

Regional Shows

2025

Requirements Forms, Dates, & Deadlines

**FOR APPROVED
AMERICAN MORGAN
HORSE ASSOCIATION
REGIONAL HORSE SHOWS**

DATED MATERIALS

AMHA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

Each year, the American Morgan Horse Association selects up to four (4) USEF licensed Morgan shows from each region to be its AMHA Regional Championship Shows. Due to the requirements Regional Shows must meet, they gain prestige and importance among Morgan owners and exhibitors. It is at these shows that the best horses from all parts of the region and surrounding areas compete for regional titles and the opportunity to qualify for the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show®.

The benefits and requirements of being part of the AMHA Regional Shows program are outlined below. We have also included some recommendations to help you offer a quality show for both exhibitors and spectators.

CRITERIA

The following criteria is what the AMHA Board of Directors will consider before giving the title of "Regional" to a Morgan horse show:

1. The show's history, including how long it has been in existence, how long it has been in the current location, and how many years it has been designated a Regional show.
2. The distance from other shows normally scheduled at the same time.
3. The date as it compares to other shows in the area and other Regionals.
4. Support the show or club has given to AMHA in the past.
5. The number of entries from the previous two years.
6. Regional shows must be more than 500 miles OR more than 4 weeks apart.

BENEFITS

1. Horses that place 1st-8th qualify for the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show®.
2. The Grand Champion Stallion, Gelding, and Mare receive the distinctive AMHA In-Hand Championship Plaque.
3. English Pleasure Champion, Western Pleasure Champion, Hunter Pleasure Champion, Classic Pleasure Champion, Pleasure Driving Champion, Classic Pleasure Driving Champion, Park Saddle Champion, and Park Harness Champion receive distinctive AMHA Championship Plaques.
4. Each Regional Show will have the option of one, full page, color ad (including design by TMH design staff) in *The Morgan Horse* magazine issue of their choice **OR** one, full page, color ad (including design by TMH staff) in the Morgan Horse magazine for their silent Auction/fundraiser. Those choosing to use the ad for show promotion need to meet posted publication deadlines available at <https://www.morganhorse.com/magazine/advertise/>. Those choosing the donation for their fundraising efforts MUST provide the certificate to the proper recipient with notice that the certificate MUST be provided to TMH staff upon ad booking.
5. Regional Shows are recognized with expanded editorial coverage.
6. Regional Shows retain \$5 of the established AMHA non-member fee collected.
7. Shows have access to free promotional materials from AMHA.
8. 15% of the total annual Stallion Service Auction revenue, less expenses, is divided evenly among the AMHA Regional Shows.

REGIONAL SHOW AWARDS AVAILABLE

AMHA ART PRINTS

While available, each Regional Show may select one of the AMHA Archive Prints to be awarded as a special prize. There is no cost for the prints.

REGIONAL SHOW REQUIREMENTS

1. Application for Regional Show status must be submitted on the official AMHA form by October 26th prior to the year the show is to be held. If no applications are received from any show in a region prior to the October 26th deadline, no show will be given recognized status for that region.
2. A prize list and program from the most recent show must be submitted with the application.
3. A standard AMHA advertisement must be included in the show program, crediting AMHA's contributions to the show.
4. Medal classes should be applied for on the official AMHA form at least 30 days prior to the printing of your prize list. **Be sure to include your payment with the application.** The form is available on page 12 of this booklet OR on the AMHA website at:
file:///C:/Users/AMA/Desktop/amhamedal_class_application_updated_12.15.2023.pdf
5. The show must be held for a minimum of three calendar days.
6. **The show must be a USEF approved show and exhibitors fulfill USEF requirements. Competitions must enforce the currently posted suspension and banned lists located on the USEF website at:**

Safe Sport Sanction Page:
<https://www.usef.org/safe-sport/sanction-list>

Ineligibility List:
<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/ineligibility-list>
7. Open classes for non-Morgan horses may be held. AMHA Regional Championship Horse Shows may be multi-breed shows.
8. A USEF/AMHA Rules Forum must be held with the time and place included in the prize list, program, and schedule.
9. At a Regional Morgan show, all classes that require a qualifying class **MUST** be called a championship (MO109).
10. Stripping of horses is mandatory in open and junior horse championship classes under saddle (Park Saddle, English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure Sections) when type and conformation are part of the specifications. (Exception: One horse classes, Parade classes, and Classic Pleasure Saddle classes.) All judges must walk the line at Regional and National Championships in classes restricted to Morgans. (MO108).

