
CHAPTER 12: REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

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

ARTICLE 1201. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL SHOWS.

For Membership requirements refer to Chapter 7.

REGIONAL SHOW ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 1202. REGIONAL RULES AND SHOW RECOGNITION.

1. Two AHA recognized shows must be held within each Region each year.
2. If the Region does not sponsor its own Regional Championship Show, applications for the Regional Championships by any member association or any qualified organization will be considered by the Regional Board of Directors.
3. A Regional Show or the show holding the offsite Regional Championship classes must be USEF "A" or "B" rated or a EC recognized show and must be recognized by AHA. (Exception: a show holding Regional Championship Cutting classes must only have AHA recognition.)
4. Regions may hold Regional Championship classes WITHIN its Region provided it is approved by the Director of that Region.
5. Regions may hold Regional Championship classes OUTSIDE its Region provided it is approved by the Director of the Region in which those classes are to be held and the Director of the Region making the request.
6. All AHA Regional Shows must submit a Show Application Form for AHA recognition for the next year's Regional Show. The Show Application Form must be received by the AHA office prior to the closing date of the AHA Annual Membership Convention. If the Show Application Form is not received by this date, a \$100 fine will be assessed to the Region. (It is the responsibility of the Regional Director to ensure that the application is submitted by this date). (Refer to Article 1204.1.a.)
7. It is required that all AHA Regional Shows send a tentative list of classes to be received in the AHA office for comments 120 days prior to the first day of the Regional Show.
8. Refer to Chapter 11, AHA Recognized Show Competition Rules, for additional rules, procedures, and information regarding Regional Shows.
9. At least three weeks prior to the start of a show with Regional Championship classes, a Certificate of Insurance must be furnished to the AHA office. It should be effective for each day of the competition naming AHA as added insured to the general liability policy with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage. The general liability policy shall not contain an exclusion of claims from show participants. If the Certificate of Insurance is not submitted to AHA three weeks prior to the start of a show with Regional Championship classes, a \$100 fine will be assessed. Any additional cost for adding AHA as additional insured to their respective insurance policies shall be shared equally between AHA and the respective organizations putting on the show.

ARTICLE 1203. RULES FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

1. All classes are to be conducted in accordance with the rules of AHA and the USEF or the EC, whichever shall prevail.
2. Regional Championship classes in each designated Region, shall be determined by the Region which may include Regional Championship classes that do not correspond with classes offered at the U.S. National Show. (Refer to Article 1718.1.)
3. At the option of show management, post entries may be accepted for horses qualifying prior to closing date of entries.

4. At the option of the show management, and if so stated in the prize list, horses may qualify for a Regional class at the show held in conjunction with the Regional Championship Show, or at the show in which the Regional Championship classes are held provided different judges are adjudicating. (Res. 37-77) The exception to this shall be the Cutting Horse Classes. and Working Cow classes. (BOD 2/01)

ARTICLE 1204. PACIFIC SLOPES CHAMPIONSHIPS, EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS, EAST AND WEST CANADIAN BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1. For the purpose of qualifications for the Nationals and AHA Programs, Pacific Slope Championships, East Coast Championships, East and West Canadian Breeders Championships will have the same status, rules and membership rules as Regional Championship Shows.
 - a. Beginning in 1998, Pacific Slopes Championships, East Coast Championships, East and West Canadian Breeders Championships show application forms must be received by the AHA office prior to the closing date of the AHA Annual Membership Convention. If the show application form is not received by this date, a \$100 fine will be assessed to the show.
2. The Pacific Slopes Championships, East Coast Championships, and the East and West Canadian Breeders Championships may modify classes offered, as determined by their respective show committees without any further approval being required.
3. Refer to Chapter 11 for scoring requirements.
4. In accordance with historical precedence, the East Coast Championships, Pacific Slopes Championships, East and West Canadian Championships Breeders Shows are entitled to:
 - a. Retain their specific qualification requirements.
 - b. Retain their respective schedule of classes being fewer than the requirements for Regional Championship Shows.
 - b. Pacific Slopes Championship and East Coast Championship Shows must obtain the same coverage as Regional Championship Shows and provide Certificate of Insurance three weeks prior to the start of the show with AHA named as an added insured. (Refer to Article 1202.9.)

