

APHC 2026 YEAR END AWARD RULES

Categories

<p><u>All Around Awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearling In Hand • Two-Year-Old In Hand • Junior Horse • Senior Horse • Green Horse • Amateur Yearling • Amateur Walk Trot • Novice Amateur • Amateur 19-44 • Masters Amateur 45 & over • Youth Walk Trot 5-10 • Youth Walk Trot 11-18 • Novice Youth • Youth 13 & Under • Youth 18 & Under <p><u>Halter Awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Halter Stallion (perpetual) • Open Halter Mare (perpetual) • Open Halter Gelding (perpetual) • Overall Halter Horse all sexes (perpetual only) 	<p><u>Limited Awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Hunter Under Saddle Horse • Overall Western Pleasure Horse • Overall Trail Horse • Overall Ranch Horse <p><u>Club Awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Point Family • High Point Halter Exhibitor • High Point Exhibitor • Distinguished Member (perpetual) • Amateur Rookie of the Year (perpetual) • Most Improved Youth • Michelle Desjarlais Memorial Youth Sportsmanship • APHC Sportsmanship (perpetual) • Brad Ratzlaff Memorial Supreme Halter • Alberta Bred Horse of the Year • CCF Stallion of the Year (perpetual) • CCF Dam of the Year (perpetual)
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General Rules

1. Exhibitor and registered owner(s) must be a current member(s), in good standing, of the Alberta Paint Horse Club. Horses under lease, exhibited by a Youth Walk/Trot, Novice Youth, Youth, Novice Amateur, Amateur Walk/Trot or Amateur will qualify for Year End awards.
2. Only APHA approved classes are eligible for APHC year end awards. Any Stakes, Futurities, All Breed classes or non-APHA lead-line offered by the APHC will not be included in tabulations. All shows hosted by APHC during the calendar year will be included in year end tabulation. APHA Zone 10 Zone-O-Rama is included.
3. Point accumulation will commence effective upon the date of membership. Points earned prior to paid membership will not be included. Points are awarded based on the following schedule:

PLACING	ENTRIES									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2nd		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3rd			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4th				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5th					1	2	3	4	5	6
6th						1	2	3	4	5

4. All Horses must enter and participate in their specific division at two or more shows hosted by APHC.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for all errors or omissions on their entries, i.e. a horse or exhibitor competing in an incorrect class or division will forfeit all accumulated points. The tabulation of points will begin once the correction is made.
6. All points will be verified with APHA final results at year end. Any questions concerning the results should be directed, in a professional manner, to the APHC website "contact us" for resolution no more than 15 days after the

announcement of year end winners. The APHC will make every attempt to ensure the awards are administered correctly. Any discrepancies will be handled by the APHC Board of Directors.

7. Year End Awards will be verified by at least two members of the board of directors.
8. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the horse receiving the most firsts, then by the horse that places the most times, then by the horse showing in the greatest number of classes will be named Champion.

All Around Rules

9. All-Around awards will place the Top Three qualified horses at year end.
 - a. If All-Around divisions have more than 10 qualified horses by year end, the top five will be awarded.
10. In all divisions, horses must be shown in a minimum of **two performance classes** within their division at a minimum of two shows. Showmanship will not count as a minimum performance class.
11. Halter participation is not mandatory to qualify for an All Around award but points earned will be included, excluding Grand and Reserve. See the attached list of classes per division for reference.
12. **Open Horse Divisions:**
 - a. Junior horse (5 years under) and Senior horse (6 years and over).
 - b. Green classes are only included in the Green division award.
 - c. Yearlings and Two Year Olds shown in hand are not eligible for the Junior Horse division.
13. **Open Yearling and Two-Year Old In Hand:** Points will be accumulated from halter, longe line and in hand trail. Horses must show in two of the three classes, at a minimum of two shows, with all classes being shown at least once during the year.
14. **Amateur Yearling:** Points are collected from Amateur Yearling performance classes and must show in Amateur Halter. Horse/Exhibitor combinations are not eligible for the Amateur award.
15. **Youth and Amateur** categories are based on the same horse/rider combination.
 - a. Youth are eligible in their age divisions as of January 1st of the show year
 - b. Amateurs 45 and over as of January 1st will be recognized in Masters Amateur.

Halter and Limited Rules

16. **Halter Awards:**
 - a. Open Halter Horse (Stallion, Gelding, or Mare): Grand & Reserve will count. Grands champion will receive the same number of points as the highest point earning age division plus an additional 2 points, Reserve Grands will receive the same number of points as the highest point earning age division plus 1 additional point
 - b. Overall Halter Horse: Will be awarded to the highest point earning horse across all divisions and all sexes. Grand and reserve points will be included.
17. **Limited Awards** (Hunter Under Saddle Horse, Western Pleasure Horse, Trail Horse): Awarded to the top placing horse with any rider. Horses must show in the class at a minimum of two shows in the year. Points will accumulate from all APHA classes. Excludes Walk-Trot and In Hand Trail classes.
18. **Overall Ranch Horse:** Points earned in any open Ranch style classes including but not limited Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, and Ranch Trail.

