

American Saddlebred Horse Association

ASHA High Point Awards Program

Goal: 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/Driver/Handler Eligibility:

1. The horse owner (or rider in Equitation) must be a current ASHA member in good standing. Only one owner must be a member. Membership in other countries' ASHA-recognized Saddlebred registries is accepted.
2. The horse (or rider in Equitation) must compete in a chosen class at least three times in at least three different competitions which are registered with the ASHA, i.e. in the ASHA database.
3. All horses registered with the American Saddlebred Registry or recognized 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.
5. Horses/riders may compete in more than one region.
6. American Saddlebred Registry records will determine ownership, transfers, and certificates of eligibility.

Competition Eligibility:

All competitions listed on the ASHA database are eligible for the ASHA High Point Program, regardless of whether they are USEF-licensed. 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 manager before the competition is held. The show manager or representative is also responsible for submitting results to ASHA within ten (10) days after the competition and within the qualifying period. Results received by ASHA after the qualifying period will not be accepted.

General Rules:

1. The annual qualifying period will be December 1 to November 30.
2. Beginning in 2011, point standings will be updated regularly and available 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. Reports of errors discovered in show results or point standings should be submitted to ASHA no later than December 1. It is each owner's responsibility to check for accuracy.
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: 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.
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, e.g. Saddle and Bridle's Shatner Western Pleasure, UPHA Challenge Cup and USEF Medal classes.

Points:

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

Awards:

1. Certificates will be awarded by the American Saddlebred Horse Association for the Champion in each class in each region. The horse with the highest total of points for each class across all regions will be named National Champion of that class and will receive an award.
2. Winners will be listed in the American Saddlebred Horse Association Annual Reference Directory, Magazine and website beginning in 2012. The ASHA Charter Club Council will determine where and when awards are distributed.

Classes:

Shows are encouraged to add or delete classes according to 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
Five-Gaited Show Pleasure (Adult, Junior Exhibitor)
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure (Adult, Junior Exhibitor)
Show Pleasure Driving
English Country Pleasure (Adult, Junior Exhibitor)
Western Country Pleasure
Hunter Country Pleasure
Country Pleasure Driving

Equitation

Saddle Seat Equitation 13 Years Old and Under
Saddle Seat Equitation 14-17 Years Old
Saddle Seat Equitation Adult
Saddle Seat Equitation Walk/Trot 10 Years Old and Under
Pleasure Equitation

Open Competition

English Pleasure
Hunter Pleasure
Western Pleasure
ESV 062910 5
Pleasure Driving
Dressage
Endurance/Distance/Competitive Trail Riding
Combined Driving
Eventing
Hunter Over Fences
Jumper
In Hand

Other Options

Youth Showmanship Walk & Trot Pleasure
In Hand Racking
Five-Gaited Country Pleasure Parade Horse
AOT Show/Country Pleasure
Saddle Ponies (Five-Gaited, Three-Gaited, English Pleasure)