



## Mojave River Valley Horsemen's Association

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### Overall Highpoint Horse & Exhibitor Sapphire Award

MRVHA has offered Year-end High Point Awards in about 12 divisions for many years. This year we are pleased to offer an award that allows an exhibitor to enter other appropriate divisions to compete for the Sapphire Award valued at \$2,000.

This award counts all the points you've accrued in any eligible division. An eligible division is one that is appropriate for the horse and exhibitor. In other words, a Walk Trotter cannot enter a 3-gaited class. A Quarter Horse cannot enter a Paint/Pinto Halter class. BUT that same Quarter Horse can also be shown in several other Halter classes appropriate to its breed, including Non-Color and Performance.

Minis/Ponies can enter Showmanship even though it isn't required for their Division High Point (HP). And if a horse and rider combination show in 17 & Under (Youth) or 18 & Over (Adult) for their Y/E HP, they can also enter Open classes. Or they might enter the NP or Open Ranch classes to try to add more points. Ranch Riders can enter Pleasure classes appropriate to their division.

**So, we invite you** to go for your Y/E Division High Point and then enter additional appropriate classes to rack up even more points. The horse/exhibitor with the greatest number of points will win the \$2,000 Sapphire Award.

An English or Western saddle worth up to \$2,000 is offered if the winner of this award is a horse/rider combination. If the winner is a mini/pony and exhibitor, an easy-entry cart worth up to \$2,000 is offered. The Sapphire Award will be presented at the 2022 Annual Membership and Awards Banquet.

### SAPPHIRE AWARD CRITERIA

- 1) All Horse/exhibitor combinations must enter each of the classes required for HP in their division. There is no minimum of additional classes they must enter.
- 2) For point calculations for all class placements, refer to MRVHA's Show Rules and Regulations #23 (g).
- 3) This award is open to the following Highpoint divisions: Youth 17 & Under, Adult 18 & Over, Open, W/T 17 & Under, W/T 18 & Over, Mini & Pony, W/T Ranch, N/P Ranch, and Open Ranch.
- 4) Halter, Leadliners, and Two & Under are not eligible as divisions. Halter is an eligible class for this award.
- 5) Offered as a one-time award during the 2022 MRVHA 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show season.
- 6) The horse/exhibitor combination must be the same to count for this award. No substitutions will be permitted.
- 7) You must be a current MRVHA member in good standing to be eligible for the Sapphire Award.
- 8) Both owner and exhibitor of the horse must be members of MRVHA to qualify for any Year-end award.
- 9) Must show under a minimum of three judges, which requires that exhibitors **MUST** show in the double judged, 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show, May 1, 2022. Showing under four judges increases the opportunities for more points.
- 10) TIE BREAKER: Greatest number of first place wins (not points) overall.
- 11) Pleasure and ranch horses can cross enter.
- 12) Walk/Trot exhibitors may NOT cross enter into ANY canter/lope (3-gait) class.
- 13) Schooling show wins are not eligible for any daily or year-end high point awards.
- 14) Depending on the recipient of the Sapphire Award, an English or Western Saddle will be presented to a Horse & Rider winner, or an easy-entry cart will be presented to the Mini/Pony Exhibitor. No substitutions.
- 15) The value of the award includes taxes and shipping.
- 16) Cash will not be given in lieu of the award.