



## ASHBA NATIONAL SELECT SERIES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The ASHBA National Select Series, presented by State Line Tack, was created to encourage more people to show American Saddlebreds, Half Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies and Road Horses. The Series strengthens the show horse market by adding value to the competitive experience, while promoting a market for horses that are not currently competing at the World's Championship Horse Show. The Series creates a valuable marketplace that is much needed in the horse industry. Horses will be able to compete in classes that qualify for National Select Series Regional Championships at shows all across the country and the National Select Series National Championship. These classes will be held under regular USEF American Saddlebred and Half Saddlebred rules and specifications.

### What is new for 2023?

**ASHBA is pleased to announce new program enhancements to the National Select Series including:**

- **Classes are now open to Half Saddlebreds that are registered with the ASHBA Registry**
- **Purebred American Saddlebreds and Half Saddlebreds can now compete in the same class**
- **New classes (See below)**
- **New National Championship (See below)**
- **New rules and class specifications**
- **Concurrent classes are no longer offered in 2023 (Stand-alone classes only)**
- **Grants available to shows to add stand-alone classes**
- **Ribbons provided for all qualifying, Regional and National classes**
- **Trophies provided for all Regional and National classes**

### How can a show participate in the National Select Series?

Shows can offer any of the 18 stand-alone qualifying classes for American Saddlebreds and Half Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies, and Roadsters. Shows that are interested in hosting National Select Series qualifying classes must notify the ASHBA office at least 30 days before the competition in order to get ribbons in time for the show. ***Please Note: Horse Declaration Forms are no longer required.***

### What classes are offered?

Five-Gaited Amateur/Junior Exhibitor

Three-Gaited Amateur/Junior Exhibitor

Park Amateur/Junior Exhibitor

#### **\*Open Park**

Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult/Junior Exhibitor

Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult/Junior Exhibitor

Three-Gaited Country Pleasure Adult/Junior Exhibitor

#### **\*Open Fine Harness**

Show Pleasure Driving Adult/Junior Exhibitor

Country Pleasure Driving Adult/Junior Exhibitor

#### **\*Open Pleasure Driving**

ASB Western Country Pleasure

ASB Hunter Country Pleasure

**\*Open Walk/Trot Snaffle Bit (Open to any age horse, rider, professional or amateur)**

#### **\*Open In-Hand**

Hackney Pleasure Driving Adult/Junior Exhibitor

Open Roadster Pony to Bike

Open Road Horse to Bike

**\*Denotes new classes for 2023**

### **How much does it cost to participate in the ASHBA National Select Series?**

There are no additional costs or fees to participate in the ASHBA National Select Series other than the requirement that the owner of the horse or pony and the rider or driver of the horse or pony must be an ASHBA competing member. National Select Series exhibitors will be subject to general horse show fees (entry fees, office fees, stall fees, etc.) which will be different depending on the show.

### **How many qualifying classes do horses and ponies have to compete in to be eligible for a Regional Championship?**

For the Regional Championships, horses and ponies must compete in one qualifying class in that region. Since the Regional Championships occur on different dates, the qualifying for Regional Championships will run from the day after the Regional Championship (prior year) to the day before the Regional Championship (current year).

### **How many qualifying classes do horses and ponies have to compete in to be eligible for the National Championship?**

The National Select Series National Championship will be held at the All American Horse Classic in Indianapolis (September 12-16, 2023). To qualify for the National Championship, horses and ponies must compete in one qualifying class or be a ribbon winner in a 2022 Regional Championship class. Qualifying for the National Championship runs from September 1 (prior year) to August 31 (current year).

### **How do I know what ASHBA National Select Series Region my show is in?**

The country has been divided into 8 regions (see below) for the ASHBA National Select Series with Regional Championships held at selected shows in each region. Additional trophies and prizes will be secured for the Regional Championships.

#### **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

#### **Region 11/12**

Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maryland, Delaware, Ontario (Toronto)