

GENERAL RULES OF MPHA

MPHA YEAR-END AWARDS

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Open, Amateur, Amateur Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur, Youth, Youth Walk-Trot, & Novice Youth
 - 1. The horse must be a registered Paint. Exception: weanling eligible for Paint registration.
 - 2. The MPHA and MJPHA adopts the APHA and AJPFA rules for eligibility and ownership.
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. Minnesota points will be recognized from the date that the owner, lessee, and exhibitor are paid members of the MPHA.
 - 5. The horse must be exhibited to half the judges plus one, 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 the age event the horse or exhibitor qualifies for.
 - 6. Points are recognized on a one-horse / one-exhibitor combination. Exception: open classes, the points will be recognized with the horse.
 - a. In the event of a transfer of ownership/lease, points earned prior to transfer will remain with the original exhibitor. Exception: points earned in open classes will remain with the horse.
 - 7. 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 more than 60 days shall be suspended from the MPHA until the indebtedness is settled. This suspension shall affect participation in all MPHA activities to include, but not limited to: attendance at general membership of Board of Director meeting, the right to vote on MPHA matters, exhibiting at MPHA approved shows, and the receipt of Year End & other MPHA awards and trophies.
- B. Youth Lead Line
 - 1. MJPHA points will be recognized from the date the exhibitor is a paid member of the MJPHA.
 - 2. The rider must show to half the judges plus one at horse shows financially ran by MPHA in that specific event
 - a. If the rider does not show to at least one more than half the judges, a participation award will be given.
 - 3. Points will be accrued by the rider, not by one-horse / one-exhibitor combination.

II. POINTS TABULATION – ALL DIVISIONS

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/exhibitor combo earning the highest number of points will be recognized as “Champion”. Exception: open classes will be the horse and in lead line will be the rider earning highest number of points.
 - a. In the event that there is a tie for “Champion”, both will be recognized; however, no “Reserve Champion” will be recognized.
3. In each approved class, the horse/exhibitor combo earning the second highest number of points will be recognized as “Reserve Champion”. Exception: open classes will be the horse and in lead line will be the rider earning the second highest number of points.
 - a. In the event that there is a tie for “Reserve Champion”, both will be recognized.
4. Points will be awarded as follows:

Number of Horses in the 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

III. ALL AROUND CHAMPION – OPEN, AMATEUR, AMATEUR WALK-TROT, YOUTH, & YOUTH WALK-TROT

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 5-10, Youth Walk-Trot 11-18, Novice Youth, 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 half the judges in your corresponding division to be eligible (i.e., if there are 20 MPHA judges for the year, $\frac{1}{2}$ is $10 + 1=11$, 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 twelve judges. There is **NO** All Around for Green Classes and Green Classes **DO NOT** count towards the Open All-Around.

3. The horse/exhibitor combo 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/exhibitor combo accumulating the most first places will receive the award.
4. The horse/exhibitor combo that accumulates the second highest total number of points in that classification, will be awarded the distinction of “All-Around Reserve Champion”. In the event of a tie, the horse/exhibitor combo accumulating the most first places will receive the award.

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