

Regional Championship Show

The NWHA Board has approved the adoption of eight (8) regions for the purposes of NWHA Regional shows. Each region contains generally equal membership numbers. An exhibitor is not limited to showing in just one region.

Exhibitors showing in approved NWHA Regional shows may earn the title of "Region Champion" as well as earn double points toward the NWHA Annual High Point awards and the LSAP program.

Horses that place 1st through 3rd places at a Regional show in a Division Championship class will be qualified for the corresponding Regional Grand Championship at the National Championship Show. All "qualified" entries will be notified by the NWHA Office upon verification of the show results.

Example: The 3rd place horse in a Regional Show's Plantation Pleasure 2 Gait English Championship class, will qualify for the Plantation Pleasure 2 gait Optional Tack Regional Grand Championship at the National show.

Regional Show Requirements:

- The show must be affiliated with NWHA using NWHA Judges and DQPs.
- The show must remit \$20.00 per entry shown to the NWHA.

Rail Criteria: NWHA requires the show to offer championship classes for at least 3 of the 6 NWHA Divisions. Classes offered may be 2 gait or 3 gait, English or Western:

- All Day Pleasure
- Country Pleasure
- Trail Pleasure
- Lite Shod
- Park Lite Shod
- Plantation Pleasure

Other Division Regional Grand Championships at the National are:

- Racking Horse (All Divisions)
- Spotted Saddle Horse (All Divisions)

It is strongly recommended that all divisions have a championship offered. Regional participation is to be considered when constructing a regional championship list of classes to be offered.

Considerations

- Championship classes must be payback classes **or** have special awards, prizes or premiums.
- Only one show per region can be designated as a Regional Championship (please review the states included in each designated region).

- Regional Championships shows may not coincide on the same day or weekend as another Regional show. The proposed show may request special approval from the board regarding dates if another Regional show has already been scheduled. The proposed Regional shows must be at least 500 miles or more from the existing show.
- Double judged shows are not eligible to be designated as a Regional Championship shows.
- Application to be designated as a Regional Championship must be approved by a vote of the Board of Directors. Applications submitted must be submitted at least 90 days prior to show date. Previous Regional status shows have first rights of refusal.

Versatility Criteria: NWHA requires the show to offer equivalent versatility classes that are offered at The National. Regional Versatility shows must have a minimum of at least 5 versatility classes offered from the following Versatility categories:

- Reining
- Dressage (all styles)
- Equitation (all seats)
- Driving
- Showmanship
- Model or In-Hand
- Timed Speed Event (Barrel Racing, Pole Bending)
- Trail Obstacle
- Jumping
- Untimed Game Event
- Western Riding

Due to the specific nature of versatility events, NWHA Guest Judging fees may be waived. However, the Show Manager must still submit a request for a "Guest Judge". For instance, the use of a licensed USDF judge for Dressage events is permissible.

Regions:

- Region 1 – Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland
- Region 2 – Michigan, Ohio
- Region 3 – Virginia, North Carolina
- Region 4 – South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama
- Region 5 – Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia
- Region 6 – Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri
- Region 7 – Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska
- Region 8 – Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Alaska, Hawaii