ARTICLE 1205. RULE VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

1. AHA membership and qualifications are required for Regional Championship classes.
 - a. In the event of any rule violation which necessitates a disqualification of any entry, a notice of disqualification for that entry will be sent to that show management and those parties involved.
 - b. Show management will be required to collect for redistribution: trophies, prizes, ribbons and monies won. In addition, the disqualified exhibitor(s) will be directed to pay to show management a fee of \$50 per horse in conjunction with these penalties. (Failure to pay within 30 days of notice will subject all parties involved to the Suspension Rules of AHA).
 - c. Show management must correct the results by moving up the placings and forwarding the corrected results within 30 days of notice to all associations that require them.

ARTICLE 1206. PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL SHOWS.

1. Refer to Article 1109. for general information needed in the Regional prize list.
2. A Regional Show may hold its specialty classes in another Region as long as that show designates in its prize list the Region for which the specialty classes qualify.
3. Regional prize lists should include all off-site Regional Championship classes, their location, date, judges, and contacts.
4. All Sweepstakes classes must be offered in the Regional Show's prize list or that show must pay a \$500 fine per class. (Sweepstakes classes cannot be offered as TBA classes.)

5. Regional prize lists must contain a statement that AHA membership and Regional qualifications are required for Regional Championship classes. Single event memberships are not permitted.
6. **Beginning January 1, 2002**, standard class codes must be used. (Refer to Articles 1109.9, 1133., 1209.1, 1721.) (Use the championship class codes for Regional Championship classes.)

ARTICLE 1207. ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL SHOWS.

1. Refer to Article 1110. for general information needed on the entry forms of a Regional Show.
2. Regional Shows must provide a place on their entry blank for each Regional class entry to list the show, placing, class title, date, and location of their qualification for that Regional class.
3. A Judges and Stewards Educational fee of \$15 (BOD 5/01) per horse entered will be charged at the Regional Championship Show and must be submitted along with the show results to the AHA office. (Res. 9-90)

ARTICLE 1208. REGIONAL SHOW RESULTS REPORTING.

It is the responsibility of the Regional Director to ensure that all Regional class results are submitted to the AHA office as per Articles 705., 1132., Show Results Reporting.

REGIONAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLE 1209. CLASS REQUIREMENTS, GENERAL RULES.

1. A Regional Show must offer a minimum of 50% of the same classes offered at the National Shows. In addition:
 - a. The Regional Show must offer all of the Sweepstakes classes. (Refer to Article 1206.4.)
 - b. If Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian Regional Championship classes are offered, at least 50% of the Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian classes held at the National Shows must be offered. At least 50% of the Arabian classes held at the National Shows must be offered. (Res. 27-82)
2. A Region may set a minimum number of entries in order to hold a class. The exceptions are Sweepstakes classes, which must be held regardless of the number of entries.
3. If the Regional Championship classes are held in conjunction with a regular show, they must be held separate from those classes that are the same type at that show. A horse may cross-enter the same type class (Breeding and In-Hand or Performance) provided the same judge does not adjudicate both classes. (Res. 37-77). The exception to this shall be the Cutting Horse and Working Cow Horse judges.
4. Regional pre-show classes must end in each ring prior to Regional Championship classes beginning in that ring, with the exception of specialty classes as named in Article 1123.
5. Only one Regional Championship class can be held for each class in each Region each year.

ARTICLE 1210. AMATEUR OWNER CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

If any Region holds one of the age split classes (i.e. Arabian Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 18-39), it must hold both age splits (i.e. Arabian Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 18-39 and Arabian Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 40 and Over).

ARTICLE 1211. CUTTING CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

If Regional cutting events (including consecutive Regional cuttings, with or without one or more "lead-in" qualifying cutting events) have a composite number of entries fewer than five when the entries close (including entries made after the qualifying "lead-in" event) the scheduled Regional cuttings may be canceled with no penalty to the region.

