

MQHA Members,

Are you eligible for the 2017 AQHA Level 1 Championships and interested in state qualifying? National qualifying ends on December 31st, and after that we'll be sending in our state qualifiers list. **The Central Level 1 Championship show in Oklahoma City will be held April 11-15, 2017** and will offer Level 1, Rookie and cattle classes. If you have questions about qualifying, copy & paste the link below into your browser to go to AQHA's website. See below for the MQHA State qualifying criteria.

<https://aqha.com/journal/news/2015/december/12082015-how-to-qualify-for-the-2017-aqha-level-1-championships/>

Each state affiliate is eligible to submit three state qualifiers per class to AQHA. If there are not three qualifiers in a particular class the affiliate may move that "slot" to another class; however, no more than six state qualifiers will be allowed in any particular class.

Level 1 Amateur and Level 1 Youth competitors may qualify for the Level 1 championships in the following classes:

Halter geldings and mares: yearling, 2-year-old, 3-year-old, aged

Performance halter geldings and mares (the horse must be performance halter eligible)

Showmanship	Horsemanship	Hunt Seat Equitation	Working Hunter
Equitation Over Fences	Hunter Hack	Western Pleasure	Hunter Under Saddle
Trail	Western Riding	Reining	Barrel Racing
Pole Bending	Stake Race	Ranch Riding	

The Central Level 1 Championship will include the above listed classes as well as Level 1 cattle classes. The Level 1 Amateur and Level 1 Youth competitors do not have to qualify to participate in the cattle classes. As long as the exhibitor is Level 1 eligible in the cattle class they are entering, their entry will be accepted.

Cutting	Working Cow Horse	Working Cow Horse Boxing	Tie-Down Roping
Breakaway Roping	Team Roping-Heeling & Heading		

If you would like to be considered as a state qualifier and have not already contacted me, please send me an email and let me know!

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MISSOURI QUALIFYING CRITERIA – LEVEL 1 NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Qualify through your affiliate for the AQHA Level 1 Championships.

Qualifying Period: 2017

- Participants must be Missouri Quarter Horse Association or Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association prior to any state qualifying points being earned.
- MQHA will invite the top-three highpoint-earning exhibitors in each class offered at the Novice championships, using each exhibitor's best eight shows (judges) within the qualifying period.
- Novice amateur and Novice youth will earn qualifying points based on our current state year-end awards point system at any MQHA-sanctioned show held within the qualifying period. Points are earned on a per horse/exhibitor combination.
- In the event of a tie, the exhibitor placing in the most shows will break the tie.
- From AQHA: If there are not three qualifiers in a particular class, the affiliate may move that "slot" to another class and submit four in a particular class; however, no more than six state qualifiers will be allowed in a particular class.

Please contact the MQHA office at MoQHA1@gmail.com if you're interested in qualifying.