



Intermediates to Regionals

Recognizing that Florida has many excellent younger horse show exhibitors who have not previously been eligible to qualify for Regionals; beginning 2016 there will be an avenue for Intermediates to compete along with Seniors to qualify for Regionals.

The following explanation will be in the “Junior and Senior Divisions” section of the 2016 rulebook:

- *Juniors are 8-10 as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.*
- *Intermediates (11-13 as of September 1 of the current 4-H year) have the option of competing in either the Junior or Senior division. Intermediates may qualify for Regionals provided they compete and qualify in the Senior Division in both the Area and State shows. Intermediates who do not wish to compete for potential qualification for Regionals should enter the Junior division at the Area show. Juniors, and Intermediates competing at the Junior level, will not be permitted to participate in competition beyond state level.*
- *Seniors must be 14 years old on or before September 1 of the current 4-H year.*

Further Explanation

In order for Intermediates to qualify for Regionals along with Seniors, it is only fair that Intermediates compete at the same level as Seniors through all levels of qualifications (Area and State). Therefore Intermediates interested in competing to qualify for Regionals should enter Senior division classes beginning with the Area show, qualify for the State show at the “Senior” level, then enter Senior division classes at the State show. After the State show, all Seniors and Intermediates who showed at the Senior level will be considered together when determining the highest 60 point earners to qualify for Regionals.

Intermediates not interested in eventually qualifying for Regionals, or those not ready to move up to Senior level competition, should enter the Junior division at the Area shows. They will compete with the Juniors (as in years past) to earn points to qualify for the State show in the Junior division. **Intermediates who qualify for State in the Junior division will not be allowed to enter the Senior division at the State show.**

What to Do

At the Area Shows, age division classes will be designated as “Junior” or “Senior.”

Intermediate age 4-Hers (11-13 as of 9-1-15) will designate at Area registration if they will compete as a Junior or as a Senior. That division designation will carry through the Area and State shows. If they show as a Senior at Area and qualify for the State show, they will show in the Senior division at State with the potential to qualify for regionals. If they show as a Junior at Area and qualify for the State show, they will show in the Junior division at State and will be ineligible for regionals.

Intermediates must enter classes in one division or the other. (NO “cherry-picking” ie. They cannot enter Jr. Showmanship and Sr. Western Pleasure).

Junior age entrants (8-10 as of 9-1-15) must enter the Junior division at Area and State and will not be eligible to compete out of state.

Senior age entrants (14 & over as of 9-1-15) must enter the Senior division at Area and State and will be eligible to qualify to compete out of State.