

# PSHA HIGH POINT AWARD RULES

## General

1. Registered horses or ponies from the following breeds may be nominated: Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies and Friesians, as well as those in any other breed PSHA may designate as appropriate. Equitation and Academy riders may also be nominated.
2. The owner of any nominated horse or pony must be a current PSHA member.
3. Any PSHA member other than the owner may nominate a horse or pony, in which case the owner must also be a PSHA member. If any member other than the owner nominates a horse or pony, any high point awards will be presented to the person who nominated the horse or pony.
4. If a horse or pony is properly nominated and is sold or leased to another prior to any points having been accumulated, the person paying the nomination fee may elect to either change the nomination to another horse or pony without paying an additional fee or maintain the original nomination. If a nominated horse or pony is sold or leased after points have been accumulated, the person who nominated the horse or pony may elect to transfer the nomination to the new owner or lessor or maintain the original nomination, in which case any high point awards will be made to the person who originally nominated the horse or pony. Changes in nomination status must be reported to PSHA by the person who originally nominated the horse or pony.
5. Points for the various breed divisions will accumulate in the categories specified for each division except that no points will accumulate from non-traditional "combination" classes. Examples of such classes include pro-am, ride and drive, and two to ride.
6. With exception of classes such as those exempted under Item #5, all classes will count for equal points, regardless of the number of horses in a class or the status of horses, ponies or riders. Example: classes from which horses, ponies or riders may be eliminated by virtue of having won a defined number of classes (such as Good Hands in equitation, William Shatner Western Pleasure, novice or limit classes, etc.) or by virtue of some other attribute (such as Gentlemen's or Ladies classes, horses over 15. 2, etc.) shall all be counted as equal in points.
7. Points will only be accumulated from shows which have paid their Affiliation Fee. These shows will be published throughout the year in Club Newsletters and on the website <[www.pa-saddlebred.com](http://www.pa-saddlebred.com)>.
8. All fees (PSHA membership and nomination, whether for horse, pony, equitation or academy) must be paid before points will be accumulated.
9. In the event of a tie, the horse or rider (whomever is nominated) that earns the most blue ribbons will be the winner. If both earned the same number of blue ribbons, a higher

value will be placed on the blue ribbons won at a USEF rated show. If further tie breakers are needed, then a higher value will be placed on the blue ribbons won at a USEF rated show in which there were a higher number of entries. If a tie can't be broken using these rules, then both will earn the award equally.

10. Points will be allocated to either the nominated horse, pony or rider based upon who is being judged in each class. Double points can not be earned for both horses and riders in the same class. In classes where the horse or pony is being judged, only the horse or pony will earn points towards their division, not the rider towards their Equitation or Academy division. In classes where the rider is being judged, such as designated Equitation or Academy classes, only the rider will earn points not the horse or pony. In beginner classes where there is a mix of Academy & non-academy riders competing in the same class (such as the Quentin Riding Club Fun Show Series), any horse or pony shown by a nominated Academy rider will have the points earned for the Academy rider in that particular class.

For Example: A nominated horse can be shown at a Quentin Riding Club Fun Show by Rider A (a nominated Academy rider) in the Walk & Trot Pleasure Class – earning points towards that Academy rider's division. That same horse can then go in the Open English Pleasure class with Rider B (a non-academy rider) – earning points towards the horse's Saddlebred Open Pleasure Division. Then, the horse can then go in the Open Equitation class show by Rider C (a nominated Equitation rider) – earning points towards Rider C's Equitation division.

### **Saddlebreds**

1. Nominated horses must be ASHA (American Saddlebred Horse Association) registered Saddlebreds.

2. Horses can be nominated in any of the following categories:

- 3-Gaited
- 5-Gaited
- Fine Harness
- Park
- Park Pleasure
- 3-Gaited Show Pleasure-Adult
- 3-Gaited Show Pleasure-Jr.Exhibitor
- Show Pleasure Driving
- 5-Gaited Show Pleasure
- English Country Pleasure-Adult
- English Country Pleasure-Jr.Exhibitor
- Country Pleasure Driving

Western Country Pleasure  
Hunter Country Pleasure  
Walk/Trot Pleasure  
Open Saddle seat  
Open Western  
Open Driving  
In-Hand

3. One horse can be nominated for more than one category for a single Nomination fee. Horses are eligible for points in any division they compete in once nominated.

4. Year-end ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the horse that accumulated the most points in each category.

