

QHAA POINT SYSTEM

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FOR AYQHA POINT CALCULATION CONFIRMATION PLEASE GO TO THE YOUTH SECTION ON THIS WEBSITE (BY-LAWS)

1. The QHAA Year-End awards are offered to Members in good standing of the QHAA. All awards offered are subject to all horses (Open awards) and all horse/rider teams (Amateur, Select, Level 1, Youth and Level 1 Youth exhibitor awards) showing to a minimum of 60% of Judges in the current year, to be eligible for a Year-End award. The QHAA will have the right to adjust this number as needed depending on the number of QHAA approved shows offered within a given year, but will stay approximately 60%. All horses need to earn 5 QHAA points in Halter in order to qualify for a HIGH Point Junior or Senior horse for Year-End awards.
2. A horse exhibited in QHAA approved shows will qualify for **Open Year-End awards** only if the owner of the horse has a current Membership, and the owner(s), corporation or ranch(s) **name is listed exactly as it is on the horse registration papers**, paid in full before points will start accumulating.
3. **Amateur, Select and Level 1 exhibitors** must hold a current Premium membership(s) paid in full before points will start accumulating and must show a minimum of 60%, as outlined in #1 above, in each class offered at QHAA approved shows to be eligible for Year-End awards including High Point awards sponsored by the QHAA.
4. A **Youth or Level 1 Youth** exhibiting in youth classes must hold a Premium Youth membership of the AYQHA, and must show a minimum of 60%, as outlined in #1 above, in each class offered at QHAA approved shows in order to qualify for an AYQHA sponsored Year-End award. The horse that the youth exhibits must have a Premium membership in the same name as the owner(s) listed on the horse registration papers for the horse to qualify for OPEN Year-End awards sponsored by the QHAA.
5. Membership in the AQHA or AYQHA alone does not qualify a person or a horse for QHAA or AYQHA Year-End awards.
6. The QHAA & AYQHA Point System for Performance classes is based on the number of horses shown in a class and awarding points for each horse or horse/rider team eligible.
7. Points are awarded according to the attached point grid (page 4). Where less than 6 horses are exhibited; the 1st place horse will receive points equal to the total number of horses in the class shown, plus ½ point for each horse defeated. Example: (5 horses shown, 1st place will receive 5 points, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, etc. plus 1/2 point for each horse defeated in the class) see point grid at the end of this document.
8. In all classes, regardless of how many horses have been shown, each horse/rider team will receive a minimum of 1 point.

9. The High Point calculations for Grand Halter Champion of each sex division with 3 or more entries will receive 2 points for Grand and 1 point for Reserve. AQHA points to be used if needed to break a tie or for clarification. (Updated May 29 2025)
10. Points will be accumulated for the calendar year (January 1st to December 31st) from recognized QHAA approved shows (#11). Not all classes are eligible (#12) for a Year-End Award but the minimum number of shows/classes and the Memberships are required to qualify.
11. For classes offered at a reduced number of shows, QHAA members must show in a minimum of 60%, as outlined in #1 above, of the class offered to qualify for Year-End Awards. (i.e. Pleasure Driving, 2 y/o Western Pleasure). For classes only offered at one circuit in the calendar year, they are not eligible for Year-End awards. (i.e. Weanling Halter, Cattle Classes). New classes offered (non AQHA classes) may not be eligible for Year-End awards.
12. Select Division: If an Amateur Select member is in an amateur class (entered or blended), points will automatically count towards the Select Division and points from their placing will only go toward Select Division calculations if they chose to become a Select member on the membership form.
13. QHAA Year-End class HALTER awards will be presented as follows in each sex division (Stallion, Mare, Gelding) in Open and Amateur:
 - Yearling, 2 Yr Old, 3 Yr Old, Aged, Performance.The horse must show at 60%, as outlined in #1 above, of the classes offered in QHAA approved shows and the owner(s) must hold a current Membership.
15. In the Open Division, the QHAA will present the following OVERALL High-Point awards to the Champion and Reserve Champion:
 - High Point Halter horse in each sex division.
 - High Point Junior Horse**
 - High Point Senior Horse**

The horse must show at 60%, as outlined in #1 above, of the classes offered in QHAA approved shows and the owner(s) must have current memberships.

**To qualify for High Point Junior or Senior, each horse must have earned at least 5 Alberta points in Halter (Open, Amateur or Youth) and have earned at least 5 Alberta points in each of two different Performance categories as defined by AQHA. (Green classes do not apply).

16. In the AMATEUR division, the QHAA will present the following OVERALL Champion and Reserve Awards: High-Point Amateur, High-Point Level 1 Amateur, High-Point Select

Amateur.

The following awards are sponsored by the QHAA and are awarded each year.

- High Point Alberta Bred Amateur Horse
- High Point Amateur
- Amateur Sportsmanship Award -voted on by the members of QHAA

- As well as

- -Most Outstanding Professional (voted by the members of QHAA)

17. TIES - In the case a tie occurs in a **Class Competition**, the horse in the open division, or the amateur/level 1 division will be declared the winner by who: (i) won over the greatest number of horses or (ii) had placed the most in first.

In the case a tie occurs in the **OVERALL Performance Competitions**, described in paragraphs 15 and 16, the horse will be declared the winner who:

1. Earned points in the greatest number of events
2. Won over the greatest number of horses
3. Earned the most points in performance events
4. Should, for any reason, a tie not be broken by the above procedures, a decision will be finalized by the QHAA Executive, in conjunction with the Awards Committee.

18. In the Youth division, the AYQHA will be presenting year-end awards to the following: Walk-trot Champion, Level 1 Youth Champion, Youth (all ages) Champion in each class offered that has qualified winners in the class. Reserve Champion awards are awarded at the discretion of the AYQHA as funds are available in that current year. The AYQHA also will present the following awards;
- Sportsmanship award (voted by the members of the AYQHA)

19. The QHAA Executive Committee in conjunction with the QHAA Awards Committee has the right to add or delete any awards as they see financially feasible for that current year.

PLACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
First	1.0	2.5	4.0	5.5	7	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15	15.5	16	16.5
Second	0	1.0	2.5	4.0	5.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15
Third	0	0	1	2.5	4	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5
Forth	0	0	0	1	2.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12
Fifth	0	0	0	0	1	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5
Sixth	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9
Seventh	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5
Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8
Ninth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5
Tenth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7