

AOHA Equestrians with Disabilities (Special Needs) Leadline Class

Qualifying Conditions

To participate in the AOHA Equestrians with Disabilities (special needs) leadline class, exhibitors must have a physical and/or cognitive medically diagnosed condition that causes permanent impairment measurable by objective standards. This class is intended for participants who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to participate in Equine Activities. **A RIDER MAY NOT SHOW IN ANY OTHER CLASSES IF ENTERED IN THE EQUESTRIANS WITH DISABILITIES (special needs) leadline class.**

Examples of Qualifying Conditions

Examples of conditions, diseases, or disorders that may lead to permanent impairment include:

- Paresis
- Amputation (partial to full joint)
- Ankylosis
- Upper motor neuron lesions
- Vision impairment
- Intellectual disability

Eligible Conditions

Eligible conditions for participation include but are not limited to:

- Amputation
- Arthrogryposis
- Asperger syndrome
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Batten disease
- Cerebrovascular accident (stroke)
- Cerebellar ataxia
- Cerebral palsy
- Coffin-Lowry syndrome
- Cystic fibrosis
- Down syndrome
- Dwarfism
- Fragile X syndrome
- Friedreich's ataxia
- Guillain-Barre syndrome

- Hearing impairment
- Hunter syndrome
- Microcephaly
- Multiple sclerosis
- Muscular dystrophy
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Rett syndrome
- Spina bifida
- Spinal cord injury
- Traumatic brain injury
- Trisomy disorders
- Visual impairment

Additional Considerations

Additional diagnoses will be considered upon request. If no AOHA rule applies to a situation, AQHA rules will be utilized. The committee has the final ruling on all matters.

Credit to NSBA, AQHA.