



LIFETIME SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

NWHA provides a program that recognizes horses that compete in different types of classes. The Lifetime Superior Achievement Program (LSAP) is designed so that horses and riders may accumulate points and awards for both “rail” classes and “versatility” classes. Each division shall have both Youth and Adult awards, with separate requirements for each. Awards may be earned for:

English Pleasure * Western Pleasure * Versatility * Model

Eligibility Requirements

- Owner must be a NWHA member and nominate the horse.
- Youth Rider must be an NWHA member
- Points start accumulating when the owner is a NWHA member and the horse is nominated.
- Once a horse is nominated, the owner/rider will download the log file into which (s)he enters information regarding the horse’s showing record each year.
- Point logs for each competition year must be returned to the office annually
- Points may be earned at any show (*they do not have to be affiliated with NWHA*), if the show has a licensed judge.
- Adult points will be awarded to the horse.
- Youth points will be awarded to the horse/rider combination.
- When a Youth turns adult, they must re-nominate their horse if they wish to continue accumulating points.
- Points accumulate from year to year. The exception for this accumulation is the Annual Register of Merit, for which the adult-nominated horse or youth horse/rider combination must accumulate points in one calendar year. The points earned for the Register of Merit count toward both the championship and Order of the Equinus Awards.

LSAP Awards

Annual Register of Merit

To earn an annual Register of Merit, a horse nominated by an adult must earn a minimum of twenty points in one versatility, pleasure, or model event during the calendar year. A youth horse and rider combination earns the Annual Register of Merit award after earning fifteen (15) points in any event in one calendar year.

English Pleasure Championship

To receive an English Pleasure championship, adult-nominated horses must earn 100 points in English pleasure classes. A minimum of 75 of these points must be accrued in 3-gait (canter) classes. Youth horse/rider combinations must accumulate 75 points in English Pleasure classes, with a minimum of 50 points accrued in canter classes. The National Walking Horse Association recognizes the following performance categories for accumulating English Pleasure points in the LSAP:

- English Pleasure (canter)
- English Pleasure (no canter)

Western Pleasure Championship

To receive a Western Pleasure championship, adult-nominated horses must earn 100 points in Western pleasure classes. A minimum of 75 of these points must be accrued in 3-gait (canter) classes. Youth horse/rider combinations must accumulate 75 points in Western Pleasure classes, with a minimum of 50 points accrued in canter classes. The National Walking Horse Association recognizes the following performance categories for accumulating western pleasure points in the LSAP:

- Western Pleasure (canter)
- Western Pleasure (no canter)

Model Championship

To receive a model championship, adult-nominated horses must earn a total of fifty (50) points in Model or In-Hand division classes. At least 40 of these points must be accrued in model or in-hand classes, while the remaining points may be earned from Showmanship at Halter classes. Youth horse/handler combinations must earn a total of forty (40) points, with thirty (30) of those points accrued in model or in-hand classes. The National Walking Horse Association recognizes the following Model categories for accumulating points in the LSAP:

- Model
- In-Hand
- Showmanship at Halter (Adult and Youth)

Versatility Championship

To earn a versatility championship, horses must compete in at least five (5) of the versatility events recognized by NWHHA. Horses nominated by adults must earn at least fifteen (15) points in each of the five events, while youth horse/rider combinations must earn at least ten (10) points in each. To complete the championship, additional points may be accrued in any of the versatility events recognized by NWHHA. Horses nominated by adults must earn a total of 100 points in versatility events, and youth horse/rider combinations must earn 75 points. The National Walking Horse Association recognizes the following performance categories for accumulating versatility points in the LSAP:

- Barrel Racing
- Combined Driving
- Competitive Trail Riding
- Dressage (all types)
- Endurance Riding
- Equitation (walking seat, stock seat, reinsmanship)
- Hunter Over Fences (including Hunter Hack)
- Judged Pleasure Riding
- Obstacle Driving
- Pleasure Driving
- Pole Bending
- Reining
- Timed Speed Event
- Trail Obstacles
- Untimed Game Event
- Water Glass
- Western Riding

Order of the Equinus

Any horse or youth horse/rider combination who earns a versatility championship, pleasure championship (english or western), and model championship is awarded NWHHA's most prestigious honor, the Order of the Equinus (and Youth Order of the Equinus).

LSAP Points Requirement Summary

| Category | General Requirements | Adult Requirements | Youth Requirements |
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| Annual Register of Merit | Points collected in any one versatility, pleasure or model event in one calendar year. | 20 points | 15 points |
| Model | Points earned in any of the events listed in the category, may be carried year-to-year. | 50 total points 40 must come from Model or In-Hand classes | 40 total points 30 must come from Model or In-Hand classes |
| English Pleasure | Points earned in English 3-gait pleasure or 2-gait pleasure classes. May be carried year-to-year. | 100 total points 75 must come from canter classes | 75 total points 50 must come canter classes |
| Western Pleasure | Points earned in Western 3-gait pleasure or 2-gait pleasure classes. May be carried year-to-year. | 100 total points 75 must come from canter classes | 75 total points 50 must come canter classes |
| Versatility | Minimum 5 events. Points carried year-to-year | 100 total points minimum 5 events with 15 or more points accrued in each event | 75 total points minimum 5 events with 10 or more points accrued in each event |

Go to www.nwha.com to nominate online or download and print LSAP Nomination form and log sheets or contact the NWA Office. (859) 252-NWA (6942).