



USHJA Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Specifications

1. **Minimum Eligibility Requirements:**

- A. Participants must be:
 - 1. A current USHJA member in good standing above the Outreach level,
 - 2. 21 years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year, and
 - 3. Classified as an amateur per USEF GR1306.
- B. The zone of each participant is determined by the participant's home address as recorded with USHJA as of the current competition year.

2. **Nationals Qualifying Procedures:** Participants must register for the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge and complete Level One and Level Two quizzes no later than September 1 (should September 1 fall on a weekend or holiday, this date will be extended no later than the first USHJA business day following September 1). Participants must complete Level One and Level Two quizzes online, which are accessible through the participant's USHJA member account.

- A. Online quizzes will be available in early February each year.
- B. Individual quizzes will vary, as each quiz is randomly generated from a pool of 650+ questions of comparable difficulty for each level, based on the [Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Study Guide](#).
 - 1. The Level One Quiz is comprised of three 20-question sections (60 questions total).
 - 2. The Level Two Quiz is comprised of four 25-question sections (100 questions total).
- C. Each participant may log in three (3) separate times to complete each quiz.
- D. Each participant has one (1) opportunity to score 80% or above on the Level One Quiz in order to advance to the Level Two Quiz.
- E. Login information for the Level Two Quiz is not valid unless the Level One Quiz is passed with a score of 80% or above. Each participant has one (1) opportunity to score 90% or above on the Level Two Quiz.
- F. Participants must pass the Level Two Quiz with a score of 90% or above to be eligible for selection to compete in the Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Nationals.
- G. USHJA will invite qualified participants to the Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Nationals via email in September.

3. **Nationals Competition Specifications:**

- A. Twenty-four (24) individuals will be invited to participate in the Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Nationals. The list of invited finalists will be comprised of the top individual scorer on the Level Two Quiz from each of the 12 USHJA Zones, and the next 12 highest-ranked Level Two finishers nationally. If any invited finalist cannot attend, or a Zone does not have a finisher with a score of 90% or higher on the Level Two Quiz, that spot will be open to the next nationally ranked finisher. If there is a Level Two Quiz tie, the [tie-breaking procedure](#) will be followed until the tie is broken.

- B. The National competition will take place virtually and consists of three phases:
 - 1. Written Exam – 30% of the total score. This will be a timed online exam consisting of a number of multiple choice, true/false, and identification questions based on the information in the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Study Guide.
 - 2. Interview – 30% of the total score. The 12 participants with the highest scores on the Written Exam will be invited to the Interview phase. This will be a panel interview with members of the Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Committee, conducted via video call, to further evaluate the participant’s horsemanship knowledge and ability to address hypothetical horse management scenarios.
 - 3. Practicum Exam – 40% of the total score. The four participants with the highest combined scores after the Written Exam and Interview will be invited to the Practicum phase. This will be a practical test of the participant’s horsemanship abilities by demonstrating basic horse care on a live horse.
- C. In the event of a tie, the Practicum score will take precedence, followed by the Horsemanship/Identification Exam score. If a tie remains, the Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Committee will use the tiebreaker question on the Written Exam to determine the winner.
- D. Once an individual has won the Overall Champion award at the Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Nationals, they are no longer eligible to be invited to participate in future Adult Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Nationals Competitions.

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