11. THE FOLLOWING CLASSES **MUST** BE OFFERED:

- A. In-Hand Division to include classes for Stallions, Mares, Geldings. Classes may be consolidated after close of entries. Qualifying and championship classes for Stallions, Mares, and Geldings must also be offered. Management reserves the right to expand the division based on entries.
- B. Qualifying and championship classes in English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Classic Pleasure, Pleasure Driving, Classic Pleasure Driving, Park Saddle, Park Harness, and Western Pleasure Classes designated as Open (for example, sex, over/under, limit, novice, and maiden), Junior Horse, Amateur, Ladies and Junior Exhibitor in each of the following categories: English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Pleasure Driving. Classes which do not require qualification for the Grand National do not need to be offered.
- C. Classes designated as Junior and Open in Classic Pleasure Saddle and Classic Pleasure Driving.
- D. Classes designated as Two-Year-Old Pleasure Driving.
- E. Equitation classes.
- F. Three of six AMHA Medal Classes: Saddle Seat, Western Seat, Reining Seat, Hunt Seat on the Flat, Hunt Seat Over Fences, and Dressage Seat.

12. AWARDS

- A. Ribbons must be provided through 6th place. At the discretion of the show committee or manager, classes “may” be tied through 8th place even if ribbons are not provided for 7th and 8th since participants placed 1-8 qualify for the Morgan Grand National. Regardless if ribbons are provided for 7th or 8th place, in order for any 7th or 8th place horse to qualify, the results must be announced and submitted to AMHA with the standard show results. Shows must decide the number of places they plan to tie PRIOR to the show and tie ALL classes offered at the show to the same placing.
- B. Tricolor championship ribbons must be awarded
- C. The AMHA Championship Award must be presented at the same time as the Championship ribbons.

14. PRIZE LIST

- A. Inclusion of a statement that horses must be made available for inspection by an official designated by AMHA.
- B. USEF/AMHA Rules Forum time and place must be included in the schedule.
- C. Classes may not be designated as “World,” “International,” or “National.”
- D. Championship classes must have qualifications stated in the prize list and **MUST** be entitled “championships” (as opposed to “stakes”).
(Important: Please note that USEF no longer provides prize list review services.)
- E. Inclusion of the AMHA membership form.
- F. Program and Prize List must include the AMHA membership form and the AMHA Stallion Service Auction ad

15. The class results and regional show report must be mailed within 10 days of the closing of the show to the AMHA office.
16. AMHA Life, Standard, Premium, Youth and Youth Life members are eligible to participate in all Regional classes. An AMHA Associate member or non-member of AMHA may participate as a rider, driver, handler, owner, lessee, agent, or trainer at a Regional Show upon payment of the established AMHA non-member fee. Participants in the following classes are exempt from the requirements of this rule: leadline, walk/trot, races, exhibitions and others designated as exempt by USEF. The show retains \$5 of the fee.
17. Entry blanks must request a current AMHA number, or collect the non-member fee of each exhibitor, owner, trainer, agent, and lessee at the show.
18. Each show must send the AMHA Judges Education Program fee of \$2 per horse to AMHA.
19. Show office must be open at least 24 hours before the first class.
20. Any person or entity with a debt outstanding for more than 90 days to AMHA, or an AMHA Regional Show or the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® is deemed "suspended" from doing business with any of those organizations. Such person or entity deemed "suspended" may be precluded from any further business transactions with AMHA, including with its Registry, and may be precluded from participating as an exhibitor, trainer, owner, coach or otherwise in any Regional Show or the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show®. This policy does not replace or negate any suspension policy enforced by USEF, and those debts must be resolved directly with USEF.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The AMHA Dressage Seat Medal Class should be offered if riders are available.
2. The show stabling should be available 48 hours prior to the first class or optional stabling should be available.
3. The members of the Show Committee should represent all disciplines.
4. All members of show committees should be AMHA members.
5. It is recommended that Regional shows reflect the rules and procedures of the Grand National in executing their classes.
6. Inclusion of the wording, "AMHA membership cards will be requested at the show office. Please bring membership cards or proof of membership for all owners, exhibitors, and trainers for whom you are checking in."
7. It is recommended that Regional Shows offer Dressage classes appropriate for the region.

