

World Show Invitation Method for Halter

Halter exhibitors can be invited to the 2014 AQHA world championship shows by attending a designated number of shows.

New for the 2014 AQHA world championship shows, amateur, Select amateur and open halter competitors (not including performance halter) can earn an invitation to the 2014 world shows by participating in a designated number of shows during the respective qualifying period.

- **Amateur and Select amateur:** Show at 10 shows in a halter class. Shows will be counted by show numbers on a one-horse, one-exhibitor basis.
- **Open:** Show at 20 shows in an open halter class. Shows will be counted by show numbers.

Halter exhibitors will still be able to qualify to the world shows by earning the designated number of qualifying points, and qualifying in that manner only will appear on the horse's permanent record. See below for qualifying point requirements and qualifying periods.

“Adding the participation invitation for halter exhibitors was discussed at a meeting with AQHA alliance partner the World Conformation Horse Association, which asked AQHA to look at amateur and open halter exhibitor entries and explore the option,” said AQHA Executive Vice President Don Treadway Jr. “After looking at the averages for the past two years, the participation invitation was presented to the AQHA Executive Committee, which approved the concept during its October 2013 meeting and this new invitation method was [announced](#) November 1, 2013.

“We know there are many halter exhibitors who have traditionally tried to support AQHA shows, but time and again, they are faced with not enough horses to make a point. Thus, they are not able to qualify for the world shows,” Treadway added. “This new invitational method will benefit the AQHA members hauling, showing to the judges and supporting the AQHA shows.”

The new participation invitation method is for traditional halter classes only and does not include performance halter.

As a reminder youth, amateur, Select amateur and open performance halter world show qualifiers [must earn 10 points in performance events](#) during the 2014 world show qualifying period in addition to the required number of performance halter qualifying points. Horses competing in open performance halter must earn all 10 performance points in the open division. Horses shown in youth, amateur and Select amateur performance halter can earn their 10 performance points in any division or combination of divisions. Showmanship points do not count.

- Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, qualifying period May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014, [view Ford Youth World qualifying points](#)
- Adequan Select World Championship Show, qualifying period June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2014, [view Adequan Select World qualifying points](#)
- Bank of America Amateur World Championship Show, qualifying period August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014, [view Bank of America Amateur qualifying points](#)
- AQHA Open World Championship Show, qualifying period August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014, [view AQHA Open qualifying points](#)

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