

GENERAL RULES OF MPHA

MPHA YEAR-END AWARDS

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. OPEN CLASSES

1. The horse must be a registered Paint. Exception: weanling eligible for Paint registration.
2. Ownership of the horse must be on record at the APHA office. In the event of a leased horse, the lease must be on record with the APHA office.
3. Minnesota points will be recognized from the date the owner/lessee/exhibitor is a paid member of the MPHA.
 - a. In the event of transfer of ownership/lease, points will be transferred with the horse, and the new owner/lessee recognized. Additional points will be recognized upon the new owner/lessee fulfilling membership requirements.
4. The horse must be exhibited to a least one more than half the judges at shows financially ran by MPHA in that specific event.
 - a. If a class is routinely split (i.e., Jr. & Sr.), but is combined during a show, points will be recognized in the age event the horse qualifies for.
5. All debts to the MPHA and MPHA-approved show management must be paid in full.
 - a. Members of the MPHA who are indebted to the MPHA for a period in excess of 60 days shall be suspended from the MPHA until such time as the indebtedness is settled. This suspension shall affect participation in all MPHA activities to include, but not limited to: attendance at general membership or Board of Director meetings, the right to vote on MPHA matters, exhibiting at MPHA approved shows, and the receipt of Year End & other MPHA awards and trophies.

B. AMATEUR CLASSES

1. The MPHA adopts the APHA rules for eligibility and ownership. In addition, the following rules will apply:
 - a. Minnesota points will be recognized from the date the owner is a paid member of the MPHA.
2. In the event of transfer of ownership, points earned prior to transfer will remain with the original exhibitor.

3. The horse must be exhibited to at least one more than half the judges at shows financially ran by MPHA in that specific event.
 - a. If a class is routinely spilt (i.e., Jr. & Sr.), but is combined during a show, points will be recognized in the age event the horse qualifies for.
4. Points are recognized on a one-horse/one-exhibitor combination.
5. All debts to the MPHA and MPHA-approved show management must be paid in full.

C. YOUTH CLASSES

1. The MJPHA adopts the AJPHA rules for eligibility and ownership. In addition, the following rules apply:
 - a. Points for year-end awards are earned in youth classes only. (Youth classes qualifying for youth points are listed in the APHA Official Rule Book).
 - b. MJPHA points will be recognized from the date the exhibitor is a paid member of the MJPHA.
 - c. In the event of transfer of ownership, points earned prior to transfer will remain with the original exhibitor.
 - d. The horse must be exhibited to at least one more than half the judges at shows financially ran by MPHA in that specific event.
 - i. If a class is routinely offered in age categories (13 & U and 14-18) but is combined during the show, points will be recognized in the age event the exhibitor qualifies for.
 - e. Points are recognized on a one-horse/one-exhibitor combination.
 - f. All debts to the MJPHA, MPHA, and MPHA-approved show management must be paid in full.
2. Youth Lead Line
 - a. MJPHA points will be recognized from the date the exhibitor is a paid member of the MJPHA.
 - b. The horse must be exhibited to at least one more than half the judges at shows financially ran by MPHA in that specific event.
 - i. If the rider does not show to at least one more than half the judges, a participation award will be given.
 - c. Points will be accrued by the rider, not by one-horse/one-exhibitor combination.

II. POINT TABULATION – OPEN, AMATEUR, & YOUTH

A. Point Tabulation

1. The MPHA Board of Directors will appoint no less than two persons to maintain point records.
2. In each approved class, the horse earning the highest number of points will be recognized as “Champion”.
 - a. In the event that two horses tie for “Champion” status, both will be recognized; however, no “Reserve Champion” will be recognized.
3. In each approved class, the horse earning the second highest number of points will be recognized as “Reserve Champion”.
 - a. In the event that two horses tie for “Reserve Champion” status, both will be recognized.
4. Points will be awarded as follows:

Number of Horses in Class	Placing					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6+	6	5	4	3	2	1

- a. No points will be awarded to disqualified and/or non-placed horses.

III. ALL AROUND CHAMPION – YOUTH, AMATEUR, & OPEN

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. A horse must qualify in halter and at least three approved performance classes in that classification (i.e., Youth, Youth Walk-Trot, Amateur, Amateur Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur, or Open).
 - a. Novice Amateur & Amateur Walk-Trot need to show in the Amateur halter class, Novice Youth & Youth Walk-Trot need to show in the Youth halter class, and Open need to show the age & sex division halter class of their horse.
2. You must show to one more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the judges in your corresponding division to be eligible. (i.e., if there are 19 MPHA judges for the year, $\frac{1}{2}$ is $9.5 + 1 = 10.5$, meaning that you would have to show to 11 judges).

- a. After qualifying in halter and three approved performance classes, points from other classes in your division are added to those totals for determination of All Around, even if not shown to one more than $\frac{1}{2}$ the judges. There is no All Around for Green Classes.
3. The horse that accumulates the highest total number of points in that classification will be awarded the distinction of "All-Around Champion". In the event of a tie, the horse accumulating the most first places will receive the award.

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