

NATIONAL SNAFFLE BIT ASSOCIATION

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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What Is The NSBA?

Our mission at the **National Snaffle Bit Association(NSBA)** is to grow the show horse community through various equine programs and events where every activity benefits horses, breeders, owners and exhibitors alike.

The purpose of the NSBA is to define, promote and improve the quality of the show horse, to promote exhibits, events and contests in expositions and shows, to promote the training of pleasure and show horses, to promote interest in show horses among younger horsemen, and to use and encourage the use of the standard rules for holding and judging contests of the pleasure and show horse.



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What The NSBA Offers

The NSBA offers classes for **Open, Amateurs, Youth and Novice / Level 1 exhibitors** in the following disciplines:

Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Longe Line, Trail, Western Riding, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Rail, Ranch Conformation, Showmanship, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Performance Halter, Pleasure Driving, and Over Fences. NSBA will also approve classes that are not listed.

You'll show either "class in class" or in separate NSBA-classes at AQHA, APHA, ApHC approved shows.

The NSBA also rewards excellence through **standardized judging**.

NSBA judges must hold current judging cards and complete **annual rulebook tests**, ensuring they remain knowledgeable, fair, and up to date.



Growth Through The Years

A concerted effort to grow international participation began in **2021–2022**.

Since then, the NSBA Show Department has worked with various international groups, assisting show managers in developing and expanding their events.

International Show Records:

2023: 17 shows with 1,582 entries

2024: 32 shows with 3,409 entries

2025: 47 shows with 4,396 entries



Benefits of Showing With the NSBA

- New opportunities to show your horse
- Earn NSBA USA approved Performance Points
- Bigger classes with riders from other breeds from all over Europe
- Approved judges from all over Europe and the USA
- Pattern classes that use a standardized scoring system
- Find a show close by or in your own country and collect points for the European highpoint
- SMART points program for Youth exhibitors enrolled in the program riding Incentive Fund horses or horses enrolled in the program
- NSBA Incentive Fund earnings for enrolled horses in Open and Amateur divisions



How To Get Involved

- All horses are welcome to register at <https://www.nsba.com/horse-registration>
 - If your horse is registered with any of the 8 horse breed associations or even unregistered you can still register with the NSBA.
- Each horse/owner-combination only needs to be registered once (cost USD 48) complimentary one-year international membership with registration.
 - Owners and riders need separate membership if not the same person.
 - With the NSBA membership you can go to any NSBA approved show in Europe.
- International membership is available for NSBA USA at <https://www.nsba.com> (cost USD 40)
- Check the Showbill of your favorite events, if NSBA classes are not offered encourage show management to offer them.





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The logo for the National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA) features a stylized snaffle bit with two rings and a central mouthpiece, positioned below the text "EST. 1983".