

2024 PQHA & PQHYA

Annual Points and Awards System

The Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Association (PQHA) presents awards to the horses owned/shown by PQHA members which earn the most points in halter and performance classes according to the PQHA Annual Awards System. Awards will be given to first through fifth places in all classes, provided all requirements have been met.

Points/Award Eligibility, Rules, and Procedures:

- An exhibitor in the Amateur, Level 1 (Novice) Amateur, Amateur Select, Level 1 (Novice) Youth, Youth, or EWD Division must be a member of the PQHA. The owner of the horse in the Open Division must be a member of the PQHA.
- Youth exhibitors must belong to both the PQHA and the PQHYA.
- Small Fry (walk/trot) and Leadline exhibitors must be members of the PQHA
- A nomination form must be completed for each horse in the Open Division and each horse/exhibitor combination in the Amateur, Level 1 (Novice) Amateur, Amateur Select, Level 1 (Novice) Youth or Youth Divisions. In the Small Fry, Leadline, and EWD divisions, nomination forms must be completed for each exhibitor. Fees to be set each year by the PQHA Board of Directors.
- Points will be awarded only to members of the PQHA or the PQHYA competing in events at shows having both AQHA and PQHA approval.
- Points awarded to members to count only after current year's dues have been received by the membership chairman and following receipt of the nomination fee and form by the point's chairman. Nominations must be postmarked prior to the date of a show which is to be tabulated. Nominations postmarked on the date of a particular show will not include that show, but all subsequent shows will be counted. Membership and Points Nominations may also be completed using the online form and paying via credit card. Online credit card payments will process immediately.
- Points from shows not on a National, Christian or Jewish holiday taking place from September 1st to June 1st inclusive on a day other than Saturday or Sunday will not count for YOUTH year-end awards, Congress Team, or AQHYA World Show selection with the exception of the PQHA Classic should it be held over the Labor Day holiday. Points for all days of the PQHA Classic show will count for year-end points.
- Accumulation of Points will be based on the following:
 - AQHA Open Classes – points are accumulated on the Horse regardless of the exhibitor
 - Amateur, Level 1 (Novice) Amateur, Amateur Select, Level 1 (Novice) Youth, and Youth - points are accumulated on the horse/rider combination.
 - AQHA Level 1 Walk/Trot Classes will be included with the appropriate Level 1 Amateur or Level 1 Youth nomination. There will not be a separate category for Level 1 Walk Trot.
 - Small Fry (walk/trot), Leadline, and EWD – points are accumulated on the exhibitor regardless of the horse.
- In order to receive a PQHA award in any class, the horse or exhibitor must have at least 15 points (PQHA) in the class. The minimum point requirement will be waived for the leadline class. All Leadline exhibitors will receive a specially selected first place award for year end.
- In the event of a tie in the final total point accumulation for any placing, the tie will be broken by the exhibitor or horse earning the highest number of first place awards in the tied event. The subsequent tie breakers (if needed) will be the highest number of second place awards, third place awards, fourth place, etc.
- Awards will be presented to qualifying members in all classes that are offered at PQHA approved pointed shows.
- All Around Champions and Reserve Champions will be determined in the following categories:
 - AQHA Open
 - Amateur
 - Youth 13 & Under
 - Youth 14 – 18
- High Point Champions and Reserve Champions will be determined in the following categories
 - Amateur Select
 - Level 1 (Novice) Amateur
 - Level 1 (Novice) Youth
 - Small Fry
 - EWD
- All fees will be set annually by the PQHA Board of Directors and will be noted on the nomination form.

Accumulation of Points for Year-End Awards

- Points earned for year-end awards will be based on the highest 30 placings to count for year-end awards. Exhibitors may participate in any or all of the PQHA approved shows; the highest point placings for one class may be different shows than the highest placings in another class, if an exhibitor has points from more than 30 shows. Note: A second place out of 5 (4 PQHA points) is a higher number of points than a first out of 3 (3 PQHA points).
- Points awarded to a horse will count only during time of owner's membership in PQHA, and only after nomination fee is received by the points chairman. Transfer of ownership will not affect accumulated points of same horse in the AQHA open division, provided new owner is a PQHA member and point chairman is notified of the transfer. Points are accumulated on the horse (regardless of exhibitor) in AQHA open registered classes; on the exhibitor (regardless of horse) in the Leadline, Walk-Trot (Small Fry), and EWD classes; and on a horse and rider combination for all other classes. In order to receive a PQHA award in any class, the horse or exhibitor must have at least 15 points (PQHA) in the class. The minimum point requirement will be waived for the leadline class. Awards will be presented to the top five horses or exhibitors in each AQHA approved class, provided there are five horses qualified.

