

YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARD PROGRAM RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Arabian Working Cow Horse Association Year End High Point Award Program is open to all members in good standing. Points can be earned at the following competitions: all AHA approved shows , National Reined Cow Horse Association shows (NRCHA), Stockhorse shows (SHOT) and National Cutting Horse Association shows (NCHA).

Points are accrued based on placings related to number of horses competing in the class: first place in a ten horse class earns 10 pts, second place in a ten horse class earns 9 pts, third place earns 8 pts. Points for each show are included, which means for concurrent shows, both judge placings are included. High point accumulation begins November 1st and expires October 31st each year. Rider and owner must be active AWCHA members to receive awards.

An Affiliate membership has been established which allows rider and owners to join AWCHA for \$20 Adult/\$12 Youth membership fee. This membership will not count for AHA delegate and the individual is not allowed to vote. Both rider and owner must be members of AHA with a competition card for some club.

The following categories will be awarded Year End High Point Awards:

1. *Arabian High Point Working Cow Horse of the Year
2. *Half-Arabian High Point Working Cow Horse of the Year
3. Amateur High Point Working Cow Horse Adult Rider of the Year (PB & HA inclusive)
(This division is for Amateur riders that go down the fence, i.e. working &/or reined cow horse classes)
4. Limited Reined Cow Horse High Point Adult Rider of the Year (PB & HA inclusive)
5. Youth High Point Working Cow Horse Rider of the Year (PB & HA inclusive)
6. Herd Work Amateur Rider High Point (PB & HA inclusive)
7. Box-Drive-Box-Drive Amateur Rider (PB & HA inclusive)

CRITERIA for eligibility are as follows:

1. **Both** the **exhibitor** and the **horse owner** must be members in good standing of AWCHA
2. *A horse must compete and earn points in at least 2 divisions to be eligible for a High Point Award (i.e. working cow horse and herd work, reined cow horse and sorting)
3. Limited Reined Cow Horse Rider Division: the points earned in the Limited Reined Cow Horse classes WILL NOT cross over to the Amateur Working Cow Horse Division.
4. Amateur and Youth riders may earn points in open divisions consistent with AHA rules.
5. In the event of a conflict of eligibility or compliance, the AWCHA board will vote for resolution.
6. In the event of a tie for High Point Champion, any prize money will be split and an additional buckle(s) ordered; in the event of a tie for Reserve High Point Champion, an additional buckle(s) will be ordered.

AWARDS – A Champion and Reserve Champion awarded in each category

1. Trophy buckles awarded to each High Point Champion and Reserve Champion
2. \$1,000.00 awarded to High Point Purebred Horse Champion and \$500 awarded to the Reserve Champion
3. \$1,000.00 awarded to High Point HA/AA Horse Champion and \$500 awarded to the Reserve Champion

The following divisions will count towards high point awards:

1. Reined Cow Horse
2. Working Cow Horse/Ranch Horse Working Cow
3. Limited Reined Cow Horse
4. Herd Work/Ranch Cutting/Cutting
5. Ranch Horse Cow Work (Box-Drive-Box-Drive)
6. Ranch/Team Sorting

****exhibition classes will not count towards points****

****NRCHA, SHOT and NCHA results provided by the show secretary must be submitted within 30 days after competition****