



KENTUCKY STATE FAIR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW 2023 QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS for Pleasure (Show & Country) and Park

Any class added to a show's schedule after the prize list, class sheet or class schedule has been printed and/or posted on the show's web site, Facebook page, etc. will not count as a qualifying class for Kentucky State Fair's World's Championship Horse Show.

Any competition that has not previously been listed on the American Saddlebred Horse & Breeders Association (ASHBA) database must complete ASHBA's Horse Show Application at least one (1) month prior to the competition dates in order to be a qualifying competition for the World's Championship Horse Show.

In order to be recorded as a qualifying competition for the World's Championship Horse Show, the prize list and/or tentative schedule for all competitions must be submitted with the ASHBA Horse Show Application form or at least one (1) month prior to the first date of the show, either electronically or physically to the ASHBA.

1. All horses must qualify to compete in the American Saddlebred Show Pleasure, American Saddlebred Country Pleasure, and American Saddlebred Park Divisions of the 2023 Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show.

Horses will be entered in these Divisions only if they **have been shown in a minimum of six (6) classes, in three (3) or more different competitions**, (not including the 2022 World's Championship Horse Show) in the same Divisions in which they wish to compete at the 2023 World's Championship Horse Show, either under saddle or in harness, beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. At the 2023 World's Championship Horse Show the same horse may not enter and/or compete in the Junior Exhibitor and the Adult class, nor may it enter and/or compete in "under saddle, driving, western and hunter" or in more than one age division.

Horses that are to be shown in Pleasure Driving will be required to qualify by showing in six (6) classes at three (3) shows in Pleasure Driving. If the Driving class at a show does not specify whether it is Show or Country Pleasure the class will still count, but four (4) of the six (6) classes for qualification must be in either Show or Country Pleasure. Park Pleasure driving classes and Open Pleasure driving will not be considered as qualifying classes.

Classes and points earned in a division, such as Three-Gaited Show Pleasure cannot be applied to another division such as Five-Gaited Show Pleasure, nor can classes and points in Western Country Pleasure or Hunter Country Pleasure be applied to saddle seat Three-Gaited Country Pleasure, nor can Three-Gaited Country Pleasure be applied to Western or Hunter Country Pleasure. This does not affect or change the rule that a horse can show in juvenile, adult, novice, local, or limit classes in a division for the points and classes to count toward qualification.

Also, for purposes of qualification, a horse in the Show Pleasure or Country Pleasure Divisions cannot be shown by its trainer on behalf of the owner of the horse, nor may a horse be shown by any adult family member of the trainer of the horse (provided, however, that this does not preclude a family member of a trainer from showing a horse if the horse is owned by the trainer or by such family member).

For purposes of potential Show Pleasure, Country Pleasure, and Park qualifying for the 2023 Kentucky State Fair, points *will not* be accumulated at the Kentucky State Fair by horses competing in the 2022 Kentucky State Fair; performances at the 2022 Kentucky State Fair will be excluded from potential qualifying point totals for the 2023 competition.

Effective 2019 - Any class added to a show's schedule after the prize list, class sheet or class schedule has been printed and/or posted on the show's web site, Facebook page, etc. **will not** count as a qualifying class for Kentucky State Fair's World's Championship Horse Show.

2. Qualifying information for the American Saddlebred Show Pleasure, Country Pleasure, and Park Divisions, is on pages 31-36 of the 2023 Horse Show Premium Book.
3. Each qualifying class in the American Saddlebred Show Pleasure Horse Division, the American Saddlebred Country Pleasure Horse Division, and the American Saddlebred Three-Gaited Park, has a maximum number of qualified entrants that will be permitted to compete in each class. For the 2023 competition, the maximum number of qualified entrants for each qualifying class is as follows:

Description	Maximum #
Adult Three Gaited Show Pleasure	60
Junior Exhibitor Three Gaited Show Pleasure, Rider 14 – 17 Years Old	36
Junior Exhibitor Three Gaited Show Pleasure, Rider 13 Years Old & Under	32
Junior Exhibitor Show Pleasure Driving, Driver 17 Years Old & Under	14
Adult Show Pleasure Driving	28
Adult Five Gaited Show Pleasure	40
Junior Exhibitor Five Show Pleasure, Rider 17 Years Old & Under	36
Junior Exhibitor Three Gaited Country Pleasure, Rider 13 Years Old & Under	32
Junior Exhibitor Three Gaited Country Pleasure, Rider 14 – 17 Years Old	36
Adult Three Gaited Country Pleasure	40
Country Pleasure Driving	28
Western Country Pleasure	20
Open Park Mare	20
Open Park Stallion or Gelding	20
Junior Exhibitor Park	18
Amateur Park	40
Hunter Country Pleasure	20

4. In the event the total number of entrants received for any qualifying class does not exceed the maximum numbers listed in #3 above, all entrants will be permitted to compete at the 2023 World's Championship Horse Show.
5. In the event the total number of qualified entrants received for any qualifying class *exceeds* the maximum numbers listed in #3 above by five (5) horses or less, the Kentucky State Fair reserves the right to permit all qualified entrants to compete in a qualifying class; but if the number entered *exceeds* the maximum number by more than five (5), the number of entries will be reduced to the original maximum number (e.g., if there are sixty-six (66) entries in Adult Show Pleasure, only sixty (60) will be allowed to show). The horses that will be eligible to compete in such qualifying class will be chosen based on a point system tabulated and verified by the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association ("ASHBA"), as follows:
 - For Show Pleasure, Country Pleasure, and Park horses must have "qualified" as described in #1 above (6) classes, at (3) shows in the same Division.
 - Effective 2015, **qualifying** (e.g. 6 classes at 3 shows) is **no longer required for Park and Park Pleasure junior horses**.

