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**STANDARD DEFINITIONS:**

ACHA	American Cutting Horse Association
APHA	American Paint Horse Association
AQHA	American Quarter Horse Association
ARHA	American Ranch Horse Association
EC	Equestrian Canada
NCHA	National Cutting Horse Association
NRCHA	National Reined Cow Horse Association
NRHA	National Reining Horse Association
NVRHA	National Versatility Ranch Horse Association
RHAA	Ranch Horse Association of America
SHOT	Stock Horse Association of Texas
USCHA	United States Cutting Horse Association
USDF	United States Dressage Federation
USEA	United States Eventing Association
USEF	US Equestrian Federation
WCHA	World Cutting Horse Association
WDAA	Western Dressage Association of America
WSDAC	Western Style Dressage Association of Canada

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

Exhibitors in Dressage, Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper, Eventing/Trials, Combined Driving, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Ranch Horse, Reining, Working Cow, Reined Cow and Cutting classes that are not recognized by AHA are permitted to qualify for Regional and National Events and participate in AHA programs if all the requirements are met for each event. Competitive Trail Rides/Drives and Endurance Rides are permitted to qualify in AHA programs if all the requirements are met for each program.

**MEMBERSHIP**

For all Membership requirements refer to Chapter 7. Scores or participation for AHA Programs and Regional and National qualifications will only be recorded for horses shown by participants who have an AHA Competition Level Membership. (Adult, Youth, Life or Business).

**SCORES**

References to scores throughout this chapter are for the requirements contained in Chapter 21 for the Achievement Award Program.

**OPEN 101. DRESSAGE/WESTERN DRESSAGE/SPORT HORSE IN-HAND ENROLLMENT AND REPORTING FOR OPEN SHOWS (BOD 3/15, 11/24)**

1. Dressage/Western Dressage/Sport Horse In-Hand Qualification Enrollment. Horses must be enrolled in the program for USEF/EC and USDF recognized or USEF/EC and WDAA/WSDAC recognized Open Show scores/participation to be recorded toward AHA qualifications.
  - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using USEF/EC/USDF/WDAA/WSDAC Open Show scores for AHA qualifications is \$50 per horse and scores must be

postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition date. All USEF/EC/USDF Open Show scores/participation earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.

- b. The annual enrollment fee of \$80 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$80 per year to have scores/participation earned from the previous qualification year count toward AHA qualifications.
  - c. For Dressage classes, refer to REQ 107, REQ 208 and QUAL 111.
  - d. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows where Arabian; Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Dressage, Western Dressage and/or Sport Horse In-Hand classes are included within the recognized list of classes.
2. The horse must be properly enrolled and qualifying scores/ participation must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
  3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name, signature of the Show Secretary, Manager or Technical Delegate a copy of the prize list and the required information as stated on the form. (Res. 7-93)
    - a. For Dressage Walk-Trot 10 & Under through Third Level submit all participation, levels, and percentage scores of 55% or better. (BOD 11/15)
    - b. For Dressage classes Fourth Level and higher submit all participation, levels, and percentage scores of 50% or better. (BOD 11/15)
    - c. For results from open USEF/EC Dressage Sport Horse Breeding/In-Hand and Hunter Breeding/In-Hand report participation. (BOD 11/24)
  4. Shows must have USEF or EC Recognition and judges must be USEF/EC rated in the Dressage Division. Refer to Subchapter WD-Officials in the USEF Rulebook for 'Western Dressage Judge' requirements.
  5. Dressage scores/participation from Eventing will be accepted, providing the Dressage portion meets the requirements of the AHA Dressage program. Scores/participation from schooling shows, Kur, and Musical Freestyle do not count.
  6. Introductory, Basic and Levels 1 through 5 scores/participation are counted for Western Dressage. Western Dressage Equitation, Hack and Suitability are counted.
  7. When combination (multiple classes for one ride) classes are offered at open shows, AHA will acknowledge only one of those ride scores/participation. Declaration must be made at the time the score/participation is reported to AHA on Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form indicating which one score/participation from the classes offered is to count.

**OPEN 102. WORKING HUNTER, HUNTER HACK AND JUMPER ENROLLMENT AND REPORTING FOR OPEN SHOWS**

1. OPEN SHOW Qualification Enrollment. Horses must be enrolled in the program for USEF/EC AHA Programs and Open Show participation to be recorded toward AHA qualifications.
  - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using USEF/EC Open Show participation for AHA qualifications is \$50 per horse and must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition. All USEF/EC Open Show participation earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.
  - b. The annual enrollment fee of \$80 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$80 per year to have participation earned from the previous qualification year count toward AHA qualifications.
  - c. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows whose Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo Arabian Working Hunter, Hunter Hack and Jumper classes are included within the Recognized list of classes.

