

Questions & Answers Regarding Mid-Summer as a National Show

1. Who will run the 2 shows – Mid-Summer and Youth Nationals? The Youth National Show Commission will once again take on the extra responsibility of running the show along with our very qualified AHA staff.
2. Do you need to be qualified to come to Mid-Summer Nationals and Youth Nationals. Yes, you do. The qualifications for Mid-Summer Nationals will be the same as any National show.
3. Do you use up your qualifications by going to one National Event? No, once you are National qualified, those qualifications remain in place for the time allotment if you go to 1, 2 or 3 National shows.
4. Will Achievement Award points be earned at Mid-Summer Nationals? Yes, again just like the other national shows.
5. Can exhibitors enter one or both of the National Shows? If the exhibitor or horse is qualified, the entry will be accepted to either or both shows.
6. What classes will be offered at Mid-Summer and Youth Nationals? Anyone is welcome to contact the Youth Show Commission to request a class(es) during the month of December. In January, the Youth Show Commission will look at requests and chose what the majority has requested with a balanced schedule for the benefit of our members.
7. What does Bronze, Silver and Gold mean? The show commission would like to start a new tradition of awarding trophies to the top 3 riders of the top ten.
8. Will the ribbons be the same as CNL or USN? No the ribbons will be recognizable as coming from only the Mid-Summer Nationals.
9. Why is it important that Mid-Summer be a National Event?
 - a) Our show programming can not run two different types of shows under one system.
 - b) Mid-Summer Nationals allows us to process the entries for both shows in the same system.
 - c) USEF & USDF will recognize the 2 shows as one big show for licensing purposes so AHA and all our exhibitors only pay those fees one time.
 - d) With Mid-Summer as a National Show allows flexibility in how the classes are offered to our exhibitors as well as allowing us to design the schedule with overlap of all the specialty classes to best use those arenas and staff.
10. Why is it important to have another National Show? Our members deserve the right to choose which show works for them, their horses and their trainers. Having an option should allow more horses/exhibitors a chance to compete.
11. Why a Mid-Summer Nationals? Most folks have a limited amount of vacation time which often corresponds to the school year. Some can come to a National show in July where they can't come in Aug. or Oct.

12. How does Mid-Summer Nationals benefit AHA? AHA is consistently challenged with coming up with new sustainable revenue sources. Mid-Summer Nationals proved its popularity with our members and should be encouraged to keep the momentum building.