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ASHA High Point Awards Program

Registered Saddlebreds

To recognize the achievements of all horses registered with the American Saddlebred Registry competing in all disciplines at all levels

- Improve competition opportunities for every Saddlebred owner
- Provide incentives for additional registrations and transfers
- Identify and attract new Saddlebred members

Horse and Rider Eligibility:

1. The horse owners and riders/drivers/handlers must be current ASHA members in good standing. If a horse has multiple owners, at least one owner must be a member.
2. The horse (or rider in Equitation) must compete in a chosen class at least three times in at least three different competitions within the same region (for Region Standings) which are recorded with the ASHA, e.g. on the ASHA calendar.
3. All horses registered with the American Saddlebred Registry or recognized by any foreign American Saddlebred registries are eligible. No other nomination or fee is required.
4. All participants agree to abide by the ASHA High Point Program rules and regulations as posted on the ASHA web site.
5. In the saddle seat and performance disciplines, regions are determined by location of competition. Points are allocated to multiple regions if the horse competes in multiple regions. Horses/riders are eligible to be awarded titles in more than one region.
6. In the sport horse disciplines, regions are determined by the horse owner's address and are aggregated into that region.
7. American Saddlebred Registry records will determine ownership, transfers, and certificates of eligibility.
8. In the sport horse disciplines, horses that are enrolled in the Year End and/or Incentive programs are automatically included in the High Point Awards program. All other verified sport horse results submitted to ASHA within the competition period will be included as well.

Competition Eligibility:





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All competitions listed on the ASHA database are eligible for the ASHA High Point Program, regardless of whether they are USEF-licensed or not. In order for a non-licensed competition to be listed on the ASHA database, its manager or other official representative must notify ASHA as to the dates, location, and contact information prior to the competition.

The show manager or representative is also responsible for submitting results to ASHA within ten (10) days following the competition and within the qualifying period. Results received by ASHA after the qualifying period will not be accepted.

Note: The requirement of competition recording does not apply to the sport horse disciplines; verified sport horse competition results may be submitted independently by ASHA members. Examples of verified results include the Incentive Program reporting form signed by a competition secretary and copies of posted results from an association's web site (USDF, USEA, etc.).

General Rules:

1. The annual competition period is December 1 to November 30.
2. Point standings are available and updated regularly on the ASHA web site.
3. Questions about prize lists should be directed to show management prior to the competition. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to understand and abide by each competition's rules.
4. All reports of errors discovered in show results or point standings must be submitted to ASHA no later than December 1. It is each owner's responsibility to check for accuracy. No changes will be made after competition year has ended. Unless a violation of rules has occurred and changes are supported by a rule infraction by a governing body (i.e.: USEF).
5. All disputes will be resolved by the American Saddlebred Horse Association and the American Saddlebred Registry.
6. Grievances should be addressed in writing to the Executive Committee of the American Saddlebred Horse Association, via the ASHA Executive Director.
7. Restricted classes will count for points and will be assigned to the most appropriate category. Examples include: Five-Gaited Novice horse will count in the Open Five-Gaited category; Three-Gaited State Restricted will count in the Open Three-Gaited category; Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Novice Rider will count in the Adult category, and so on.





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8. Classes that eliminate a horse/rider from competing further after winning a blue ribbon, or classes that require additional membership affiliations, will not count, such as Saddle and Bridle's Shatner Western Pleasure, UPHA Challenge Cup, USEF Medal classes, and others.
9. For most categories, regions are based on where the shows are located, in other words, where the horse competes are not where the owner lives. If a horse competes in multiple regions, it will have points in multiple regions, as long the horse shows at least three different competitions in the same region. For the sport horse categories only, regions are based on where the horse owner lives.

