



## ASHBA SELECT SERIES RULES AND CLASSES

### 1. Eligibility

- Must be declared as a Select Series horse.
- Must show in at least **one (1)** ASHBA Select Series class at an ASHBA Star Show, USEF, or USEF Lite show within the same calendar year to qualify for:
  - Select Series Regional Championships
  - Select Series National Championship currently held at the All American Horse Classic in Indiana
- Horses that compete at the World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS) in Louisville are **ineligible** for Select Series classes, Regional and National Championships.
  - **Exception:** Horses that compete in equitation classes at WCHS may still enter performance classes in the Select Series Regional and National Championships

### 2. American Saddlebreds

- **Registration:**
  - Must be registered with the American Saddlebred Horse & Breeders Association (ASHBA).
  - To compete, horses must be entered in their full registered names with registration numbers and under the ownership names.
- **Required Documentation:**
  - A copy of the registration papers, showing recorded ownership, or
  - A Certificate of Eligibility to Show issued by ASHBA.
  - Documentation must be submitted with the entry form or presented at the competition office before the competition number is released.
  - Alternatively, the competition may verify the horse's registration electronically with ASHBA at its discretion.
- **Exception:**
  - This requirement does not apply to American Saddlebred-type ponies.

### 3. Half Saddlebred Horses

- **Registration:**
  - Must be registered with ASHBA to compete in the ASHBA Select Series.
  - Must be entered in their full registered names with registration numbers and under the names of the owner(s).
- **Required Documentation:**
  - A copy of the registration papers, showing recorded ownership, or
  - A Certificate of Eligibility to Show issued by ASHBA.
  - Documentation must be submitted with the entry form or presented at the competition office before the competition number is released.

- Alternatively, the competition may verify the horse's registration electronically with ASHBA at its discretion.

#### 4. Hackney Roadster Pony

- **Registration:**
  - Must be registered with AHHS to compete in the ASHBA Select Series.
  - Must be entered in their full registered names with registration numbers and under the names of the owner(s).
- **Required Documentation:**
  - A copy of the registration papers, showing recorded ownership
  - Alternatively, the competition may verify the horse's registration electronically with AHHS at its discretion.

#### 5. Road Horse

- Show under USEF rules by standards accepted by the American Road Horse and Pony Association.

#### 6. Competition Rules and Specifications

- **Regulations:**
  - All ASHBA Select Series Saddlebred and Half Saddlebred classes will be run according to the American Saddlebred and Half Saddlebred breed rules and specifications. Link below:
    - [American Saddlebred and Half Saddlebred Breed Rules](#)
  - American Saddlebreds and Half Saddlebreds **must** compete in separate classes, with clear clarification of which classes are championship qualifiers.
  - Roadster and Hackney Pony classes will be run according to USEF Breed rules and specifications

#### 7. Select Series Competition

- **Eligible Shows:**
  - Star shows, USEF, and USEF Lite shows within each region may host Select Series classes.
- **Class Structure:**
  - Select Series horses can compete in both qualifying and championship classes
  - **Qualifying classes may run concurrently or separately**
  - These classes may be held as stand-alone events, or combined with other classes, depending on show management's choice.
  - Management must specify in the prize list which classes serve as qualifiers for championships.
- **Regional Championships:**
  - Each region may designate a specific show as its Regional Championship.
    - **Regions:**
      - **Region 1 & 2**  
Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Alberta British Columbia
      - **Region 3**  
Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
      - **Region 4**  
Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi

- **Region 5 & 6**  
Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Ontario  
(London)
- **Region 7**  
Kentucky
- **Region 8**  
Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee
- **Region 9 & 10**  
North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
- **Select Series qualifiers may run concurrently with similar classes**  
as long as this is clarified in the prize list.
  - Separate ribbons will be awarded for Select Series class participants in such cases.

## 8. Classes Offered

- **American Saddlebred Classes:**
  - Amateur/Jr Exhibitor 5 Gaited
  - Amateur/Jr Exhibitor 3 Gaited
  - Amateur/Jr Exhibitor Park
  - Open Park
  - Adult/Jr Exhibitor 5 Gaited Show Pleasure
  - Adult/Jr Exhibitor 3 Gaited Show Pleasure
  - Adult/Jr Exhibitor Country Pleasure
  - Adult/Jr Exhibitor Show Pleasure Driving
  - Adult/Jr Exhibitor Country Pleasure Driving
  - ASB Country Western Pleasure
  - ASB Country Hunter Pleasure
  - ASB Fine Harness
- **Half Saddlebred Classes:**
  - Open Fine Harness
  - Open Pleasure Driving
  - Open Walk/Trot Snaffle Bit
  - Open In Hand
  - Amateur 3 Gaited Show Pleasure
  - Amateur 3 Gaited Country Pleasure
  - Open 3 Gaited Park (any age rider, amateur or professional)
- **Roadster/Hackney Roadster Pony Classes:**
  - Open Roadster To Bike
  - Open Road Pony To Bike

## 9. Half Saddlebred Open Snaffle Bit Walk and Trot

- **Eligibility:**
  - Open to all ages, including both amateurs and professionals.
- **Tack Requirements:**
  - Horses must be shown in a snaffle bridle with a running martingale, using one or two reins.
  - Tack should meet show quality standards.
- **Gait Requirements:**
  - Horses should be shown at a flat walk or animated walk and trot.
- **Judging Criteria:**
  - 75% on manners, performance, presence, and quality.
  - 25% on overall conformation.