

PSHA HIGH POINT AWARD RULES

General

1. Registered horses or ponies from the following breeds may be nominated: Saddlebred, Hackney, Morgan and Friesian, as well as those in any other breed PSHA may designate as appropriate. Equitation and Academy riders may also be nominated.
2. A horse or pony may be nominated by the owner or by someone who is leasing the horse/pony for the show season. Whoever nominates the horse must be a PSHA member. The highpoint awards will be presented to the person who nominated the horse or pony.
3. The owner or leasee of any nominated horse or pony must be a current PSHA member. Equitation and Academy riders must also be current PSHA members to be nominated.
4. If a horse or pony is properly nominated and is sold or leased to another prior to any points having been accumulated, the person paying the nomination fee may elect to either change the nomination to another horse or pony without paying an additional fee or maintain the original nomination. If a nominated horse or pony is sold or leased after points have been accumulated, the person who nominated the horse or pony may elect to transfer the nomination to the new owner or lessor or maintain the original nomination, in which case any high point awards will be made to the person who originally nominated the horse or pony. Changes in nomination status must be reported to PSHA by the person who originally nominated the horse or pony.
5. Points for the various breed divisions will accumulate in the categories specified for each division except that no points will accumulate from non-traditional "combination" classes. Examples of such classes include pro-am, ride and drive, and two to ride.
6. With exception of classes such as those exempted under Item #5, all classes will count for equal points, regardless of the number of horses in a class or the status of horses, ponies or riders. Example: classes from which horses, ponies or riders may be eliminated by virtue of having won a defined number of classes (such as Good Hands in equitation, William Shatner Western Pleasure, novice or limit classes, etc.) or by virtue of some other attribute (such as Gentlemen's or Ladies classes, horses over 15. 2, etc.) shall all be counted as equal in points.
7. Points will only be accumulated from shows which have been designated by PSHA. The highpoint award program is designed to highlight horses and riders showing in competitions in our region. Selected regional shows will be published on the website <www.pa-saddlebred.com>.
8. All fees (PSHA membership and nomination, whether for horse, pony, equitation or academy) must be paid before points will be accumulated.
9. In the event of a tie, the horse or rider (whomever is nominated) that earns the most blue ribbons will be the winner. If both earned the same number of blue ribbons, a higher value will be placed on the blue ribbons won at a USEF rated show. If further tie breakers are needed, then

a higher value will be placed on the blue ribbons won at a USEF rated show in which there were a higher number of entries. If a tie can't be broken using these rules, then both will earn the award equally.

10. Points will be allocated to either the nominated horse, pony or rider based upon who is being judged in each class. Double points can not be earned for both horses and riders in the same class. In classes where the horse or pony is being judged, only the horse or pony will earn points towards their division, not the rider towards their Equitation or Academy division. In classes where the rider is being judged, such as designated Equitation or Academy classes, only the rider will earn points not the horse or pony. In beginner classes where there is a mix of Academy & non-academy riders competing in the same class (such as the PSHA Fun Show Series), any horse or pony shown by a nominated Academy rider will have the points earned for the Academy rider in that particular class.

For Example: A nominated horse can be shown at a PSHA Fun Show by Rider A (a nominated Academy rider) in the Walk & Trot Pleasure Class – earning points towards that Academy rider's division. That same horse can then go in the Open English Pleasure class with Rider B (a non-academy rider) – earning points towards the horse's Saddlebred Open Pleasure Division. Then, the horse can then go in the Open Equitation class show by Rider C (a nominated Equitation rider) – earning points towards Rider C's Equitation division.

HORSES:

Saddlebreds

1. Nominated horses must be ASHA (American Saddlebred Horse Association) registered Saddlebreds.

2. Horses can be nominated in any of the following categories:

3-Gaited

5-Gaited

Fine Harness

Park

Park Pleasure

3-Gaited Show Pleasure-Adult

3-Gaited Show Pleasure-Jr.Exhibitor

Show Pleasure Driving

5-Gaited Show Pleasure

English Country Pleasure-Adult

English Country Pleasure-Jr.Exhibitor

Country Pleasure Driving

Western Country Pleasure

Hunter Country Pleasure

3. One horse can be nominated for more than one category for a single Nomination fee. Horses are eligible for points in any division they compete in once nominated.

