



APHA Open/Amateur World Show Qualification by Participation *Revised December 11, 2014*

Regional Clubs are the heart of the APHA, and support of these grassroots clubs is vital to the growth of the Paint Horse industry. APHA's qualifying is strictly participation-based, and on the horse only.

Qualification Criteria:

1. All horses (Regular Registry and Solid Paint-Bred) must qualify to participate at the APHA Open/Amateur World Championship Show. In order to qualify to compete at the Open/Amateur World Show, all horses must compete at four (4) different APHA-approved show events, with a minimum of eight (8) judges total during the qualifying period. Horses may be shown in any state, regardless of residence, to qualify – participation is the key. **(See #2 and #6 for exceptions.)**
 - a. No single show activity can create more than two (2) show events at any given time.

Examples:
 - A two-day, two-judge show held Saturday and Sunday counts as one show event.
 - Two back-to-back two-judge shows count as two events total.
 - A four-judge POR counts as one show event.
 - Two back-to-back four-judge PORs count as two show events.
 - A 4-judge POR back-to-back with a 4-judge POR back-to-back with a 2-judge special event counts as a maximum of two show events.
 - In all cases, the total number of judges may be counted towards the minimum judge requirement.
 - b. Special events held with APHA dual-approval (i.e. an NRHA reining with APHA dual-approval or NSBA classes with APHA dual-approval, etc.) count toward the qualification requirements.
 - c. Paint Alternative Competition-approved events do not count toward qualification.
 - d. The World Shows do not count toward qualification.
2. Horses being shown only in the designated specialty disciplines listed below (Regular Registry and Solid Paint-Bred) **must compete at two (2) different APHA-approved show events during the qualifying period.** Horses may be shown in any state, regardless of residence, to qualify – participation is the key.
 - Cutting
 - Working Cow Horse
 - Ranch Sorting
 - Roping
 - Goat Tying
 - Speed Events
 - Over Fences (except Hunter Hack)

3. Qualification period:
 - a. Open/Amateur World Show – qualifying period is from August 1 through July 31 of the World Show year.
4. 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. Horses will show in their appropriate age division at the World Show, regardless of the qualifying division.
5. Exhibitors are not required to qualify. Any exhibitor may show any qualified horse in any class at the World Show in any division. Amateur and Youth eligibility and ownership rules apply.
 - a. **Exception: To qualify to compete in Amateur Walk-Trot classes at the World Show, exhibitors must hold a current Amateur Walk-Trot card prior to July 31 of the World Show year.**
 - b. **If a current Amateur Walk-Trot card has not been held prior to July 31 of the World Show year, an exhibitor may apply for one to show at the World Show if the following conditions apply: an exhibitor may not have earned any points in performance classes (Open and/or Amateur divisions) with APHA or any other recognized association during the current calendar year. Halter and in-hand classes do not count against eligibility.**
6. Exemptions:
 - a. Horses being shown only in the following classes are not required to qualify due to time restraints and age of horse.
 - Weanling halter
 - Yearling halter
 - Yearling Longe Line and Yearling In-Hand Trail
 - Broodmares (must meet broodmare eligibility as outlined in Rule SC-175.M.1.f.)
 - Two-year-old performance horses
 - Three-year-old performance horses
 - **Four-year-old speed event horses**
 - b. Additional exceptions will be determined by zone, based on classes not offered during the qualifying year in the owner's zone. Exemption will be granted to horses whose owners reside in that zone only in the classes that were not held. If a horse is qualified by the 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.
7. Specialty classes (including Youth Leadline, 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.
8. 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.

To verify if your horse is qualified for the World Show, please check the aphaworldshow.com website and click on "Qualifiers" on the bottom right of the menu.

Additional questions about the participation-based World Show qualifying can be directed to the APHA MemberCare Department at (817) 834-2742, extension 778.