualifications.
 - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using USEF/EC Open Show placings for AHA qualifications is \$45 per horse and must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition. All USEF/EC Open Show placings earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.
 - b. The annual enrollment fee of \$75 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$75 per year to have placings earned from the previous qualification year's count toward AHA qualifications.
 - c. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows whose Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo Arabian Working Hunter, Hunter Hack and Jumper classes are included within the Recognized list of classes.

WORKING HUNTER, HUNTER HACK AND JUMPER USEF/EC OPEN SHOW RESULTS REPORTING

2. The horse must be properly enrolled and placings must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name(s) and signature of the Show Secretary or Show Manager. Copies of the applicable pages of the prize list must be included verifying the above information with show name and class list.
4. Shows must have USEF or EC Recognition and judges must be USEF or EC rated in the Working Hunter and Jumper Division in order for results to be recorded.
5. For Working Hunter and Jumper placings to count, unrated classes must be held at the corresponding fence heights or higher to the AHA Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, or Jumper Championship class for which qualification is being obtained. Any USEF/EC rated hunter class will qualify the horse for any AHA Working Hunter or Hunter Hack Championship class, and any USEF rated jumper class will qualify the horse for any AHA Jumper Championship class if the rider meets the requirements in COMP 1208. (BOD 11/06)
6. Note: For Regional Shows, horses must be qualified at shows held within the Region where the horse is entered in the Regional Championship class. For qualification rules refer to Chapter 11.

OPEN 103. CUTTING, WORKING COW HORSE, REINING AND REINED COW HORSE ENROLLMENT FEES FOR NCHA/ACHA/NRCHA/NRHA/USCHA/WCHA OPEN SHOWS (BOD 8/06, BOD 8/08, BOD 11/08 & BOD 11/17)

1. Cutting, Working Cow, Reining and Reined Cow Qualification Enrollment. Horses must be enrolled in the program for NCHA/ACHA/USCHA/WCHA NRHA/NRCHA Open Show scores to be recorded toward AHA qualifications.
 - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using NCHA/ACHA/USCHA/WCHA NRHA/NRCHA Open Show scores for AHA qualifications is \$45 per horse and must be postmarked/electronic

transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition. All NCHA/ACHA/USCHA/WCHA NRHA/NRCHA Open Show scores earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.

- b. The annual enrollment fee of \$75 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$75 per year to have placings earned from the previous qualification year's count toward AHA qualifications.
- c. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows whose Arabian; Half-Arabian/Anglo Arabian Cutting and/or Working Cow, Reining and/or Reined Cow classes are included within the recognized list of classes.
- d. Refer to COMP 1206.8.

CUTTING HORSE, WORKING COW HORSE, REINING AND REINED COW HORSE OPEN SHOW RESULTS REPORTING (BOD 8/06) (BOD 8/08) (BOD 11/08)

2. The horse must be properly enrolled and scores must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name(s) and signature of the show secretary or show manager. Copies of the applicable pages of the prize list/flyer must be included verifying the above information with show name and class list.
4. Shows must have NCHA/ACHA/USCHA/WCHA NRHA/NRCHA Approval and judges must be NCHA/ACHA/NRHA/NRCHA rated.
5. For Cutting, all regular classes at an approved show will count toward qualifications, with the exception of Limited Age Events.
6. **Note:** For Regional shows, horses must be qualified at shows held within the Region where the horse is entered in the Regional Championship class. For qualification rules refer to Chapter 11.

OPEN 104. EVENTING/TRIALS, COMBINED DRIVING, CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING AND DRIVEN DRESSAGE ENROLLMENT FEES FOR USEF/EC/ADS OPEN SHOWS (BOD 3/06)

1. OPEN SHOW Qualification Enrollment. Horses must be enrolled in the program for USEF/EC/ADS Open Show placings to be recorded toward AHA qualifications.
 - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using USEF, EC, and ADS Open Show placings for AHA qualifications is \$45 per horse and must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition. All USEF, EC, and ADS Open Show placings earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.
 - b. The annual enrollment fee of \$75 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$75 per year to have placings earned from the previous qualification year's count toward AHA qualifications.
 - c. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows whose Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Eventing and Driving (Carriage) classes are included within the Recognized list of classes.

EVENTING/TRIALS, COMBINED DRIVING, CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING AND DRIVEN DRESSAGE (USEF/EC/ADS OPEN SHOW RESULTS REPORTING (BOD 3/06)

2. The horse must be properly enrolled and placings must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name(s) and signature of the Show/Event Secretary or Show/Event Manager. Copies of the applicable pages of the prize list must be included verifying the above information with Show/Event name and class list.

4. Shows must have USEF, EC, or ADS Recognition and judges must be USEF, EC, or rated in the Eventing Division, or USEF, EC or ADS rated in the Driving Division in order for results to be recorded.
5. For Eventing/Trials, Combined Driving and Pleasure Carriage Driving placings, the only classes that will count are those listed in the USEF, EC or ADS rulebooks as rated Eventing Division or Driving Division classes. Any USEF or EC rated Event will qualify the horse for any AHA Eventing Championship of the same level, and any USEF, EC or ADS rated driving event or class will qualify the horse for any AHA Driving Championship of the same level or class if the rider meets the requirements in COMP 1209. Classes not rated by USEF, EC, or ADS will not count.
6. **Note:** For Regional Shows, horses must be qualified at shows held within the Region where the horse is entered in the Regional Championship class. For Regional rules refer to COMP 1201 and 1202. (BOD 3/05)

OPEN 105. COMPETITIVE TRAIL OPEN RIDE/DRIVE RESULTS REPORTING (BOD 8/11)

When a horse competes in an Open Competitive Trail Ride/Drive which is sanctioned by any of the AHA Approved CT Organizations but not recognized by AHA, the owner must submit their results on an Open Qualifying Ride/Drive Results Form, signed by the Ride Secretary, Manager or Judge. The Open Qualifying Ride Results Form must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 90 days of the ride date. Open results are used for AHA Award programs. (BOD 8/06)

Refer to AWD 106 for Distance Horse Program enrollment and rules.

OPEN 106. ENDURANCE OPEN RIDE RESULTS REPORTING

When a horse competes in an Open Endurance Ride which is sanctioned by AERC but not recognized by AHA, the owner must submit their results on an Open Qualifying Ride Results Form, signed by the Ride Secretary or Manager. The Open Qualifying Ride Results Form must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 90 days of the ride date. Alternatively, the owner may elect to submit their open AERC results on an Official AERC Horse Record along with the AHA Open Qualifying Ride Results Form. The Official AERC Horse Record must be postmarked/electronic submission transaction dated to the AHA office by January 31 along with the AHA Open Qualifying Ride Results Form, for rides competed in the year prior. Owners must cross out any rides that have previously been submitted to AHA. (BOD 5/02) Open results are used for AHA Award programs.

Refer to AWD 106 for Distance Horse Program and enrollment rules.