ARTICLE 1212. DRESSAGE CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

1. Regional Shows are encouraged to receive USDF approval for Regional Dressage Championship Classes.
2. Regional competitions may be held for USEF Training Level, First, Second, Third, Fourth, and FEI Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II Levels, Grand Prix.
3. There is no minimum number of horses required to fill a class.
4. Riders must be appropriately attired in accordance with AHA and USEF or EC rules.
5. Whips are prohibited.
6. No horse may compete in more than two consecutive levels at a specific show.
7. These competitions are to be conducted in accordance with AHA and USEF or EC rules.
8. The highest test of each level will be used.
9. A caller may be used if provided by the competitor.
10. Refer to Article 1732. for Regional qualification requirements and to Article 2312. for the AHA/USDF All-Breeds Awards requirements.

ARTICLE 1213. EQUITATION CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

1. Regional Shows are encouraged to offer Regional Equitation Championships. (Refer to Article 1336.)
2. Regional Championship Equitation classes shall be open to juniors who have not reached their 18th birthday. (See USEF/EC rules)
3. Saddle Seat Equitation, Reining Seat Equitation, and Hunter Seat Equitation Not To Jump must be split at the Regional Championship Shows into two age groups, 13 and under, and 14-17.
4. Riders in the line-up in all seats will be excused from the ring during individual pattern work at all Regional Championship shows. (BOD 1/03)

ARTICLE 1214. BREEDING AND IN-HAND CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

At all Regional Shows Breeding and In-Hand horses will enter in assigned order and be inspected for signs of abuse immediately prior to entrance into the ring for judging. The Order of Go shall be determined and posted by the birth date, oldest to youngest, for Breeding and In-Hand classes. This includes Post Entries. (Res. 20-97)

The manner of inspection will be at the discretion of the show management. (Res. 93-94)

ARTICLE 1215. WORKING HUNTER CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

1. AHA suggests that all AHA Regional Working Hunter Classes use sections with the accumulation of points. (Refer to Article 1225.) If sections are used, refer to Article 1310. for rider rule.
2. Regional Championship Shows are permitted to hold one Working Hunter class rather than sections A, B, and C due to time constraints. That class is placed as any other Regional class.

ARTICLE 1216. JUMPER CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

Regional Championship Shows hold one Jumper class rather than sections due to time constraints. That class is placed as any other Regional class. (See USEF/EC Rules)

ARTICLE 1217. SWEEPSTAKES CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

1. Refer to Article 1206.4.
2. Refer to Chapter 18 for program rules and enrollment fees.

ARTICLE 1218. FUTURITIES CLASS REQUIREMENTS.

There are no recognized Regional Futurity rules.

REGIONAL JUDGES

ARTICLE 1219. JUDGES, GENERAL INFORMATION.

1. Regional Championship Shows, Pacific Slope Championships and East Coast Championships must be judged by a Registered ("R") or Senior judge in the Arabian Division of USEF or EC, and be on the AHA Recognized Judges List published by the Arabian Horse Association. Judges contracted after January 1, 1997 must be from the list of AHA Accredited National/Regional Judges (Res. 10-00) or request and receive an exception to use an AHA Accredited Judge (Res. 10-00) from the Judges and Stewards Commissioner's office. (Res. 5-90) (Exception: Refer to Article 1123.)
2. A judge must not judge more than two Regional Championship Shows including the East Coast, Pacific Slopes, Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders Shows in any one calendar year. A judge must not judge contiguous Regions in one calendar year. However, as long as the same type classes are not judged, a judge may adjudicate in more than one Regional Show in the same year. For instance, a judge may judge Western and Stallion Breeding and In-Hand classes at one show and English and Mare Breeding and In-Hand classes at another show.
3. In Regional Championship Working Hunter and Jumper classes, judges with at least an USEF recorded ("r") in Hunters/Jumpers or EC equivalent are suggested for use at the Regional Shows. However, this is not a requirement. (Refer to Article 1123.)
4. Judges of Regional Championship Cutting Horse classes must be approved by the NCHA (National Cutting Horse Association.).
5. There is no minimum distance of residence requirement for Regional judges.
6. There is no restriction of the two show limit on Regional "Specialty Class" judges as defined in Article 1123.

SCORING CLASSES AT REGIONALS

ARTICLE 1220. GENERAL SCORING/JUDGING INFORMATION.

For information and procedures regarding scoring and judging Regional Championship class sections refer to Chapter 13: SCORING CLASSES AT NATIONALS and DIVIDING CLASSES AT NATIONALS. Keep in mind that a Top Five (not a Top Ten) is to be selected.