4. Year-end ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the horse that accumulated the most points in each category.

5. A Versatility Award will be given to the horse that accumulated the most combined points in at least two (2) different disciplines listed under Item # 2 above. A discipline is defined as Driving, Western, Hunt Seat, Saddleseat.

6. A “Horse of the Year” award will be presented to the Saddlebred accumulating the most points in a SINGLE division listed in Item # 2.

Morgans

1. Nominated horses must be AMHA (American Morgan Horse Association) registered Morgan.

2. Horses can be nominated in any of the following categories:

Park (Under Saddle or Harness)

English Pleasure-Adult

Classic Pleasure

Hunter Pleasure

Western Pleasure

Pleasure Driving (Classic Pleasure Driving or Pleasure Driving)

3. One horse can be nominated for more than one category for a single Nomination fee. Horses are eligible for points in any division they compete in once nominated.

4. Year-end ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the horse that accumulated the most points in each category.

Hackney Ponies

1. Nominated ponies must be AHHS (American Hackney Horse Society) registered Hackney ponies.

2. Ponies will be eligible for one single overall Hackney Pony Highpoint Award regardless of what division shown in. Points earned in classes offered at shows could include: Hackney/Harness Pony, Hackney Pleasure Driving, Hackney Pleasure Under Saddle, Roadster Pony Under Saddle or Roadster Pony Driving.

3. Year-end ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, with a High Point Award to be given to the pony that accumulated the most points in each category.

Open Breed Divisions

1. All breeds are eligible to compete in the Open Opportunity Divisions that have classes offered at our selected shows. This includes Half-Saddlebred, Friesian, Morgan, Hackney, or Standardbred Breeds as well as Saddlebred.

2. Horses in are eligible to compete in the following divisions:

Walk/Trot Pleasure

Open Saddleseat

Open Western

Open Driving

3. Year-end ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in these divisions, with a High Point Award to be given to the horse that accumulated the most points in each division.

RIDERS:

Equitation

1. Equitation riders can be nominated for a separate fee in the following categories: Leadline

Walk/Trot 17 & Under

2. Year-end ribbons will be given in the Equitation Division for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the rider that accumulated the most points in each category.

3. Points earned in Equitation classes will only count for the nominated Equitation rider NOT the horse or pony. Example: if a nominated Equitation Rider is showing a nominated horse or pony in an Equitation class, the points earned will only count for the Equitation Rider, not the horse or pony.

4. The appropriate age group for Equitation Riders is determined by the rider's age on January 1st of the year in which the rider is nominated.

Academy

1. Academy riders can be nominated for a separate Nomination fee in the following categories:

Age 10 & Under

Age 11 - 18

Age 19+

2. Academy riders are defined as lesson students who compete at shows on horses normally used for lessons. This includes Tournament level riders.

3. Year-end ribbons will be given in the Academy Division for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the rider that accumulated the most points in each category.

4. Only points earned in Academy classes, or at shows designated by PSHA for this purpose that do not specifically have Academy classes, will count toward the Academy division. PSHA has designated the Fun Show Series as shows that may count towards the Academy division IF a nominated Academy rider is competing in those classes.

5. Points earned in Academy classes will only count for the nominated Academy rider NOT the horse. At shows where there is a combination of Academy riders and other types of riders competing in the same class, such as the Fun Show Series, the rider's status will determine how points are allocated and double points for a horse and rider team will not be allowed. Example: if a nominated Academy rider is showing a nominated horse or pony in a class at a Fun Show, the points will only count for the Academy rider, not for the horse or pony in that particular class. Additionally, if a nominated Academy Rider is showing a nominated horse or pony in a designated Academy class, the points earned will only count for the Academy Rider, not the horse or pony.

6. The appropriate age group for Academy Riders is determined by the rider's age on January 1st of the year in which the rider is nominated.

Point Schedules

ALL Divisions EXCEPT Academy (single point for all classes/shows)

The board of directors will determine the point value for each horse show at the beginning of the year and published on the PSHA website. Each show will be designated as triple, double, or single points.

Placing	Triple Points	Double Points	Single Points
1 st	18	12	6
2 nd	15	10	5
3 rd	12	8	4
4 th	9	6	3
5 th	6	4	2
6 th	3	2	1