

## AzQHA State Qualifying rules for 2017 EMO Western States Championship Show

### **State Qualifying for Youth and Amateur classes:**

Youth and amateur exhibitors must have the following criteria in place before qualifying points can count for the 2017 show:

- The youth or amateur must be a member in good standing with AzQHA in 2016, judges counted will start at the date of membership paid.
- Youth or amateurs must be the owners of the horse qualified or must be a family horse listed with AQHA and AzQHA.
- The youth or amateur must be the rider of the horse and ride in the applicable youth (18 & under classes), amateur or select classes and show to 5 or more judges at AzQHA approved shows in the calendar year of 2016. One rider / one horse combination will be counted.
- Youth and amateurs must be AzQHA members in 2017 before the show begins to keep the qualified rider combo able to ride at the show in July 2017

Qualifications for the EMO Western States Championship are on a class by class basis. The youth or amateur must qualify for each class they enter into the Championship round. This can be in combination of qualifying in the state or nationally qualifying for each class. To nationally qualify you must show to 10 judges.

### **State Qualifying for Open classes:**

For a horse to qualify for state through AzQHA the open horse (junior, senior or all ages) must have the owner of the horse be a member of AzQHA to tract its 5 qualifying judges needed. The open rider must be a member of AzQHA during the qualifying period in 2016 and must be a member in 2017 to be able to ride a qualified horse in the open classes in the Championship round.

Qualification are on a class by class basis. Each horse must qualify by state or nationally qualifying in each open class.

State Qualifying has no limit on the number of horses/ rider combos that can qualify for the EMO Championship classes as long as the meet the rules set forth above.

**NO TOP THREE HORSES OR RIDERS FROM A WORLD SHOW CAN SHOW AT THIS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.**