2. The horse must be properly enrolled, and participation must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name(s) and signature of the Show Secretary or Show Manager. Copies of the applicable pages of the prize list must be included verifying the above information with show name and class list.
4. Shows must have USEF or EC Recognition and judges must be USEF or EC rated in the Working Hunter and Jumper Division for results to be recorded.
5. For Working Hunter and Jumper participation to count, unrated classes must be held at the corresponding fence heights or higher to the AHA Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, or Jumper Championship class for which qualification is being obtained. Any USEF/EC rated hunter class will qualify the horse for any AHA Working Hunter or Hunter Hack Championship class, and any USEF rated jumper class will qualify the horse for any AHA Jumper Championship class if the rider meets the requirements in COMP 208. (BOD 11/06)

#### **OPEN 103. CUTTING, WORKING COW HORSE, RANCH HORSE, REINING, REINED COW HORSE AND HERD WORK ENROLLMENT AND REPORTING FOR OPEN SHOWS (BOD 8/06, BOD 8/08, BOD 11/08 & BOD 11/17)**

1. Cutting, Herd Work, Working Cow, Ranch Horse, Reining and Reined Cow Qualification Enrollment: Horses must be enrolled in the program for Cutting and Herd Work - NCHA/ACHA/USCHA/WCHA/NRCHA, Working Cow - NRCHA, Reining - NRHA, Reined Cow - NRCHA, Ranch Horse Association - Breed Association or Discipline Association (i.e. NVRHA, RHAA, SHOT, ARHA, AQHA, APHA, NRHA) Open Show scores/participation to be recorded toward AHA qualifications. Affiliate Club Shows using a licensed judge within that particular organization (discipline) are accepted for Open Show Results.
  - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using Open Show scores/participation for AHA qualifications is \$50 per horse and must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition. All Open Show scores/participation earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.
  - b. The annual enrollment fee of \$80 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$80 per year to have score/participation earned from the previous qualification year's count toward AHA qualifications.
  - c. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows whose Arabian; Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes are included within the recognized list of classes.
  - d. Refer to QUAL 102.8.
2. The horse must be properly enrolled, and scores/participation must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name(s) and signature of the show secretary or show manager. Copies of the applicable pages of the prize list/flyer must be included verifying the above information with show name and class list.
4. Shows must have NCHA/ACHA/USCHA/WCHA/NRHA/NRCHA approval and judges must be rated. (See OPEN 103.1 for Affiliate Club Shows)
5. Ranch Horse shows must be recognized by a Ranch Horse Association (i.e. NVRHA, RHAA, SHOT, ARHA).
6. For Cutting, all regular classes at an approved show will count toward qualifications, except for Limited Age Events.

#### **OPEN 104. EVENTING/TRIALS, COMBINED DRIVING, CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING AND DRIVEN DRESSAGE ENROLLMENT AND REPORTING FOR OPEN SHOWS (BOD 3/06)**

1. OPEN SHOW Qualification Enrollment. Horses must be enrolled in the program for USEF/EC Open Show participation to be recorded toward AHA qualifications.
  - a. The annual enrollment fee for horses using USEF, and EC Open Show participation for AHA qualifications is \$50 per horse and must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 30 days

of the competition. All USEF, and EC Open Show participation earned from the enrollment date until **December 31** of that competition year will be included in that enrollment year.

- b. The annual enrollment fee of \$80 will apply if the show results report is postmarked/electronic transaction dated after 30 days of the date of the competition. There will be an additional fee of \$80 per year to have participation earned from the previous qualification year's count toward AHA qualifications.
- c. There is no enrollment required for horses that qualify at AHA Recognized Shows whose Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Eventing and Driving (Carriage) classes are included within the Recognized list of classes.
2. The horse must be properly enrolled, and participation must be properly reported on the Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form.
3. The Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Form must include the judges' name(s) and signature of the Show/Event Secretary or Show/Event Manager. Copies of the applicable pages of the prize list must be included verifying the above information with Show/Event name and class list.
4. Shows must have USEF, or EC Recognition and judges must be USEF, EC, or rated in the Eventing Division, or USEF, or EC rated in the Driving Division for results to be recorded.
5. For Eventing/Trials, Combined Driving and Pleasure Carriage Driving participation, the only classes that will count are those listed in the USEF, or EC rulebooks as rated Eventing Division or Driving Division classes. Any USEF or EC rated Event will qualify the horse for any AHA Eventing Championship of the same level, and any USEF, or EC rated driving event or class will qualify the horse for any AHA Driving Championship of the same level or class if the rider meets the requirements in COMP 1209. Classes not rated by USEF, or EC will not count.

#### **OPEN 105. COMPETITIVE TRAIL OPEN RIDE/DRIVE RESULTS REPORTING (BOD 8/11)**

When a horse competes in an Open Competitive Trail Ride/Drive which is sanctioned by any of the AHA Approved CT Organizations but not recognized by AHA, the owner must submit their results on an Open Qualifying Ride/Drive Results Form, signed by the Ride Secretary, Manager or Judge. The Open Qualifying Ride Results Form must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 90 days of the ride date. Open results are used for AHA Award programs. (BOD 8/06)

Refer to AWD 106 for Distance Horse Program enrollment and rules.

#### **OPEN 106. ENDURANCE OPEN RIDE RESULTS REPORTING**

When a horse competes in an Open Endurance Ride which is sanctioned by AERC but not recognized by AHA, the owner must submit their results on an Open Qualifying Ride Results Form, signed by the Ride Secretary or Manager. The Open Qualifying Ride Results Form must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office within 90 days of the ride date. Alternatively, the owner may elect to submit their open AERC results on an Official AERC Horse Record along with the AHA Open Qualifying Ride Results Form. The Official AERC Horse Record must be postmarked/electronic submission transaction dated to the AHA office by **January 31** along with the AHA Open Qualifying Ride Results Form, for rides competed in the year prior. Owners must cross out any rides that have previously been submitted to AHA. (BOD 5/02) Open results are used for AHA Award programs.

Refer to AWD 106 for Distance Horse Program and enrollment rules.