



Area 1 Championship Qualifications

It is the responsibility of the competitor to know the qualifications and terms of these championship qualifications and enter in accordance with those specifications. Competitors who have improperly entered a championship division will forfeit their placing and awards.

**Amateur Placing is the system that bumps up in placing if an amateur places behind a professional in a division. EG: if you place 6th in a division with one or more professionals placing 1-5 you ARE qualified for the championships. Please check your USEA competition record for your qualification.*

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- All Area Championship competitors MUST be current USEA members both at the time of qualifying AND the championship. Points for qualification are not retroactive after the 14 day grace period.
- All horses must be registered with USEA at the time of qualifying.
- All qualifying competitions must be USEA registered horse trials, two-day or three-day events.
- Divisions must have five (5) or more startsto count as qualifying competitions (except Modified and Prelim.
- No horse may compete in more than one Area I Championship division in a calendar year.
- List all qualifying competitions on your entry form.
- Open to members of other Areas, but must qualify within Area I (except Preliminary).
- To qualify, you and the horse must have placed 1st thru 5th at one event during the qualifying period at the level, including “Amateur Placings”* as determined by the USEA qualifications for the AEC. In addition, placing 1-5 at the previous year’s championship constitutes a qualifying ride.
- The qualifying period for each championship will be: from the closing date of the previous year’s championship to the closing date of the current year’s championship. (At the organizer’s discretion the closing date may be extended.).
- Horse and rider must qualify together.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS BY LEVEL:

	Placing to Qualify	Rider Qualifications	Horse Qualifications
Preliminary	1st - 5th at one (1) USEA recognized event in any area <i>*(including Amateur placings)*</i> Or Placing 1st - 5th at Area 1 Championships the year prior	None	None
Modified	1st - 5th at one (1) USEA recognized event in any area <i>*(including Amateur placings)*</i> Or Placing 1st - 5th at Area 1 Championships the year prior	None	None
Training	1st - 5th at one (1) USEA recognized event in Area 1 <i>*(including Amateur placings)*</i> Or Placing 1st - 5th at Area 1 Championships the year prior	Never have competed above Preliminary within the two (2) previous years, including the year of the championship	<u>Open Championship:</u> None <u>Rider Championship:</u> Horse may have higher level experience <u>Horse Championship:</u> Horse must never have competed at Intermediate level or above
Novice	1st - 5th at one (1) USEA recognized event in Area 1 <i>*(including Amateur placings)*</i> Or Placing 1st - 5th at Area 1 Championships the year prior	Never have competed above Training within the two (2) previous years, including the year of the championship	<u>Open Championship:</u> None <u>Rider Championship:</u> Horse may have higher level experience <u>Horse Championship:</u> Horse must never have competed at Preliminary level or above
Beginner Novice	1st - 5th at one (1) USEA recognized event in Area 1 <i>*(including Amateur placings)*</i> Or Placing 1st - 5th at Area 1 Championships the year prior	Never have competed above Novice within the two (2) previous years, including the year of the championship	None
Starter	1st - 5th at one (1) USEA recognized event in Area 1 <i>*(including Amateur placings)*</i> Or Placing 1st - 5th at Area 1 Championships the year prior	Never have competed above Beginner Novice within the two (2) previous years, including the year of the champion	None