



Entry Thresholds for USEF Lite License Maintenance

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The following are specific unique horse entry thresholds that allow competitions to retain a USEF Lite License for more than three years:

USEF Lite, Sub-Type Arabian

- Competitions with **200 or fewer** unique horse entries in the previous two consecutive years can become or remain **USEF Lite**. This would include existing Regular or Local Sub-Type Arabian competitions, except for AHA Regional or National Championships (see third bullet point).
- Competitions with **over 200** unique horse entries for the previous two consecutive years must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.
- All AHA Regional or National Championships must have a USEF Regular license.
- All non-USEF licensed AHA Value Shows can enter the USEF Lite license environment for two years. Following the second year of operation, and every year thereafter, if the unique horse entry count exceeds 200 for the prior two consecutive years, the competition is no longer eligible for a USEF Lite license.
- All new Arabian competitions can enter the USEF Lite license environment for two years. Following the second year, and every year thereafter, if the unique horse entry count exceeds 200 for the prior two consecutive years, the competition is no longer eligible for a USEF Lite license.

USEF Lite, Sub-Type Morgan or Multi-Breed

- Existing Regular, Morgan Sub-Type competitions cannot become USEF Lite. If there is an extreme hardship being incurred by a competition, it may apply for an exemption from this restriction. The request will be reviewed by both USEF and AMHA.
- All AMHA Regional or National Championships must have a USEF Regular license.
- Existing Regular or Local Multi-Breed Sub-Type competitions with a two-year average of **200 or fewer** unique horse entries can become a **USEF Lite** Competition.
- Existing USEF Lite Multi-Breed Sub-Type competitions with Morgan Division classes can continue to operate in the USEF Lite environment for a maximum of three years. Following the third year, and every year thereafter, if the average of the previous three-year unique horse entry number exceeds **200** the competition must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.
- All non-USEF licensed AMHA Star Shows can enter the USEF Lite license environment for three years. Following the third year, and every year thereafter, if the average of the previous three-year unique horse entry number exceeds **200** the competition must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.
- All new Morgan or Multi-Breed Sub-Type competitions with Morgan Division classes can enter the USEF Lite license environment for three years. Following the third year, and every year thereafter, if the average of the previous three-year unique horse entry number exceeds **200** the competition must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.



USEF Lite, Sub-Type Saddlebred/Hackney/Roadster/Harness or Multi-Breed

- Existing Regular, SB/HK/RD/HRN Sub-Type competitions cannot become USEF Lite. If there is an extreme hardship being incurred by a competition, it may apply for an exemption from this restriction. Requests will be reviewed by both USEF and ASHBA.
- Existing Regular or Local Multi-Breed Sub-Type competitions with a two-year average of **200 or fewer** unique horse entries can become a **USEF Lite** Competition.
- Existing USEF Lite Multi-Breed Sub-Type competitions can continue to operate in the USEF Lite environment for a maximum of three years. Following the third year, and every year thereafter, if the average of the previous three-year unique horse entry number exceeds **200** the competition must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.
- All non-USEF licensed ASHBA Star Shows can enter the USEF Lite license environment for three years. Following the third year, and every year thereafter, if the average of the previous three-year unique horse entry number exceeds **200** the competition must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.
- All new SB/RD/HK/HRN or Multi-Breed Sub-Type competitions with Saddlebred Division classes can enter the USEF Lite license environment for three years. Following the third year and every year thereafter, if the average of the previous three-year unique horse entry number exceeds **200** the competition must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.

USEF Lite, Sub-Type Western Dressage

- Competitions with **50 or fewer** unique horse entries in the previous two consecutive years can become or remain **USEF Lite**.
- Competition with **over 50** unique entries for the previous two consecutive years must obtain either a **USEF Regular** or **Local** license.
- Beginning in 2026, the WDAA World Championship Horse Show must have a **USEF Regular** license.

For all License Types (Excluding Dressage)

- If a previously USEF-licensed Regular or Local competition leaves the recognized environment for one or two consecutive years and then reapplies to the Federation, it would be allowed to apply for a USEF Lite license.