

APHA World Show Qualifying Proposal Qualification by Participation

1. All exhibitors (open, youth, novice youth, amateur, novice amateur) and horses (Regular Registry only) must qualify to participate at the World Championship Paint Horse Shows. In order to qualify to compete at each World Show, all exhibitors and horses must compete at four (4) different APHA-approved show events, with a minimum of eight (8) judges total during the qualifying year. All exhibitors and horses may show in any state to qualify – participation is the key.

Example: A two (2) day one-judge show held Saturday and Sunday may not be counted as two (2) shows – it is considered one show event. A four (4) judge POR may not be counted as four (4) shows – it is considered one show event. However, in both cases, the number of judges may be counted towards the minimum judge requirement.

2. *Qualification period:*
 - a. *Summer World Show – qualifying period is from April 1 – March 31 of the World Show year.*
 - b. *Fall World Show – qualifying period is from August 1 – July 31 of the World Show year.*
3. Horses will show in their appropriate age division at the World Shows, regardless of the qualifying division. The World Shows will not count towards qualification.
4. All exhibitors and owners must be APHA members at the time of the show in order for that show to count towards the show requirement for qualification.
5. All horses must qualify by participating in the required number of APHA-approved show events and under the required minimum number of judges. Horses are not required to qualify in specific events in any division. Any qualified horse may be shown in any class at the World Show in any division in which they are eligible.
6. All exhibitors must qualify by participating in the required number of APHA-approved show events and under the required minimum number of judges. Exhibitors are not required to qualify with any specific horse or in any specific event. Any qualified exhibitor may show any qualified horse in any class at the World Show in any division in which they are eligible. Amateur and youth ownership rules apply.
7. All amateur and youth exhibitors must show in their appropriate age division at the World Show, regardless of the qualifying division.
8. Novice amateurs may qualify by participating in amateur or novice amateur classes, or any combination thereof. The novice amateur is only eligible to compete in class categories in which they are eligible during the World Show year. For those class categories in which the novice amateur is no longer eligible, the novice amateur is eligible to compete in the corresponding amateur class.

9. Novice youth may qualify by participating in youth or novice youth classes, or any combination thereof. The novice youth is only eligible to compete in class categories in which they are eligible during the World Show year. For those class categories in which the novice youth is no longer eligible, the novice youth is eligible to compete in the corresponding youth class.
10. Walk-trot exhibitors and horses must qualify. Leadline exhibitors and horses are not required to qualify.
11. Horses are not required to qualify in the following classes due to time restraints and age of horse; however, all exhibitors must be qualified to be eligible to compete.
 - Weanling halter
 - Yearling halter
 - Yearling Longe Line
 - Two-year-old performance classes
 - Three-year-old performance classes
 - Solid Paint-Bred classes

Additional exemptions will be determined by each zone – each zone coordinating committee will submit a list of classes that are not offered during the qualifying year in their zone, thereby exempting horses and exhibitors from being required to qualify in those classes. Exemption will be granted to horses whose owners reside in that zone and/or exhibitors who reside in that zone and only in the classes that were declared by the zone coordinating committee. If you are qualified by exemption, the horse must be entered in that class to be eligible to compete at the World Show.

Example: Roping, cutting, over fences, etc. in certain areas.

12. Geldings that were qualified as a stallion will be exhibited in the gelding classes.
13. At no time will the number of points or lack thereof be considered for qualification. Participation at APHA-approved shows is the only basis for qualification.
14. Specialty classes (including parents Western pleasure, challenge, sweepstakes, *slots and futurity* classes) do not require horse qualification to enter; although if regular classes are also to be entered, then the horse must qualify. Specialty class entries must be shown by a qualified exhibitor.