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A qualifying placing is 1st place - 6th place (Note: this is what AHA currently records and would require no change to the database or to what shows report to AHA)

Regional Qualifications

Single Regional Championship –

- Compete in any qualifying AHA Recognized show in any region (which includes Concurrent, Pre-Show, Value Show).
- Compete in a recognized section, i.e. HA/AA Western Pleasure, Arabian Country English Pleasure, Arabian Hunter Pleasure, etc.
- Compete in any recognized class within that section.
- Place anywhere from first through sixth in your recognized class in that section.
- A first through sixth place in that one recognized class in that section now qualifies you to compete in as many classes within that section at any one Regional Championship Show of your choice.

Example: Placing in the top six at a qualifying show in HA/AA Western Pleasure ATR qualifies for any and as many classes in HA/AA Western Pleasure as long as you meet the definition for an Amateur, Amateur Owner, Leveling, Jr. Horse, etc. The qualification could have been earned in Region 8 but was used for the Region 6 Championship Show.

- For disciplines that allow Open qualifying, one (1) qualifying score or first through sixth place from an Open Show (in any region) will qualify you for as many classes within that section at any one Regional Championship Show of your choice.
- Equitation/Showmanship is based on the rider/handler and the rider/handler must receive first through sixth in their qualifying section. Medal classes require a Medal or first through sixth place in their qualifying section.

Multiple Regional Championships –

- Same process as above but now requires that you compete at any two AHA Recognized Shows in any region (can be earned from two different regions) and first through sixth placings qualify you for any Regional Championship Shows of your choice. This can be anywhere from two up to eighteen Regional Championship Shows.
- Equitation/Showmanship will require two (2) first through sixth placings in their qualifying section at any two AHA Recognized Shows in any region to qualify for any Regional Championship Shows of your choice. Medal classes require two (2) Medals or two (2) first through sixth placings in their qualifying section.
- For disciplines that allow Open qualifying, two (2) qualifying scores or two (2) first through sixth placings from any two Open Shows will qualify you for as many classes within that section at any Regional Championship Shows of your choice.

National Qualifications

You can qualify either by:

1. A Regional Top 5 or better qualifies for any and as many National classes in that section, or
2. An Equitation Medal
3. By having three (3) qualifying placings from any three (3) AHA Recognized Shows in a section for any and as many classes in that section at any National Championship Show(s). (Requires three (3) qualifying scores or three (3) placings from three (3) Open Shows). This is required to qualifying the horse or equitation rider.

Open Qualifying

Is still maintained and will use qualifying scores or first through sixth place in a class recognized in their qualifying section.

A National Show Commission has the right to place restrictions on cross entry into classes.

The USEF family definition and two distinct non-family owner definition must be adhered to.