

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CRITERIA

## AVA/USEF National Championship Qualifying Standards

### GOAL

- To develop a qualifying standard for determining eligibility to participate in AVA/USEF Nationals Competition.

### RATINGS/SCORE STANDARD

- Gold - 7.0 • Silver - 6.0 • Bronze - 5.5 • Copper - 5.0 • Trot - 5.0

### WHAT SCORES COUNT

- Scores may be obtained at any AVA, USEF, or FEI recognized competition
- The score may be either the Round 1 score for a recognized event or the Overall R1/R2 score.
- Non recognized classes are not included.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Scores may be earned over an 18 month period prior to close of entries for the National Championship.
- The vaulter must have participated in a minimum of 3 AVA, USEF and/or FEI recognized competitions with at least one from the vaulter's home Region during the 18 month qualifying period.
- The vaulter must have one score that meets the above qualifying standards
- To qualify for copper, the vaulter must have at least one qualifying score at the canter. (The other scores could be at the trot.)

### WHAT LEVEL IS THE VAULTER QUALIFIED FOR?

- Qualifying scores earned in this manner qualify the vaulter for the highest level competing. The vaulter need not, however, vault at the highest level for which they are presently qualified. For example, a vaulter competing at Bronze and earning a Silver level qualifying score can vault at either Silver or Bronze at the National Championships.
- Once qualified at a level, the vaulter is qualified for 3 years at that level. To move to a higher level, the vaulter must obtain a higher qualifying score.

### ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF QUALIFYING:

- If a vaulter is in the top 3 in their level as determined by the Regional Supervisor in their Region, that vaulter will be qualified to compete at Nationals Competition for that year
- A vaulter qualifying for the National Championship in this manner, who does not otherwise meet the qualifying standards, must re-qualify the following year.

### WAIVER

- For extenuating circumstances, Vaulters unable to meet qualifying standards within the 18 month period prior to close of entries for Nationals may apply prior to close of entries for Nationals, for a dispensation to compete.
- A request for dispensation to compete must be submitted to the VP of Competition at [president@americanvaulting.org](mailto:president@americanvaulting.org) by June 15, 2018.

If you have questions, please contact [president@americanvaulting.org](mailto:president@americanvaulting.org)

## WAIVER REQUEST FORM FOR NATIONALS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AVA # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Events/level desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Scores (list USEF/AVA recognized events as well as unrecognized):

Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to compete at Nationals but I am unable to meet the AVA qualifying criteria for the following reason(s)-- mark all that apply:

Lack required number of scores at correct gait/level

Not able to attend required number competitions in home region

Home region does not offer required number of competitions

Not able to attend required number of competitions because:

travel distance too great  cost  injury  school commitments

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's/Parent's or Vaulter's (if over 18) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan/email to Katherine Ray at [president@americanvaulting.org](mailto:president@americanvaulting.org) by close of entries. *Complete your entries as if the waiver will be accepted. If it is not, all applicable payments will be refunded.*

Please send waiver requests as soon as possible. All requests will be addressed as received.