Regional Shows may elect one of the following and shall clearly state in their Regional Prize List whether an entire Top Five or 50% of the class rounded up method shall be used: (Res. 20-03)

1. Top Five Awards will be given to equal one-half of the class rounded-up not to exceed five of those competing at the closing of the gate at the beginning of the class for all classes ridden as a group and all those who pass through the gate in individual activity classes. (e.g., A class of seven horses would be eligible for only four Top Fives.)
 - a. The highest placing exhibitor in the Top Five shall be Champion, and the next highest shall be named Reserve Champion (provided more than two entries are exhibited).
2. Top Five Awards will be given in all classes regardless of how many entries are competing at the close of the gate. International Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes pay-out and points in the Horse Achievement Award, Amateur Achievement Award, High Point Horse Achievement Award and High Point Amateur Achievement Award will be given to those horses enrolled in these programs equal to 50% of the class rounded up not to exceed five of those competing at the closing of the gate at the beginning of the class for all classes ridden as a group and all those who pass through the gate in individual activity classes (e.g. A class of seven horses would be eligible for only four pay-outs even though a Top Five would be awarded. (Res. 20-03)
 - a. The highest placing exhibitor in the Top Five shall be Champion, and the next highest shall be named Reserve Champion (provided more than two entries are exhibited).

Note: There shall be no work-off in performance classes either in the sections or in the finals at all AHA Regional Championship classes where multi-judges are used.

APPROVED REGIONAL SCORING SYSTEMS

ARTICLE 1221. MAJORITY OPINION SYSTEM (MOS) SCORING SYSTEM (Res. 45-00).

1. All Regional Championship Shows, Pacific Slopes Championships and East Coast Championships are required to use the AHA Approved Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00) Scoring System in all applicable classes. (Refer to Article 1129.)
2. Working Hunter, Hunter Hack Jumper, Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles, Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump, Dressage, Reining Horse, Cutting, Working Cow, Trail and Sport Horse classes are exempt from using Majority Opinion System (MOS) scoring. (Res. 45-00) (BOD 5/02)
3. With the exception of Article 1221.2., all other Regional Championship classes, Pacific Slopes Championship classes and East Coast Championship classes must use three judges (Res.45-00).
4. AHA shall train and supply to the Regional Shows, technicians proficient in the use of the Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00) to score the shows.

ARTICLE 1222. DISQUALIFICATIONS

Refer to Article 1324. and adjust for a Top Five.

ARTICLE 1223. POSTING OF JUDGES' CARDS.

1. The entries selected by each judge in Preliminary and Elimination sections will be listed numerically on a form determined by show management.
2. Judges' cards will be posted. (Refer to Article 1129.7). Posting will be done in a place and in a manner selected by show management.

SCORING/JUDGING SPECIALTY CLASSES AT REGIONALS

ARTICLE 1224. SCORING DRESSAGE.

1. Top Five to be selected using the highest test of each USEF/EC level.
2. The horse in the Top Five with the highest score shall be named Regional Champion.
3. The horse in the Top Five with the second highest score shall be name Regional reserve Champion.
4. The remaining Top Five shall be named in a random, undesignated order.
5. In case of a tie, the judge shall determine the winner.

ARTICLE 1225. SCORING WORKING HUNTER.

1. AHA suggests that all AHA Regional Working Hunter Classes use sections with the accumulation of points.
2. If sections are used for Regional Working Hunter Classes the procedure shall be the following:
 - a. The Working Hunter Regional Championship Classes shall consist of two sections of Over Fences, followed by one section Under Saddle.
 - b. All horses are allowed to jump in both Over Fences sections; however, this is not a requirement.
 - c. The highest five scoring horses in each section, plus two reserve horses, shall be jogged in, dismounted, in numerical order for soundness after the conclusion of the second Over Fences section. (BOD 11/02)
 - d. In each of these sections, the judge, or judges, will each place five horses 1st through 5th. Scores will be assigned as follows: 1st place, 20 points; 2nd place, 16 points; 3rd place, 14 points; 4th place, 12 points; 5th place, 10 points.
 - e. Only the five highest scoring horses from each Over Fences section will compete in the Under Saddle section. Only the five highest scoring horses in section A receive points in section A. Only the five highest scoring horses in section B receive points in section B. Only the five highest scoring horses in both section A and section B will receive points in both sections.

