

2019 Western Semifinals

March 16 and 17, 2019

Host sites: FL – Florida State University at FL Horse Park, Ocala, FL,
Judges: Lynn Palm and Allen Mitchels

OH – University of Findlay, at Findlay, OH
Judges: Carolyn Johnson Russell, Pete McAllister

UT – Utah State University, at Logan, UT
Judges: Lori Gordon, Dawn Kreakie

Regions are expected to NOT HIRE judges that will officiate their respective Semi-finals show for any regular or Regional Championship show in this academic season.

Host regions are shown in **yellow**

Additional horse providers are shown in **green**

Seeds from 2018 Nationals are shown in parentheses (1-7 as there were ties for 3rd and 4th)

BOLD type means region does have Alumni, may be either or both Rail or Reining

Regions will send their Regional Champion Western Team, plus the top two individuals in each division to one of three National Semi-Final sites, as distributed below.

It is the preference of the Western Committee that Alumni classes with balanced entries be offered at each of the three Semi-finals. To that end, the Western Committee will determine how Alumni classes will be held at Semi-finals shows no earlier than December, 2018.

| | FL | OH | UT | |
|--------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Zone 1 | Z1 | | | |
| Zone 2 | Z2R2, | Z2R1(6), | Z2R5, Z2R3 | |
| Zone 3 | | Z3 | | |
| Zone 4 | | | Z4 (4) | |
| Zone 5 | Z5R1(3), Z5R2, Z5R3+5 | | | |
| Zone 6 | Z6R2(2), | Z6R1(1), Z6R4, | Z6R3, | |
| Zone 7 | Z7R5 (7), | Z7R2 , Z7R4, | Z7R1, Z7R3(4), | |
| Zone 8 | Z8R1, | Z8R2, Z8R5(5), | Z8R3, Z8R4 (3), | |
| | Seed total 12 | Seed total 12 | Seed total 11 | |

1. Qualifying for Semi Finals

- a. Regional High Point Riders go straight to Nationals, do not compete at

Semis

- b. Each Region will send top 2 Individuals from each class, including Alumni, and the Regional Champion Team
- c. If all Western regions are shown, there will be 16 riders per Individual class, 8 riders per Team class at Semis.

2. Qualifying for Nationals

- a. Regional High Point Riders go straight to Nationals, do not compete at Semis
- b. From each Semi Finals, Top 4 Individuals and Top 3 Teams will advance to Nationals
- c. Maximum of 12 riders per Individual class, and 9 per Team class at Nationals, High Point Rider class excepted.
- d. Western Committee reserves the right to adjust Alumni qualifiers to Nationals based on availability.

3. Consistency

All possible care will be taken to maintain equal quality of show and awards for all three Semi Finals. All semis will be held over two days, with two qualified judges judging both days.

All riders in each class will ride a pattern on their rail horse after the rail portion of the class is completed. Judges **may** ask riders for additional testing, including changing horses, after the patterns are run.

4. Questions through your regional president, or to abrzezic@bellsouth.net subject line: Semi-finals