Points:

Saddle Seat and other performance disciplines:

- **A Show** (3 or more days): 1st place = 20 pts; 2nd = 16 pts; 3rd = 12 pts; 4th = 8 pts; 5th = 4 pts; 6th = 2 pts;
 All Others = 1 pt
- **B Show** (2 days): 1st place = 10 pts; 2nd = 8 pts; 3rd = 6 pts; 4th = 4 pts; 5th = 2 pts; 6th = 1 pt;
 All Others = 1 pt
- **C Show** (1 day): 1st place = 5 pts; 2nd = 4 pts; 3rd = 3 pts; 4th = 2 pts; 5th = 1 pt; 6th = 1 pt;
 All Others = 1 pt

Dressage and Western Dressage:

	SCORES					
	< 58	58-59	60-65	66-70	71-75	76+
	POINT CONVERSION					
Training thru Second Level	0	1	2	3	4	5
Third & Fourth Level	0	2	4	6	8	10
FEI & Freestyle	0	3	6	9	12	15

Combined Driving:

	SCORES					
	200 +	160-199	140-159	120-139	100-119	<100
	POINT CONVERSION					





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Training Level	0	1	2	3	4	5
Preliminary Level	0	2	4	6	8	10
Intermediate & Above	0	3	6	9	12	15

Eventing:

	SCORES					
	85 +	70-84	55-69	45-54	35-44	< 35
	POINT CONVERSION					
Beginner Novice Level	0	1	2	3	4	5
Novice Level	0	2	4	6	8	10
Training Level	0	3	6	9	12	15
Preliminary & Above	0	4	8	12	16	20

Distance Riding:

Pleasure Trail (ACTHA and all other local, organized rides) - scoring based on actual completed miles

Competitive Trail (NATRC) - 25+ miles - For single day rides, the rider will submit two cards: one for rider, one for horse. The two scores will be totaled and averaged. For two-day rides, the four cards will be totaled and averaged. For two-day rides, if one day is 25 miles and the other is 10 miles, the 25 mile day will be double-weighted.

Endurance Trail (AERC) - 25-100 miles - 5 pt/completion, 5 pt/1st place, 5 pt/top 10, 5 pt/best conditioned - a total of up to 20 possible points per ride. Plus bonus points for length of ride: Under 50 mi. - 0 pts., 50-74 mi. - 5 pts., 75-99 mi. - 10 pts, 100 mi. - 20 pts.

Awards:

1. Ribbons and/or certificates are awarded by the American Saddlebred Horse Association in each category. The eligible horses with the two highest point totals in each category across all regions will be named ASHA National Champion and Reserve Champion of that category. The highest placing eligible horse in each region will be named ASHA Regional Champion.





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2. Winners are listed in the ASHA annual Journal of the American Saddlebred, and on the website. The ASHA Charter Club Council will determine where and when awards are distributed. National winners are recognized at the Awards Luncheon at the annual ASHA convention. Whenever possible, certificates are to be presented at Charter Club annual events. All other certificates are mailed to the winners.

Categories for awards:

Shows are encouraged to add classes based on local preference.

Performance

- Five-Gaited (Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor)
- Three-Gaited (Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor)
- Fine Harness (Open, Amateur)
- Three-Gaited Park (Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor)
- Park Pleasure (Open, Junior Horse, Driving)
- Five-Gaited Show Pleasure (Adult, Junior Exhibitor)
- Three-Gaited Show Pleasure (Adult, Junior Exhibitor)
- Show Pleasure Driving
- Three-Gaited Country Pleasure (Adult, Junior Exhibitor)
- Five-Gaited Country Pleasure
- Western Country Pleasure
- Hunter Country Pleasure
- Country Pleasure Driving
- Saddle Ponies (Five-Gaited, Three-Gaited, English Pleasure)

Equitation

- Saddle Seat Equitation 17 Years Old and Under
- Pleasure Equitation 17 Years and Under
- Saddle Seat Equitation Adult
- Saddle Seat Equitation Walk/Trot 12 Years Old and Under (*note the age limit has been raised for 2014*)

Open Breed Competition





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- English Pleasure
- Hunter Pleasure
- Western Pleasure
- Walk & Trot Pleasure
- Pleasure Driving
- Parade Horse
- Roadster Horse (Saddlebreds and Half Saddlebreds)
- In Hand
- Youth Showmanship
- Dressage
- Cowboy and Western Dressage
- Combined Driving
- Distance Riding - Endurance/Competitive/Pleasure
- Eventing
- Hunter Over Fences
- Jumper

Questions about the High Point Awards Program should be directed to competitions@asha.net

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