Points will be awarded as follows:									
# of entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
9 (or more)	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5	5	4	3	2	1				
4	4	3	2	1					
3	3	2	1						
2	2	1							
1	1								

- NOTE: To be eligible for year-end awards, the exhibitor must show at least one day of a PQHA sponsored Quarter Horse Show (The exact dates of these shows will be determined by the PQHA Board of Directors each year). **The 2024 PQHA Sponsored Quarter Horses shows dates are: May 24 - 26; July 3 – 7; and August 30 - Sept. 1.** Exhibitors showing in classes offered at approved shows, but not offered at a PQHA sponsored Quarter Horse Show must still show at least one day at a PQHA sponsored show in order to receive awards in classes that are offered at approved shows. All classes offered at approved shows will be pointed by PQHA even though those classes are not held at a PQHA sponsored horse show.
- In the HALTER Division, there will be a Grand and Reserve Champion award in each sex division. Each show Halter Champion will receive 1 point more than any other horse in the sex division at that show, and each Reserve Champion will receive at least as many points as any horse in the sex division at that show. These additional points will be added to the class points (maximum of 10 points will be earned by Grand Champion on one class at one show).
- In order to be eligible for PQHA All-Around Awards (All-Around Horse, Youth, Amateur, Select), an entry must have earned points in at least three categories as outlined by AQHA. Two places will be awarded.
- High-Point Level 1 (Novice) Youth, Level 1 (Novice) Amateur Awards, Amateur Select are based on cumulative points for each nominated horse/rider combination in each class. Small Fry and EWD high point awards are based on cumulative points for each exhibitor regardless of horse. Two places will be awarded.
- In the event of a tie in the final points for All Around or High Point Awards, the tie will be broken by the exhibitor or horse earning the highest number of first place awards. The subsequent tie breakers (if needed) will be the highest number of second place awards, third place awards, fourth place, etc.
- Exhibitors must submit a nomination request and pay an additional nomination fee to be eligible for year end All-Around and year end High Point Awards.
- The Small Fry (Walk-Trot) classes will be open to any child 11 years or under riding English or Western. These exhibitors MAY compete in the Level 1 Walk Trot classes provided they meet the AQHA requirements of membership and registration.
- Leadline age will be 6 and under. These exhibitors are not eligible to compete in any other registered riding class or youth activity riding event.

- In calculating the Amateur Select high point award (applies to year end awards only), the following guidelines will be followed:

Amateur Select Members – additional rules and guidelines

- The following guidelines will apply to Amateur Select exhibitors who wish to nominate for **Amateur Select points ONLY.**
 - For any SELECT class entered – the Select Amateur will receive points in the Amateur Select Division.
 - If the Amateur Select class is held, the exhibitor MUST show in the select class in order to earn award points.
 - In the event of a combined Amateur and Amateur Select class, the Amateur Select exhibitor will received points in the PQHA Amateur Select division based on the TOTAL number of entries in the combined class.
 - All points earned and posted to the Amateur Select Division will count toward the Amateur Select High Point category – provided the exhibitor has nominated and paid all appropriate fees.
 - Any classes that are not listed on the showbill as “Select” will NOT be eligible for points in the Amateur Select Division (i.e. Halter, Western Riding, Hunter Hack, etc.)
- The following guidelines will apply to Amateur Select exhibitors who wish to nominate for **BOTH Amateur AND Amateur Select points.**
 - For all classes listed on the showbill as "Select" the exhibitor will receive points in the Select Division when they show in the Select Class.
 - In the event the Select and Amateur classes are combined, then the exhibitor would get the points posted to the SELECT division (based on total number of entries in the class).
 - In the event the classes were NOT combined and an exhibitor elects to show in the Amateur class, then the points would post to the Amateur Division.
 - For all non-select classes (like halter, western riding, hunter hack, etc.), the points would be posted to the Amateur Division.
 - The points posted in each division will accumulate to the Select High Point or the Amateur All Around, as appropriate, provided exhibitor has nominated and paid all appropriate fees.
 - A special reduced fee will be offered to the Amateur Select exhibitors who choose to nominate for both the Amateur Select and the Amateur Divisions.
- In the event a Pointed show offers **Level 1 Amateur Select** classes, the points for these classes will be combined with the all age Level 1 class for purposes of year end award points.

The cutoff date for any adjustment in point standings for all shows October 1 of that year. After October 1 the point secretary's figures will be considered official.