- f. Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the four horses having acquired the most points in the two Over Fences sections based on total points earned in all three sections. If a tie exists in the Over Fences sections between any of the four horses with the highest points, the tied horses will go forward into the Under Saddle section. The selection of the remainder of the Top Five will be based on total points earned in all three sections.
- g. Ties will be resolved by using the sum of the points acquired in the two sections over fences. If a tie persists, the Number One Judge will break the tied horses without reworking them.
- h. A Reserve to the Top Five will be selected but not announced in case of disqualification.

ARTICLE 1226. SCORING/JUDGING JUMPERS.

1. Regional Championship Jumper classes will be judged in accordance with either USEF JP144.3 (a) Table II, Sec. 2 (a) or USEF JP144.3 (d). Table II, Sec. 2 (d) - Time first jump-off with designated number of competitors to Jump-off and the equivalent EC rule.
 - a. Each horse will jump the course once and will be scored on the number of faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed to complete the course. All horses will be timed to establish the jump order for the first jump-off, if any.
 - b. Jump Order.
 1. First go-round will be random selection.
 2. Jump-off order is earned by the time taken to complete the course in the first go-round. The horse completing the course in the fastest time will jump last in the jump-off. The horse with the next fastest time jumps next to last, etc. The jump-off order for Regional Champion will be earned in the same manner. Fastest time will jump last.
 - c. A 6th place (Reserve) horse shall be selected but not announced in case there is a disqualification.
 - d. In case of disqualification, all horses move up in order to the vacant position. The Reserve horse is added to the Top Five.
 - e. Horses will be scored on faults and/or penalties. Any ties with equality of faults and/or penalties, for placing other than Regional Champion, will be decided by time. Should an equality of faults and time occur after the second jump-off for the last place Top Five, tied horses will jump again over the same or shortened course. Time will decide any equality of faults until ties are broken. Any ties of faults and time in the jump-off for Champion will be jumped off over a raised, shortened, and changed course. Time decides any equality of faults until ties are broken.
 - f. Time Allowed.
 1. Time allowed to complete the course must be announced before the class starts.
 2. The time allowed is based on a speed of 382 yards per minute (360 yd/mi in very small or indoor arenas). In all jumper rounds one time fault will be charged for each second or fraction thereof by which the time allowed is exceeded. After the first horse has completed the course without a disobedience, if the judge decided that the time allowed is inaccurate, the time may be adjusted once and announced before the next horse goes. Any entry failing to complete the course within the time limit (i.e., double time allowed to complete the course) is eliminated. The competitor's time should be announced.

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ARTICLE 1227. SCORING/JUDGING EQUITATION.

1. Saddle Seat. Refer to Article 1336.
2. Western Seat. Refer to Article 1336.
3. Hunter Seat Over Obstacles. Refer to Article 1336.
4. Hunter Seat Not To Jump. Refer to Article 1336.
5. Refer to Article 1336.3., Article 1336.3.a. for pattern work information. (BOD 1/03)

ARTICLE 1228. SCORING/JUDGING CUTTING.

Refer to IACHA rules for judging/scoring procedures.

ARTICLE 1229. SCORING/JUDGING REINING HORSE.

See USEF/EC rules.

1. All individual judges of Arabian Reining Horse classes are required to announce the score of each reining horse immediately following each horse's work and prior to the work of the subsequent reining horses. When more than one judge is used, scores will be totaled to determine the placings of the class. When one judge is used, their score will place the class. Ties for Champion, Reserve Champion, and 5th place in a Top Five will be worked off using the same pattern, order of go, and scoring technique as was used in the event. If a tie still persists, the tie will be broken by a flip of a coin in the presence of the show steward. (BOD 8/04)
2. Refer to Article 1113. for video requirements.

ARTICLE 1230. SCORING/JUDGING WORKING COW HORSE

Refer to Article 1339. for scoring and judging procedures for Working Cow Horse classes. (BOD 8/04)

ARTICLE 1231. SCORING/JUDGING TRAIL HORSE.

Regional Championship, East Coast Championship, and Pacific Slopes Championship Shows must use the Trail Scoring System as defined in USEF rules.

MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE 1232. BOARDS, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES.

(Refer to Article 1108.)