- All American Saddlebred horses competing in any competition listed on the ASHBA's database, regardless of whether such competition is a USEF licensed competition, will be eligible for consideration. ***In order for a non-licensed competition to be listed on the ASHBA's database, a representative of that competition must complete ASHBA's Horse Show Application with dates, location, and contact person of the competition at least one month before the competition is to be held. The secretary or the manager of said competition is responsible for sending in the results to the ASHBA within ten (10) days after the competition and by the closing date of the qualifying period. Results will not be accepted (regardless of the postmark or meter date) by the ASHBA that are received in the office after the closing date of the qualifying period.***
 - ***Effective 2019 – any competition that has not previously been listed on the ASHBA's database must complete ASHBA's Horse Show Application at least one (1) month prior to the competition dates in order to be a qualifying competition for the World's Championship Horse Show.***
 - All ribbon winners in classes of six (6) or more entries will receive the following points - 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (8 for 1st, 7 for 2nd, and so on) - based on number of ribbons awarded; a class with five (5) entries from first place through fifth place, as follows: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1; a class with four (4) entries, from first place through fourth place as follows: 4, 3, 2, 1; and a class with three (3) entries, from first place through third place as follows: 3, 2, 1; and a class with two (2) entries, from first place through second place as follows: 2, 1. A class with one (1) entries, will receive one point; only. **This point system has been applied to shows starting from December 1, 2015.** Points will count in the following Divisions: Show Pleasure Three-Gaited, Five-Gaited, and Driving; Country Pleasure Three-Gaited, Western, Hunter, Five Gaited and Driving; Park – Three-Gaited. Points will not be allocated in the following classes for qualification at the 2023 Kentucky State Fair: Open Pleasure, Open Hunter, Walk/Trot Pleasure, English Pleasure, Saddle Seat Pleasure, Open to All Breeds, Opportunity, **“buy a class,” TBA or classes built into a schedule that may be purchased will not count**, and any class other than Park that the horse can be shown by a professional.
 - Points will not be allocated in Show Pleasure, Country Pleasure, and Park Division (as noted in #1) at the 2023 Kentucky State Fair.
 - To break any tie necessary to determine the eligibility list, preference will be given to the entry with the larger number of points from USEF competitions. If no points come from USEF shows, then the entry with the larger number of points earned from classes with six (6) or more entries will be given preference.
 - Only points accumulated during the qualifying period in the Division in which the horse is entered at the 2023 Kentucky State Fair will count toward qualifying for the Kentucky State Fair. Points accumulated during the qualifying period remain with a horse, regardless of any change(s) of ownership.
 - The ASHBA will tabulate the points accumulated by each horse, and points will be posted on the ASHBA website at www.asha.net. The results for competitions that are listed on the ASHBA website will be used to determine points for eligibility, and must be in the ASHBA Office for tabulation by the end of the qualifying period (regardless of postmark and metered date).
 - The Kentucky State Fair reserves the right to resolve any dispute as to the accuracy of the point total used to determine which horses are deemed eligible to compete.
 - The first and second place winners only (i.e., Champion and Reserve Champion) in a championship class for Show Pleasure – Three-Gaited, Five-Gaited, and Driving; Country Pleasure – Three-Gaited, Western, Hunter and Driving; Park – Three-Gaited at the 2022 World's Championship Horse Show shall be eligible to compete in the same Division in 2023 for which the championship class was held, provided that such horses also showed in a minimum of six (6) classes, in three (3) or more different competitions (not including the 2022 World's Championship Horse Show), in the same Division in which they wish to compete at the 2023 World's Championship Horse Show, either under saddle or in harness during the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.
6. In as much as qualifying for the 2023 Kentucky State Fair may result from participation in competitions not sanctioned by the USEF and thereby not subject to the USEF Drugs and Medications program, in addition to the random drug testing that entrants at the 2023 Kentucky State Fair are subject to, all qualifying and Championship classes at the 2023 Kentucky State Fair in the Show Pleasure, Country Pleasure, and Park Divisions will be subject to mandatory drug testing in conjunction with the USEF Drugs and Medications program.

7. The Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show is a member of the USEF, and is therefore subject to all USEF rules and regulations.
8. The Kentucky State Fair reserves the right to make a determination to exclude a class from inclusion that does not qualify as an American Saddlebred competition, such as any of the following: "Open English Pleasure"; "Open Western"; "Open Hunter"; "Pleasure Prospect"; "open to All Breeds"; "Pleasure"; Opportunity and Walk/Trot classes. **"Buy a Class", TBA or classes built into a schedule that may be purchased will not count**, or any class other than Park Division classes in which a professional trainer is permitted to show a horse.
9. The Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show reserves to itself, without limitation, the sole and unconditional right to interpret any questions or dispute with regard to the interpretation of the above, including any ancillary questions, without further recourse, and its decision shall be final.