

## 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 the PSHA may designate as appropriate. Equitation and Academy riders may also be nominated. Half-Saddlebreds may be nominated for Open Pleasure Division awards.
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 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 “combination” classes. Examples of such classes include pro-am, ride and drive, two to ride and classes such as novice or limit horse/rider combination classes.
6. With exception of classes such as those exempted under point 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 Gentlemens’ 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.
8. All fees (PSHA membership and nomination, whether for horse, pony, equitation or academy) must be paid before points will be accumulated.

9. **Point Schedules**

**ALL Divisions EXCEPT Equitation, In-Hand and Academy**

	A RATED	B RATED*	C RATED/UNRECOGNIZED
1st	18	12	6
2nd	15	10	5
3rd	12	8	4
4th	9	6	3
5th	6	4	2
6th	3	2	1

**\* The Keystone Classic, although unrecognized, has been approved for “B Rated” points.**

	EQUITATION		IN-HAND & ACADEMY	
	<u>USEF Recognized</u>	<u>Non-Recognized</u>	<u>All Shows</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	12	6	1 <sup>st</sup>	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	5	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	4	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	6	3	4 <sup>th</sup>	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	2	1	6 <sup>th</sup>	1

10. Rules for specific divisions are listed below.

**Saddlebreds**

1. Nominated horses must be registered Saddlebreds.
2. Horses can be nominated in any of the following categories:

3-Gaited	English Country Pleasure-Jr.Exhibitor
5-Gaited	Country Pleasure Driving
Fine Harness	Western Country Pleasure
Natural Mane & Tail/Park	Hunter Country Pleasure
Park Pleasure	Walk/Trot Pleasure
3-Gaited Show Pleasure-Adult	Open English (Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat)
3-Gaited Show Pleasure-Jr.Exhibitor	Open Western
Show Pleasure Driving	Open Driving
5-Gaited Show Pleasure	In-Hand
English Country Pleasure-Adult	

3. One horse can be nominated for more than one category for a single Nomination fee.
4. Year-end awards 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 any single category listed under Item # 2 above.
5. A Versatility Award will be given to the registered Saddlebred that accumulated the most points in at least two (2) different disciplines listed under Item # 2 above. A discipline is defined as Driving, Western, Hunt, Saddle seat.
6. A "Horse of the Year" award will be presented to the registered Saddlebred accumulating the most points in aggregate in the divisions 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. One 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 awards in the Equitation Division will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed above, with a High Point Award to be given to the rider who accumulated the most points in any single category listed under Item # 1 above.
3. The appropriate age group for Equitation Riders is determined by the rider's age on January 1<sup>st</sup> 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+
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2. Academy riders are defined as lesson students who compete at shows on horses normally used for lessons.
3. Year end awards in the Academy Division will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places with a High Point Award to be given to the rider who accumulated the most points in any single category listed under Item # 1 above. Only points earned in Academy classes, or at shows designated by PSHA for this purpose, will count toward Academy Awards. If shows are designated by the PSHA Board as shows which will count for Academy points, the rider's status will determine how points are allocated and double points for a horse and rider team will not be allowed. Example: shows in the Fun Show Series at the Quentin Riding Club have been designated by the PSHA Board as shows which will count for Academy points for riders nominated in the Academy decision; however, if such a rider is showing a properly nominated horse or pony the points will only count for the Academy rider, not for the horse or pony.
4. The appropriate age group for Academy Riders is determined by the rider's age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the rider is nominated.

### **Hackney Ponies**

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

Hackney Pony  
Hackney/Harness Pony

Hackney Pleasure Driving  
Roadster Pony

2. Under saddle classes within the appropriate division will count for Pleasure and Roadster divisions.
3. One pony can be nominated for more than one category for a single Nomination fee.
4. Year-end awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category listed under Item # 1, with a High Point Award to be given to the pony that accumulated the most points in any single category listed under Item # 1 above.
5. An overall High Point Award will be given to the pony that has accumulated the most points in any single category listed under Item # 1 above.
6. A "Pony of the Year" award will be presented to the Hackney Pony accumulating the most points in aggregate in the divisions listed in Item # 1.

