

EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES:

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2000, MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP AT AHA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOWS. ONLY MEMBERSHIP CARDS OR COPIES OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE SHOW SECRETARY, A DIRECT MEMBERSHIP WILL BE CHARGED BEFORE THE HORSE CAN BE SHOWN.

1. All entries must have qualified within the Eastern Time Zone and within the preceding calendar year and that period of the current year up to the date of East Coast Championship classes. Entries will qualify using the points system that is in the current AHA Handbook. East Coast Championship Classes will follow the Regional qualifications points levels. For class judging specifications, please refer to the current USEF Rulebook.
2. No horse showing in the East Coast Championships classes may be less than two (2) years of age at the time of qualifying or showing. Age to be reckoned according to USEF Rules.
3. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to assure that his entry is eligible as outlined in the foregoing rules. Any ineligible entry that is not withdrawn prior to the close of entries will forfeit its entry fee.
4. The Show office must be notified if a horse will not be shown in a class in which it has been entered. In the case where a horse has been entered and not shown, class fees will be forfeited.
5. Dressage entries must be made by the pre-entry deadline. There will be no post entries for Dressage. **This year's Eastern Arabian dressage and Sport Horse In-Hand classes do not qualify for this year's East Coast Championships. Eastern Arabian Horse Show Sport Horse Performance classes do qualify for this year's East Coast Championships.**
6. Cross entries are permitted between the Eastern Arabian Horse Show and the East Coast Championships providing the horse meets the qualifications for the East Coast Championship Class as outlined in the AHA Handbook.
7. Entry must be made on official entry form, listing date and location of qualifications. All entries must be made by 1/2 hour after the final class on Friday evening, exception—dressage & sport horse in-hand. **EACH EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS ENTRY MUST HAVE A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT QUALIFICATION.**
8. All East Coast Championship classes, except Working Hunter, Reining, Dressage, Sport Horse In-Hand, and Trail will be run and judged as a single class, using the AHA-approved Three Judge System or an alternative AHA Approved System should problems arise with Three Judge System. Trail and Sport Horse In-Hand classes may be run on open cards.
9. Owners of horses entered in the East Coast Championship Classes must be members of AHA.
10. **ENTRY LISTS FOR EACH EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS WILL BE POSTED OUTSIDE THE SHOW OFFICE AND IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH EXHIBITOR TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE LISTED ON THE ENTRY LIST FOR EACH CLASS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON (S) SIGNING THE ENTRY FORM TO VERIFY THAT THE HORSE IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS. (AHA HANDBOOK ARTICLE 1725.1)**
11. Dressage and Sport Horse In-Hand: Dressage Rides and Sport Horse In-Hand entries may be limited. In order to have your dressage rides or In-Hand classes scheduled, the enclosed Dressage/Sport Horse information card **must** be sent by the close of entries to the Dressage Coordinator, Patt Bealer. Failure to do so will result in **no time being allocated for you to ride or show**. Rides/goes will be scheduled on a first come, 1st served basis, by postmarked date. Dressage/Sport Horse Coordinator Patt Bealer, 6387 Mountain Road, Germansville, PA 18053, 610-767-7346.
12. Top Five Awards will be given to equal one-half of the class rounded-up not to exceed five, of those competing at the closing of the gate at the beginning of the class for all classes ridden as a group and all those who pass through the gate in individual activity classes.

ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THE EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES OR ANY CONTINGENCIES NOT COVERED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED RULES SHALL BE ARBITRATED BY THE EXECUTIVE SHOW COMMITTEE, WHOSE DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.