



ASHBA Star Show Frequently Asked Questions

ASHBA Star Shows were created in 2020 to bring organization and benefits to competitions that are unaffiliated with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). ASHBA Star Shows will offer a consistent set of guidelines, along with additional marketing support. Competitions will be eligible for the ASHBA Horse Show Grant program and be able to participate in ASHBA award programs, CH, CH-EQ and CH-HS Points program and be able to qualify for the World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS).

Question: How do you become a Star Show?

When a competition fills out the ASHBA Horse Show Application they will check a box for USEF Licensed Competition, USEF Lite Competition or ASHBA Star Show. If a competition is not a USEF licensed or USEF Lite, the competition will automatically default to an ASHBA Star Show, which were known as Open Shows before 2020.

Question: How much does it cost to be a Star Show?

All competitions (USEF, USEF Lite and ASHBA Star Show) are required to pay the \$50 ASHBA Horse Show Application fee. 100% of those fees going into the ASHBA Horse Show Grant program. There is no additional fee required to become an ASHBA Star Show.

Question: Do USEF and USEF Lite competitions have to be a Star Show?

USEF and USEF Lite competitions are two of the three options available for ASHBA recorded shows, with ASHBA Star Show being the third option. USEF and USEF Lite competitions cannot be an ASHBA Star Show.

Question: What ASHBA awards programs are available?

All competitions that fulfill the requirements for an ASHBA recorded competition, will be eligible to accumulate points for ASHBA High Point Awards. Owners, riders, drivers, and handlers must be ASHBA competing members to be eligible for the ASHBA award programs.

Question: How many CH, CH-EQ and CH-HS points can I accumulate?

All competitions that fulfill the requirements for an ASHBA recorded competition, will be eligible to accumulate CH, CH-EQ and/or CH-HS points. Each type of competition (USEF, USEF Lite and ASHBA Star Show) has different criteria for earning CH, CH-EQ and/or CH-HS points.

USEF Licensed Competitions: accumulate CH, CH-EQ and/or CH-HS points at full value. That means 1 point for a win in a qualifying class of at least 6 horses; 2 points for a win in a championship class with at least 4 horses and 1 point for a reserve in a championship class with at least 4 horses.

USEF Lite Competitions: accumulate CH, CH-EQ and/or CH-HS points at half the value of USEF licensed competitions. That means 1/2 point for a win in a qualifying class of at least 6 horses; 1 point for a win in a championship class with at least 4 horses and 1/2 point for a reserve in a championship class with at least 4 horses.

ASHBA Star Shows: accumulate CH, CH-EQ and/or CH-HS points at half the value of USEF competitions with at least 5 points earned at USEF licensed competitions. That means 1/2 point for a win in a qualifying class of at least 6 horses; 1 point for a win in a championship class with at least 4 horses and 1/2 point for a reserve in a championship class with at least 4 horses.

Question: What about qualifying for the World's Championship Horse Show?

Only competitions that fulfill the requirements for an ASHBA recorded competition are eligible to qualify for the World's Championship Horse Show. This includes USEF, USEF Lite and ASHBA Star Show competitions only. No other types of shows qualify.

Question: Do I have to be an USEF or ASHBA member to show at a Star Show?

You do NOT need to be a USEF or ASHBA member to show at ASHBA Star Show or USEF Lite competitions. You WILL need to be a USEF and ASHBA competing member to show at USEF licensed competitions. Also, you WILL need to be an ASHBA competing member if you want to participate in the ASHBA award programs.

Question: What rules do shows have to follow?

ASHBA Star Show competitions follow USEF Saddlebred Breed Rules which supersede all other rules. All ASHBA recorded competitions (USEF, USEF Lite and ASHBA Star Show) must submit the ASHBA Horse Show Application, \$50 application fee, competition prize list and a copy of the certificate of liability insurance (with ASHBA named as an additional insured) at least **one (1) month** before the start of the competition. Results must be submitted to ASHBA within ten days of the last day of competition. Shows must enforce the USEF and US Center for Safe Sport Ineligibility lists. Safe Sport training is only required at USEF licensed competitions.

Question: What about the ASHBA Horse Show Grant Program?

Only competitions that fulfill the requirements for an ASHBA recorded competition are eligible for the ASHBA Horse Show Grant Program, which is funded by the \$50 Horse Show Application fee. ASHBA accepts grant applications through March 31.