

Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show Western Country Pleasure Invitational 2009 Qualifying Requirements

The Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show will again hold the Western Country Pleasure Invitational at the 2009 horse show. One important change will be in effect for the 2009 horse show. From July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, the process for qualifying will be the same as that used to determine the horses that were eligible for the 2008 World's Championship Horse Show. From January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, points may be earned at any competition listed on the ASHA's database, regardless of whether such competition is a USEF licensed competition. The points earned in all western country pleasure classes restricted to American Saddlebreds, with the exception of the working class, will count in determining the eligible entries. Classes open to all breeds will not count. Again, the American Saddlebred Horse Association will tabulate the points, and the eligible list will be posted on ASHA's Web site (www.saddlebred.com). The qualifying period will begin on July 1, 2008, and will end on June 30, 2009; the sixteen (16) horses with the most points will be invited. There will be alternates chosen to replace any of the top sixteen (16) horses that choose not to participate. Points will not be given for placing in the Western Country Pleasure Invitational qualifying class or championship at the 2008 Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show. The horses are to be chosen by a point system based on the USEF Horse of the Year Awards, and are to be tabulated and verified by the American Saddlebred Horse Association. All American Saddlebreds competing in Western Country Pleasure classes, as detailed below, will be eligible for consideration. The Kentucky State Fair reserves the right to resolve any dispute as to the accuracy of the point total used to determine which horses are deemed eligible to compete. The information explaining the criteria used to determine the horses that will be invited to participate in this qualifying class and championship is listed below. It is also the responsibility of the owner or trainer of the invited horse to enter this class and championship on the official entry blank and by the closing dates for the Western Pleasure division as specified in the detailed qualifying criteria.

Points will be tabulated as follows:

1. **From July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008**, only classes for Saddlebred Western Country Pleasure at USEF licensed competitions, count for points. **From January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009**, all classes for Saddlebred Western Country Pleasure at any competition listed on the ASHA's database, regardless of whether such competition is a USEF licensed competition, will count for points. In order for a non-licensed competition to be listed on the ASHA's database, the manager, chairperson, or a representative of that competition must notify the ASHA as to the dates, location, and manager of the competition before the competition is to be held. The secretary or the manager of said show is responsible for sending in the results to the ASHA within ten (10) days after the competition and by the closing date of the qualifying period. Results will not be accepted (regardless of the postmark or meter date) by the ASHA that are received in the office after the closing date of the qualifying period. Classes open to all breeds are not counted.

2. Saddle & Bridle's Shatner Western Pleasure qualifying classes, Saddle & Bridle's \$5,000 Shatner Western Pleasure 2008 Grand Championship and Saddle & Bridle's \$1,000 Shatner Junior Exhibitor Western Pleasure 2008 Finals, count for points. Working Western Pleasure classes are not counted.

3. For purposes of qualifying for the 2009 Kentucky State Fair, no competitions except those specifically described hereinafter will be considered as "triple point competitions."

4. Points will be awarded to eligible horses for ribbons won in each class, except as specifically described hereinafter, from first place through sixth place, as follows: 20, 12, 8, 4, 2, 1.

5. In classes held with two horses receiving awards, points are awarded for first place and second place, as follows: 4, 2.

6. In classes held with one horse receiving an award, points are awarded for first place only, as follows: 2.

7. For the St. Louis National Horse Show, September 26-29, 2008, designated by USEF as the National Championship for Saddlebred Western Country Pleasure, triple points are awarded for the following classes: Saddle & Bridle's \$5,000 Shatner Western Pleasure 2008 Grand Championship, Saddle & Bridle's \$1,000 Shatner Junior Exhibitor Western Pleasure 2008 Finals, and the \$750 Western Country Pleasure Championship. Double points are awarded for qualifying classes at that show for the \$750 Western Country Pleasure Championship. Single points are awarded for the qualifying class at that show for the 2009 Finals.

8. To break any tie necessary to determine the invitation list, preference shall be given to the horse that has accumulated its point total from awards in the fewest classes with the greatest number of total entries.

9. For purposes of potential Western Country Pleasure qualifying for the 2009 Kentucky State Fair, points will not be accumulated at the Kentucky State Fair by horses competing in the 2008 Kentucky State Fair; performances at the 2008 Kentucky State Fair will be excluded from potential qualifying point-totals for the 2009 competition.

10. Ongoing point rankings from the 2008/2009 qualifying section will be released on a weekly basis beginning on or before April 1, 2009, including competition results received and verified by USEF and/or ASHA through the preceding week. Any questions or disputes regarding these point rankings must be made formally, in writing, either by fax or US mail. The fax number is (502) 367-5305 and the full mailing address is:

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11. Competitions held at or immediately prior to the entry closing deadline for the 2009 Kentucky State Fair will be urged to provide their official results to USEF and/or ASHA immediately upon the conclusion of the competition. **The final point rankings for the 2008/2009 qualifying section will be released immediately after their computation, on or about July 6**, including at least eight horses listed in rank order as "Also Eligible." Should any of the 16 horses fail to enter the Kentucky State Fair (provided all required payments and entries have been received in full, as specified in the prize list, at the Horse Show Office by 5:00 p.m. EST on July 10), formal invitations will be extended to horses on the "Also Eligible" list, in rank order, to provide the full complement of 16 horses for the event. All horses on the "Also Eligible" list may enter immediately upon its release; any horse whose entry cannot be accepted will have all fees refunded. In no event will any entry or payment from "Also Eligible" horses be accepted after Wednesday, July 16 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

12. The Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show reserves to itself, without limitation, the sole and unconditional right to interpret any question or dispute with regard to the interpretation of the above, including any ancillary questions, without further recourse, and its decisions shall be final.