8. It is recommended that Regional Shows offer Carriage Classes appropriate for the region.
9. It is recommended that Regional Shows offer classes requiring Grand National qualification. Classes offered, as well as number of horses, will be taken into consideration when awarding regional show status.
10. It is recommended that Regional Shows offer a Youth of the Year Contest.
11. It is recommended that the following statement be included in your prize list as well as posted on the show website and on the show grounds:

The show requires all non-official photographers, videographers and photojournalists to sign an agreement and be issued a press/media pass, prior to the start of the show or upon arrival at the show grounds.

(A sample agreement is attached for the show's utilization.)

REGIONAL SHOWS ANNUAL CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
10/31	Applications due for following year	Show
11/08	Notify applicants of any missing information	AMHA
12/09	Renewals presented to AMHA Board for approval	AMHA
12/13	Send Regional Show approval letters & packets	AMHA

Show Event

1 month prior	Send AMHA Certificate of Insurance for Show	Show
14 days prior	Send regional show materials	AMHA
	Notify show secretaries of ineligible exhibitors	AMHA
10 days post	Regional Show Report Form & Member Affidavits due	Show
	Show Results due	Show
30 days post	Application for following year sent to AMHA	Show

Regional Show Responsibility Checklist:

- _____ Send Regional Application to AMHA (enclosed)
- _____ Send Show Information Sheet to AMHA (enclosed)
- _____ Apply for AMHA Medal Classes (enclosed)
- _____ Order breed promotional materials (order form enclosed)
- _____ Ineligible entries (according to AMHA) returned with a letter (sample enclosed)
- _____ Send Show Report Form to AMHA within 10 days of end of show (enclosed)
- _____ Return Member & Non-member fees sent to AMHA within 10 days of end of show
- _____ Save show entry form for re-application for Regional status the following year
- _____ Send AMHA Certificate of Insurance

APPLICATION FOR 2025 AMHA REGIONAL SHOW STATUS

Name of Show _____

Show dates in 2025 _____

*Show dates in 2024 _____

(If no show was held in 2024, please indicate the most recent year and include statistics for that show instead.)

2025 Show Chairman _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

2025 Show Manager _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

2025 Show Treasurer _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Location of 2025 Show _____

Show Ground Facilities

1) Size and description of show ring _____

2) Size and description of warm-up area _____

3) Seating capacity _____ Description _____

4) Stabling Number of stalls _____ Size of stalls _____

 Type of stalls _____

Make up of Show

1. Is the show a USEF-approved show? Y___ N___

2. Were all 2024 judges USEF approved? Y___ N___

3. Provide a 2024 prize list and show program.

4. Provide a list of class changes for 2024.

5. Did your 2024 show meet the following criteria?

Full In-Hand Division?	Y__	N__
Classes & Championships in:		
English Pleasure?	Y__	N__
Western Pleasure?	Y__	N__
Pleasure Driving?	Y__	N__
Park Saddle?	Y__	N__
Park Harness?	Y__	N__
Equitation Classes?	Y__	N__
Amateur Classes?	Y__	N__
Junior Exhibitor Classes?	Y__	N__
Carriage- at least one obstacle class?	Y__	N__
At least one ADS pleasure class?	Y__	N__
Dressage- at least one training level test?	Y__	N__
At least 3 of 6 AMHA Medal Classes?	Y__	N__
Have part Morgan or other breed classes?	Y__	N__

