**Junior/Amateur High Point Program**

**Purpose:** To offer to the members of Region 9 a program that recognizes the achievements of the Participants in various disciplines while encouraging the promotion of the Arabian and Half Arabian Horse as well as Sportsmanship.

**Eligibility:** This program is open to those Junior and Amateurs that are members of the Region 9 Arabian Horse Association and have attended events within the Region 9 geographical Area. They must have entered the program before June 30th of the current year. The participant does not have to own their Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo Arabian. A nominal fee will be charges to offset the cost of ribbons and trophies. This is a per horse and rider combination fee. This program will run from January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year

**Categories:** Every year categories are analyzed mid-year and adjustments made to the categories which may be split or combined. Basic categories are Halter, Sport Horse, English, Hunter and Western Pleasure Classes, Working Western Classes, Dressage, Equitation, Recreational Riding, Open Shows and various Age Groups. Within these categories are sub-Categories depending on Entries received.

**Awards:** Awards are as follows: A Trophy and Championship Ribbon, Reserve Championship Ribbon, and Top 5 Ribbons in the categories that are Horse Specific. A Trophy and Championship Ribbons, Reserve Championship Ribbon and Top 8 Ribbons in the Age Specific Classes. In addition, Open Shows and Recreational Riding will be awarded same as Age Groups.

An Awards Luncheon will be held in the January time frame. Winners will be notified by e mail, text and/or phone if they are receiving an award. **NOTE:** If the participant cannot attend the Awards ceremony, they can designate in advance who will pick up their awards. The Chairperson will make every effort to take the awards to a show, but cannot mail awards.

**Points and Tracking:** Points awards are as follows:

**Class A Shows** – one point for each horse/rider placed over plus a point for the entry. These points count for Horse Categories and Age Groups. In addition, per show, there is a point for every class entered that will count in the Age Group. These are tracked by the Program Chair.

**Open shows –** The same as Class A Shows, but are “quarter” the value. In the Open Show Category only shows that are for ALL BREEDS (i.e., Schooling open shows, Playdays, Dressage Shows etc.) will count. An Open Show Form must be submitted using the form from the Region 9 Website.

**Breed Shows** -These points are Half Points. Included are shows such as Pinto, Palomino, Welsh etc. where the horse exhibited is a Half Arabian. These points also count in the Age and Class Groups, but do not count in the Open Show Category. An Open Show Form must be submitted using the form from the Region 9 Website.

**Recreational Riding** – Hours are for that Category Only. Form for this is on the Region 9 Website

**PLEASE NOTE:** Regional and National Shows are not counted in the Points. Recognition will be given at the awards Luncheon