5. A Versatility Award will be given to the horse that accumulated the most combined points in at least two (2) different disciplines listed under Item # 2 above. A discipline is defined as Driving, Western, Hunt Seat, Saddleseat.

6. A “Horse of the Year” award will be presented to the Saddlebred accumulating the most points in a SINGLE division listed in Item # 2.

### **Half-Saddlebreds**

1. Half-Saddlebreds that are registered with the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) can be nominated in and compete for High Point Awards in the OPEN divisions listed above under “Saddlebreds”. This is not a separate division; nominated Half-Saddlebreds will be considered for points in addition to Saddlebreds nominated and competing in these divisions. A copy of the horse’s ASHA registration papers must be included with the nomination form.

2. A horse can be nominated for more than one category for a single Nomination fee.

### **Equitation**

1. Equitation riders can be nominated for a separate fee in the following categories:

Leadline  
17 & Under  
Walk/Trot  
Adult

2. Year-end ribbons will be given in the Equitation Division for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the rider that accumulated the most points in each category.

3. Points earned in Equitation classes will only count for the nominated Equitation rider NOT the horse or pony. Example: if a nominated Equitation Rider is showing a nominated horse or pony in an Equitation class, the points earned will only count for the Equitation Rider, not the horse or pony.

4. The appropriate age group for Equitation Riders is determined by the rider's age on January 1st of the year in which the rider is nominated.

### Academy

1. Academy riders can be nominated for a separate Nomination fee in the following categories:

Age 10 & Under

Age 11 - 18

Age 19+

2. Academy riders are defined as lesson students who compete at shows on horses normally used for lessons.

3. Year-end ribbons will be given in the Academy Division for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the rider that accumulated the most points in each category.

4. Only points earned in Academy classes, or at shows designated by PSHA for this purpose that do not specifically have Academy classes, will count toward the Academy division. PSHA has designated the Quentin Riding Club Fun Show Series as shows that may count towards the Academy division IF a nominated Academy rider is competing in those classes.

5. Points earned in Academy classes will only count for the nominated Academy rider NOT the horse. At shows where there is a combination of Academy riders and other types of riders competing in the same class, such as the Quentin Riding Club Fun Show Series, the rider's status will determine how points are allocated and double points for a horse and rider team will not be allowed. Example: if a nominated Academy rider is showing a nominated horse or pony in a class at a Quentin Riding Club Fun Show, the points will only count for the Academy rider, not for the horse or pony in that particular class. Additionally, if a nominated Academy Rider is showing a nominated horse or pony

in a designated Academy class, the points earned will only count for the Academy Rider, not the horse or pony.

6. The appropriate age group for Academy Riders is determined by the rider's age on January 1st of the year in which the rider is nominated.

### **Hackney Ponies**

1. Nominated ponies must be AHHS (American Hackney Horse Society) registered Hackney ponies.

2. Ponies can be nominated in any of the following categories:

- Hackney Pony
- Hackney/Harness Pony
- Hackney Pleasure Driving
- Roadster Pony

3. Under saddle classes within the appropriate division will count for Pleasure and Roadster divisions.

4. One pony can be nominated for more than one category for a single Nomination fee.

5. Year-end ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 2, with a High Point Award to be given to the pony that accumulated the most points in each category.

6. A "Pony of the Year" award will be presented to the Hackney Pony accumulating the most points in a single division listed in Item # 1.

### **Friesians**

1. Friesians nominated for the PSHA Friesian division are eligible to earn points in both Under Saddle & Driving classes. Any points earned in a designated Friesian class OR in an open breed class, will count toward the Friesian High Point Award.

2. Year-end ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Friesian division, with a High Point Award to be given to the horse that accumulated the most points in the Friesian division.



## Point Schedules

ALL Divisions EXCEPT Equitation, In-Hand and Academy

The board of directors will determine the point value for each horse show at the beginning of the year. Each show will be designated as triple, double, or single points.

Placing	Triple Point	Double Point	Single Point
1 <sup>st</sup>	18	12	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	10	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	8	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	9	6	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	6	4	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	1

## EQUITATION

USEF Recognized Shows are designated as double point shows and Non-Recognized Shows are designated as single point shows, unless specified by PSHA.

Placing	Double Point	Single Point
1 <sup>st</sup>	12	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	6	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	2	1

## ACADEMY & IN-HAND

All Academy and In-Hand classes will count as single points.

Placing	Single Point
1 <sup>st</sup>	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	1