Club Award Rules

19. **High Point Exhibitor:** Points accumulated from any Open and Green. Points will only be granted to the person entered as the exhibitor on record.
20. **High Point Halter Exhibitor:** Points accumulated from any Halter class. Points will only be granted to the person entered as the exhibitor on record. In cases where the horse is handled by another exhibitor in Grand & Reserve, the exhibitor who showed the horse in its age division will be honoured.
21. **High Point Family:** Only immediate family members who exhibit family owned horses and are listed on the current year APHC family membership application will qualify for the Family Award. At least one member must be a youth.
22. **APHC Sportsmanship Award:** To be chosen by the current year APHC Board of directors. The selected recipient should show a positive attitude to all others; be encouraging and supportive of fellow exhibitors; willing to help wherever needed; and be respectful of all others in and out of the show arena.
23. **Distinguished Member:** To be voted on by the membership during the Annual General Meeting. The selected recipient should be a member who goes above and beyond for the greater good of the club.
24. **Amateur Rookie of the Year:** This award recognizes the club member who has the highest standing on the APHA Amateur Rookie of the Year standings.
25. **Most Improved Youth:** Recipient to be chosen by the Youth Director(s).
26. **Michelle Desjarlais Memorial Youth Sportsmanship:** To be nominated and voted on by all youth members.

CLASSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO) FOR EACH YEAR END DIVISION

<p>HALTER AWARDS STALLION, GELDING, MARE Grand & Reserve Open Yearling Open 2 yr old Open 3 yr old Open Aged Open Performance</p> <p>JUNIOR HORSE Open Halter Junior Horse Hunter Under Saddle Two Year Old Hunter Under Saddle Junior Horse Trail Junior Horse Western Pleasure Two Year Old Western Pleasure Open Western Riding Open Ranch classes</p> <p>SENIOR HORSE Open Halter Senior Horse Hunter Under Saddle Senior Horse Trail Senior Horse Western Pleasure Open Western Riding Open Ranch classes</p> <p>GREEN HORSE Green Horse Hunter Under Saddle Green Horse Trail Green Horse Western Pleasure Green Western Riding</p> <p>YEARLING IN HAND Open Halter Yearling Longe Line Yearling In Hand Trail</p> <p>TWO YEAR OLD IN HAND Open Halter Two Year Old Longe Line Two Year Old In Hand Trail</p>	<p>AMATEUR YEARLING Amateur Halter Amateur Yearling Longe Line Amateur Yearling In Hand Trail</p> <p>AMATEUR WALK TROT Amateur Halter Amateur Color class Amateur Walk Trot Showmanship Amateur Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle Amateur Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation Amateur Walk Trot Western Pleasure Amateur Walk Trot Horsemanship Amateur Walk Trot Trail</p> <p>NOVICE AMATEUR Amateur Halter Amateur Color class Novice Amateur Showmanship Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation Novice Amateur Western Pleasure Novice Amateur Horsemanship Novice Amateur Trail</p> <p>AMATEUR (SPLIT 19-44 / 45 & OVER) Amateur Halter Amateur Color class Amateur Showmanship Amateur Hunter Under Saddle Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation Amateur Western Pleasure Amateur Horsemanship Amateur Trail Amateur Western Riding</p>	<p>YOUTH WALK TROT 5-10 Youth Halter Youth Color class Youth Walk Trot Showmanship Youth Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle Youth Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation Youth Walk Trot Western Pleasure Youth Walk Trot Horsemanship Youth Walk Trot Trail</p> <p>YOUTH WALK TROT 11-18 Youth Halter Youth Color class Youth Walk Trot Showmanship Youth Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle Youth Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation Youth Walk Trot Western Pleasure Youth Walk Trot Horsemanship Youth Walk Trot Trail</p> <p>NOVICE YOUTH Youth Halter Youth Color class Novice Youth Showmanship Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation Novice Youth Western Pleasure Novice Youth Horsemanship Novice Youth Trail</p> <p>YOUTH 13 & UNDER Youth Halter Youth Color class Youth 13 & under Showmanship Youth 13 & under Hunter Under Saddle Youth 13 & under Hunt Seat Equitation Youth 13 & under Western Pleasure Youth 13 & under Horsemanship Youth 13 & under Trail</p> <p>YOUTH 18 & Under Youth Halter Youth Color class Youth 18 & Under Showmanship Youth 18 & Under Hunter Under Saddle Youth 18 & Under Hunt Seat Equitation Youth 18 & Under Western Pleasure Youth 18 & Under Horsemanship Youth 18 & Under Trail Youth 18 & Under Western Riding</p>
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