6. Number of horses on which USEF drug fees were paid – 2024 Show _____

7. Number of horses on which USEF drug fees were paid – 2023 Show _____

8. Did you apply for Regional show status for your 2024 show? Y__ N__

9. Did your 2024 entry blank include a request for current AMHA membership numbers for each owner, lessee, exhibitor, handler, and trainer? Y__ N__

10. Enclose a 2024 entry blank _____

11. Did you provide ribbons through 6th place in each class? Y__ N__

12. Did you provide ribbons through 8th place in each class? Y__ N__

13. Did you tie placings through 8th in all classes? Y__ N__

Application completed by _____

Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

This form must reach AMHA by October 31, 2024

AMHA-Regional Shows, 4037 Iron Works Parkway-Ste 130, Lexington, KY 40511-8508

AMHA REGIONAL SHOW INFORMATION

Name of Show _____

Location of Show _____ 2025 Dates _____

Chairman _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Manager _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Secretary _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Judges for 2025 (if available)

When do your entries close? _____

When and where will the AMHA/USEF Rules Forum be held?

Time _____ Place _____

Is your competition celebrating a milestone in 2025? (For Example – 15th Anniversary, 25th Anniversary, Etc.) If so, please indicate the milestone below.

Return this form to:

AMHA
Regional Shows
4037 Iron Works Parkway Ste 130
Lexington, KY 40511-8508

RETURN BY OCTOBER 31, 2024

2025 AMHA REGIONAL SHOW REPORT

Return within **TEN DAYS** of the last day of the show

Remember to save the form to your computer BEFORE completing it so that your changes are saved.

1. Name of show: _____

2. Report prepared by: _____

Title: _____ Telephone: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3. _____ = Number of horses on which the USEF drug fee was paid

4. NUMBER OF NEW AMHA MEMBERSHIPS COLLECTED AND ENCLOSED:

_____ Standard @ \$80.00 \$ _____

_____ Youth @ \$30.00 \$ _____

TOTAL amount of membership fees collected to send to AMHA \$ _____ (Line A)

5. NUMBER OF NON-AMHA MEMBER FEES COLLECTED:

_____ Non-AMHA member fees @ \$45.00 \$ _____ (Line B)

Multiply the number of non-member fees by \$5.00 \$ _____ (Line C)

(This is the amount to be kept for your Show's treasury.)

Subtract Line C from Line B \$ _____ (Line D)

(This amount is due to AMHA.)

Add Line A to Line D \$ _____ (Line E)

6. _____ = Number of horses competed. Multiply by \$2.00/horse \$ _____ (Line F)
(AMHA horse fee for the Judges' Education Program)

Add Line E and Line F together – **This amount is due to AMHA:** \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to AMHA, Inc. and send it along with this report to the AMHA within 10 days of the last day of your show to:

AMHA – Regional Shows, 4037 Iron Works Parkway Ste 130, Lexington, KY 40511-8508

~ OR ~ email to: nicole@morganhorse.com with credit card information:

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____ Phone: _____

*Authorizing Signature: _____

**If signing electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force, and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.*

**SUGGESTED LETTER FOR SHOW ENTRIES
WITH OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO AMHA**

Dear Regional Show Entry:

According to the records of the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA), you have an outstanding debt to AMHA of 90 days or more. The Board of Directors of the AMHA forbids any legal entity or individual with outstanding debts of 90 days or more to show at any AMHA Regional Show, the Grand National, or any AMHA sponsored event.

Because of this, we are unable to accept your entry and cannot allow you, your family members, employees, or any horse(s) owned, leased, or shown by you, your family, or employees to enter the show arena at our Regional show.

No outstanding debts owed AMHA may be paid directly to the show officials before or during the horse show. To settle your debt or for information concerning your outstanding debt, please contact the Accounting Department of the AMHA, (859) 287-2470 from Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time. The address of the AMHA is: 4037 Iron Works Parkway Ste 130, Lexington, KY 40511-8508.

Sincerely,

Show Secretary

NOTICE OF UNPAID DEBTS TO REGIONAL SHOWS

REGIONAL SHOW _____

SECRETARY _____

CHAIRMAN _____

The following people have not settled their indebtedness to the above-mentioned show for ads and sponsorships.

