

AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge Q & A



What is the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge?

The AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge is a new class added to the AHA U.S. National Championship Show beginning in 2023. There is a class for purebred Arabians and another class for Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabians. Each horse is presented individually riding the AWWA-designated pattern in accordance with class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book section for Ranch Horse competition. The pattern will be available on the first day that the AHA U.S. Nationals Show Office opens.

Who is eligible to compete in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge?

Any registered Arabian horse 5 years & over that has completed the AWWA entry form along with the AHA U.S. National entry form and paid the appropriate fees may enter the AWWA Arabian Ranch Horse Challenge. The same applies to the AWWA HA/AA Ranch Horse Challenge class which is open to any registered Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horse ages 5 years & over.

How do I enter the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge?

To enter the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge an entry form must be completed for both AHA and AWWA along with payment of fees. Both forms will be in the 2023 AHA Omnibus and available on the website.

Is the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge a National Championship class?

Yes, AHA will present a National Champion, Reserve National Champion, and 8 Top 10 awards in each class. 50% of the AWWA entry fee will be put into a jackpot along with the added money provided by AWWA sponsors. Prize money will be distributed according to the AWWA pay-out chart. A copy of the chart is on the website.

Is the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge Futurity Cup different than the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge?

Yes, only 4-year-old horses that have been sired by an AWWA Enrolled Stallion, and have a Mare Nomination Form on file, are eligible to compete in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge Futurity Cup. There is a Futurity Cup for purebred Arabians and a Futurity Cup for HA/AA. There are awards and added money in both classes.

Finalists in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge Futurity Cup will be asked to unsaddle and present in-hand.

How do I get my horse eligible to compete in the AWWA Ranch Horse Futurity Cup?

It will depend upon how old your horse is for 2023. Horses born in 2018 and before simply pay the entry fees and enter the Ranch Horse Challenge because they are too old for the Futurity Cup.

Horses born between 2019 and 2022 need to be nominated to the Ranch Horse Challenge Futurity Cup by completing the Futurity Eligibility Form. There are three ways to qualify:

- My horse was sired by an AWWA Lifetime Stallion prior to January 1, 2023.

If you selected this option, simply complete the eligibility form & return it to AWWA Treasurer with no additional payment.

- My horse was born in 2019 **and** is sired by a 2023 AWWA Enrolled Stallion.

If you selected this option, simply complete the eligibility form & return it to AWWA Treasurer with no additional payment.

- My horse was born between 2019 and 2022 and I want to nominate them.

If you selected this option, please complete the eligibility form and mail to AWWA Treasurer along with \$175 payment.

After the AWWA receives the Futurity Eligibility form, a Certificate of Eligibility will be issued to you for the horse you nominated. The Certificate of Eligibility allows the named horse to compete as a four-year-old in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge Futurity Cup at U.S. Nationals. The Certificate transfers with the horse if it is ever sold or changes ownership.

Horses born in 2023 need to complete a 2022 Mare Nomination Form and pay the nomination fee. The stallion enrollment was waived for 2023.

All foals born 2024 and after will need to be sired by an AWWA Enrolled Stallion and have a Mare Nomination Form on file for the year the mare was bred.

To request any of the forms, please go to the web-site www.arabianworkingwestern.com or email ranchhorsechallenge@gmail.com.