

LIMITED OPEN CLASSES

The Limited division of designated Open Classes at the 2025 National Championship is an option for eligible riders who are exhibiting a horse in the Open class.

Limited Open Entries must enter both the Open class and the limited option.

Limited Open classes run concurrently with Open classes.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY for the Limited Division

Exhibitors are eligible for Limited classes in each specific “set of open classes” as described below, and with the specified exceptions. Becoming ineligible in one “set of open classes” does not affect eligibility for the remaining “sets of open classes”.

SET OF OPEN CLASSES

A “set of open classes” refers to a grouping of classes in which the exhibitor uses a particular skill set to present the horse.

List of Related Classes/Divisions considered for Limited Eligibility”

1. Halter, all classes described in Rule 713, A. 6, (all genders and ages that contest for the grand and reserve) and 713, C. Most Colorful
2. Hunter in Hand, all classes as described in Rule 713, G. (all genders and age based divisions)
3. Reining, Rule 716, Junior, Senior and All Age, 716, D. hackamore/snaffle bit, E. freestyle
4. Western Riding, Rule 717, all western riding, Junior, Senior and All Age, and 717, G. Green
5. Western Pleasure, Rule 718, sections H., I., L., M., P., (Junior, Senior and All Age, 2-year-old, 3-year-old, and Green)
6. Trail, Rule 727, Junior, Senior and All Age, and 727, K. Green
7. Hunter Under Saddle, Rule 772, (Junior, Senior and All Age, 2-year-old, 3-year-old, and Green)
8. Over Fences Classes including Hunter Hack, Rules 773, 774, 775, 776, 777 and 778, Junior, Senior and All Age

Below are the exceptions to the “set of classes” ruling. Each of these class disciplines stands alone, and is grouped into a set only by Junior, Senior and All Age, and Green, as applicable

9. Ranch Classes, Rules 721 (Ranch Riding), 722 (Ranch Rail Pleasure), 723 (Ranch Reining), 724 (Ranch Trail) and Rule 713., F. (Ranch Conformation)
10. Games, either in horse against horse or timed formats, Rules 732 (Camas Prairie Stump Race), 733 (Nez Perce Stake Race), 734 (Figure 8 Stake Race), 735 (Keyhole Race)
11. Roping Classes, all described in Rule 745, and specifically in Rules 746 (Timed Tie Down Roping), 747 (Judged Tie Down Roping), 748 (Timed Heading and Heeling), 749 (Judged Heading), 750 (Judged Heeling)

12. Cattle Classes, Hackamore/Snaffle Bit, Junior, Senior and All Age, Rules 741 (Working Cow Horse), 742 (Boxing), 743 (Steer Daubing), 744 (Cutting)

*We do not offer limited classes in FPD Halter, Breakaway Roping, Rope Race, Heritage, Pleasure Driving, Saddle Seat Pleasure, Men's and Ladies' Western Pleasure, or yearling in hand trail. Wins in these classes shall not count against Limited eligibility.

Eligibility is determined by earned Championships. Earned Limited Championships are counted equally with Open Class Championships. Hereafter, the use of the term Championship shall denote a title in either the Open Class or the Limited Open Class. **This includes competition titles or titles won in organizations with which we share reciprocity under rule 20.H.3. This applies to open, Level 2, and intermediate categories. Eligibility based on titles won in other organizations is on the honor system and any member found to be in violation of this rule is subject to a hearing with the disciplinary committee.**

Limited Eligibility is based upon the exhibitor's eligibility as of January 1 of the current year.

Limited Eligibility is automatically granted to

- Any exhibitor who has not won an Appaloosa World championship or Appaloosa National championship title, (in a given set of open classes) in the past three years and/or has not won five or more World or National Championship titles in total (in that set of open classes).
- Exhibitors who have earned five or more such titles are permanently ineligible as a Limited Exhibitor for that "set of open classes".
- Championships, either Open or Limited, where there are fewer than three entries do not count against limited open eligibility requirement. **If an exhibitor were to win the open and limited title at the same time, this would count as a single win instead of two**
- Reserve Championships do not count against limited open eligibility requirement.
- Non-pro and youth Championships do not count against limited open eligibility requirement.
- Upon earning one, or up to four, Championships in a "specific set of open classes" in a given year, the exhibitor is ineligible for that "set of open classes" during the next three years, rolling from the last earned Championship or Limited Championship. After this wait period, an exhibitor who has not yet accumulated five Championships, has their Limited Eligibility restored, subject once again to the accumulated five titles and three years rolling ineligibility provisions.
- Exhibitors can verify limited eligibility (based only upon ApHC-sponsored event history) on the ApHC website.

Limited exhibitor candidates who have earned similar Championships in any breed association or discipline with which the ApHC shares reciprocity, as specified in Rule 20, section H.3, shall be deemed ineligible. Exhibitors shall monitor their own eligibility under this provision. Any found to be in violation of this eligibility requirement shall be subject to Disciplinary proceedings.

CLASS FEES

Class Fees are specified in the premium book. For classes with additional fees for equipment or cattle, this fee will only be charged one time as the classes run concurrently.

CONDUCT OF THE CLASS

All limited classes will run concurrently with the open class and will be placed concurrently with the open placings against only those entries in the limited class.

Scored Classes (like trail, reining, western riding, over fences, judged roping, etc.): the Limited exhibitors shall be placed by each judge in the four-judge system, and the lowest score will be dropped.

Rail Classes (Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Pleasure Driving, etc.): the Limited exhibitors shall be placed by each judge in the four-judge system, the lowest placing dropped and the placings converted to numerical scores in the same manner used for the open classes.

Games classes that run in the Horse Against Horse bracket format, specifically O280 - Camas Prairie Stump Race and O300 – Nez Perce Stake Race

- all Limited Open and Open entries will run in the elimination round to establish a qualifying time for the horse against horse brackets. The fastest 16 times for those entered in the open class will be used to seed the bracket for the open final and a 16-horse or 8-horse bracket (depending upon total entries) will be conducted to determine the top 10 in the open class.
- There will be one bracket only. Open and limited open placings will be determined during the completion of the single bracket.

HORSE/EXHIBITOR CHANGES

Horse changes in open and limited open classes are not allowed and shall be considered a new entry subject to entry fees per premium book.

Exhibitor changes are allowed in open and limited open classes under the requirements of the premium book. If the new exhibitor is not limited-eligible, the horse must be scratched from the limited class but may still show in the open class. Entry fees are not re-fundable.