



APHA Open/Amateur World Show Qualification by Participation *Revised October 17, 2018*

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 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. **(See #5 for exceptions.)**

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. 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.
 - b. Paint Alternative Competition-approved events do not count toward qualification.
 - c. The APHA World Shows do not count toward qualification.
2. **Those who have not competed in a minimum of two shows during the qualifying period may pay a \$1,000 per show qualification fee at time of entry to fulfill the requirement.**
 3. Qualification period:
 - a. Open/Amateur World Show –
2019 – June 1, 2018 through June 3, 2019
2020 – June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020
2021 – June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021
 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 by June 3, 2019 for the 2019 APHA World Show.**
 - b. **If a current Amateur Walk-Trot card has not been held by June 3, 2019 for the 2019 APHA World Show,** 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 equine 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.g.)
 - 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 Challenge, Sweepstakes and futurity classes) do not require horse qualification to enter; although if regular classes are also to be entered, then the horse must qualify. *Exception: PBRIP Sweepstakes and Sweepstakes classes held concurrently with world championship classes require qualification.*
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 APHA World Show website and click on "Qualifiers" on the bottom right of the menu at www.apha.com/oawcs/qualifiers

Additional questions about participation-based World Show qualifying can be directed to the Performance Department at (817) 222-8455.