

Important Qualification Reminder

Remember, when qualifying for an Amateur (AT) or Amateur Owner (AO) class, you cannot use points and/or a first or second place obtained by a Professional. To compete in an AT class, an Amateur must have obtained the qualifications, and in an AO class, the Amateur Owner must have obtained the qualifications. You may use AT and AO qualifications for an Open class.

Qualifications for Nationals are determined by:

- Points or Qualifying Scores
- A Top Five from Regional Championship classes or East Coast or Pacific Slope Championship classes
- A Top Six from East or West Canadian Breeders Championship classes

Each class you enter at a Regional or National show must have a distinct qualification. You cannot use one qualification for multiple classes within a section at the same show, i.e., for Dressage First Level AT and Dressage First Level AO at Sport Horse Nationals, you would need two sets of qualifications in order to compete in both of those classes.

Speaking of Points

Did you know that the qualification points that you earn within a qualification period (which is defined as the previous calendar year and the current year up to the close of entries) may be used at multiple shows to qualify a horse and/or rider for Regionals and/or Nationals? An example would be to use the same points to qualify for a regional show, Canadian Nationals and U.S. Nationals. In other words, points are not used up. You may not use the same points for more than one class at that particular show. If you had earned 10 qualification points in Western Pleasure, you could not use them for Western Pleasure Open (requires 10 qual points) and Western Pleasure AAOTR (requires 10 qual points) at U.S. Nationals. To compete in both of these classes at U.S. Nationals, a total of 20 qualification points would need to be earned.

Any qualification points you earn are good up until the expiration of the qualification period.