Signature of Show Chair

Date

**RETURN TO: Peggy Hatfield
2265 N Penstemon St
Wichita, KS 67226-1907
(316) 755-0395**

RETURN NO LATER THAN AUGUST 12, 2025



AMHA MEDAL CLASS APPLICATION

Only shows that are USEF-licensed (whether lite or regular) may hold AMHA Medal Classes.

You MUST provide your USEF license number _____.

I hereby apply for permission to hold AMHA Medal Classes at:

Horse Show _____

Date(s) _____

Show Secretary Name _____

Show Secretary E-mail _____

Show Secretary Phone _____

Show Manager Name _____

Show Manager E-mail _____

Show Manager Phone _____

Please check the seats for which you are applying:

Saddle

Hunter Seat Over Fences

Western

Dressage

Hunter on the Flat

Reining

**FEE: \$20 per seat (includes medal supplied by AMHA)
~OR~ \$15 per seat (I have a medal from the previous year)**

Who should receive the medals and paperwork?

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT must be submitted at least 30 DAYS PRIOR to the printing of the prize list.

Please mail payment and application to:

American Morgan Horse Association • 4037 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 130 • Lexington, KY 40511-8508

Or email to nicole@morganhorse.com

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date _____
Name on Card _____ Security Code _____

**SAVE FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE FILLING OUT.
IF YOU DON'T, YOUR CHANGES WILL NOT BE SAVED.**

AGREEMENT

This agreement is made between and among the _____ (“Show”) as represented by the current Show Chair on behalf of the Show Committee, and _____ (“Publication”), and _____ (“Photojournalist”), for a term beginning (the first move-in day) on the _____ day of (month) _____ (year) _____ and ending 60 days following the last day of the competition (“the Term”).

The Show permits the Photojournalist, on behalf of the Publication, to take photographs and/or videos during the Show under the following conditions:

- a) Photojournalist and Publication acknowledge and agree that the Show has granted the official Show photographer and videographer exclusive right to take photographs and videos of horses and exhibitors in every class, exhibition or sanctioned event during the Show for reproduction and sale. The Photojournalist or Publication will not interfere with that right;
- b) The Photojournalist and Publication are prohibited from taking over-the-rail photographs or videos for the purpose of posting on social media;
- c) The Photojournalist and Publication further agree that photographs or videos taken during any class, exhibition or sanctioned event at the Show will be taken without any strobe or flash, without the protrusion of any lens or other equipment over the ring rail, and otherwise in a manner that does not jeopardize the safety or enjoyment of horses, riders, officials or spectators at the Show;
- d) While at the Show or on the Show grounds the Photojournalist or Publication will not solicit private photo or video shoots, regardless of where the shoot is to take place;
- e) The Photojournalist and Publication will not sell or offer for sale during the Term, any photograph or video taken at the Show. For clarity, the Photojournalist and Publication are free to sell or offer such photographs or videos for sale after the Term expires;
- f) Any Photojournalist not employed by the Publication is prohibited from selling or offering for sale Show photographs or videos during the Term of this Agreement;
- g) The Photojournalist and Publication are permitted to provide photographs or videos, upon request, for promotional purposes if they are provided free of charge;
- h) If required, the Photojournalist or Publication will wear badges provided by the Show to identify their official status at the Show.

Without waiver of any legal or equitable remedy otherwise available to the Show, any breach of this Agreement by the Photojournalist or Publication will cause this Agreement, without further action, to be terminated immediately

and entirely. Both the Photojournalist and Publication will forfeit the ability to take further photographs or videos during the Show or to enter into an agreement with the Show with respect to any future Shows.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Show, the Photojournalist and the Publication signing this Agreement below conclusively evidence their agreement to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

For the _____ (Show Name),
the Show Chair

NAME (print) _____

SIGNATURE _____

For the Publication:

NAME OF PUBLICATION _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

TITLE _____

NAME (print) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

For the Photojournalist:

NAME OF PHOTOJOURNALIST _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____