CASHA Merit Awards

These are the life-time accumulated points for a horse, regardless of owner or division the horse is shown in. When 75 points are accumulated, CASHA presents a Merit Award to the horse (the horse is no longer eligible for this type of award once received). Both the exhibitor and owner must belong to CASHA to receive points in a given year. This is a different point system than the Year End Awards.

Rules:

- Horse owner and exhibitor must be members of CASHA for the points to count
- Classes at all CASHA recognized shows are used to tabulate points
- Points are cumulative during horse's lifetime, regardless of division shown in
- Seventy-five (75) points are required to earn the award

Qualifying Shows:

- Colorado Classic Horse Show
- Almost Summer Horse Show
- Denver Queen City Horse Show
- Any other horse show which applies for and is granted approval by CASHA during the show season

Point System:

	<u>1</u> st	2^{nd}	$3^{\rm rd}$	4^{th}	5 th
1 to 2 entries in a class	1				
3 to 4 entries in a class	2	1			
5 to 6 entries in a class	3	2	1		
7 to 10 entries in a class	4	3	2	1	
11 & up entries in a class	5	4	3	2	1

Championship/Stake classes count double. Most Saddlebred restricted classes count towards award. Classes that do NOT count toward a merit award include but are not limited to: Novice, Maiden, and Limit. Other classes that do NOT count towards points are Open Division and Futurity (or any other non-Saddlebred restricted classes). Equitation classes do count if the horse is a registered Saddlebred.

To acknowledge the individuals/horses that have earned this award, a special trophy will be given out to the horse owner at the Year End Awards Banquet. The trophy shall have the horses name and year of merit award engraved on it.

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