MSQHA 2021 RULES FOR YEAR END AWARDS:

To be eligible to receive an end of year award a minimum of 2 hours of volunteer time at any MSQHA event is required. Time must be logged with club secretary at the end of the event.

MSQHA Point System

Number of Horses Placings in Class

 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th

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
7. 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
8. 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
9. 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Awards will be presented on the basis of points earned at all MSQHA approved shows. Other awards, in addition to those described below, may be given in any year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Exhibitors must inform the designated Point Secretary in writing within fifteen (15) days of published point standings of any point discrepancies in the point tabulation.

Horse Nomination:

1. In order to help defray expenses and eliminate record keeping on horses not vying for year end awards, exhibitors must designate, in writing, each horse on which he/she wants point records kept and must pay a charge per horse for each division. The point money will go toward year end awards and will only be used for this purpose. The fee ($30) per horse is listed on the current membership form.

1. Nominations must be in writing and mailed to the designated Point Secretary or submitted online.

1. Point Nomination forms will be provided online and on the website.

1. If the ownership of a horse changes once it has been nominated it is the responsibility of the new owner to file a new nomination form for the horse.

Points and Awards:

1. An adult exhibitor must be a member of MSQHA AND the horse must be nominated for points. The youth exhibitor must be a member of MSQHA AND be a member of the MSQHYA AND the horse must be nominated for points. The horse nomination fee is paid once and is eligible for all adult and youth classes for that year. All fees must be paid prior to any points being won.
2. Points shall be awarded to any horse competing in MSQHA recognized AQHA class top 15 judges provided the owner is a member of MSQHA at the time the points are won.

1. Points will be awarded through ninth (9th) place. Please see chart of the MSQHA Point System. Maryland shows will be double pointed.
2. A print out of AQHA detailed record with the top 15 judges highlighted and the corresponding MSQHA points noted next to each class must be sent to the point secretary no later then January 15 of the following year.

1. A ten (10) point minimum shall be required for ANY award.

1. Open halter classes, Youth and Amateur halter classes – Awards will be presented to each sex division.

1. Year end awards for individual classes will be given for at least 3 places in the following nine (9) divisions:

 Open Amateur Amateur Select Novice Amateur Youth 14-18

 Youth 13 & Under Novice Youth Walk Trot Leadline

Walk Trot Divison: (Additions and exceptions to general rules)

1. This is a special division free of Youth activity rules and regulations.
2. The age requirement is 12 and under as of January 1 of the current year.
3. The participant CAN NOT show in any three gaited classes.
4. Any horse or pony can be used. A registered Quarter Horse is not necessary.
5. The exhibitor must be a member of MSQHA and MSQHYA.
6. The horse or pony must be nominated for points with MSQHA.
7. The classes making up the division are WT Showmanship, WT Pleasure, WT Horsemanship, and WT Trail.

Special Awards:

The following awards will be presented based on points earned at ALL shows pointed for approval by MSQHA for the current year. “All shows” means all approved shows, not just those held in the state of Maryland. Points will accumulate according to all rules for year end awards.

1. Halter – Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Halter Horse in Open, Amateur, and Youth divisions for each sex division.

1. Division High Point and High Point Reserve
	1. High Point awards require a ten (10) point minimum in each of three (3) different classes.
	2. Points are calculated on same horse/exhibitor combination, except in the Open Division where points are calculated on the horse.
	3. Awarded to high point earner and runner up in each of the following eight (8) divisions:

 Open Amateur Amateur Select Novice Amateur

 Youth 14-18 Youth 13 & Under Novice Youth Walk Trot

1. High Point Adult Owner Rider Award
	1. There will be an Owner-Rider challenge trophy awarded to the MSQHA adult member who received the greatest number of points during the year on one horse in any AQHA classes at shows approved by MSQHA. Youth are not eligible.

* 1. Points count for Open, Amateur, Select Amateur, and Novice Amateur classes except for Showmanship, Horsemanship, and Equitation (where the class is judged on the rider).
	2. In order to be eligible, all points must be won by one horse and ridden by the owner as recorded with AQHA. *Any immediate family member (mother, father, sister, half-sister, brother, half-brother, aunt, uncle, etc.) shall be deemed owner if his/her name appears on the registration certificate as prescribed by AQHA.* The burden of proof of ownership shall be the responsibility of the owner. The committee reserves the right to demand such proof as it so directs.
	3. Nomination forms shall be made available for the purpose of nominating a horse and its owner for this trophy. Only those horses nominated shall receive points toward this award.
	4. Once a horse and owner-rider have been nominated, horse and owner-rider shall be one and the same.
	5. Nomination must be made prior to showing the horse for MSQHA points to count.
	6. The fee ($15) for counting the owner-rider year end points will be listed on the membership form. This is in addition to any other charges for nomination of horses for year end awards.

1. High Point Youth Horsemanship Award – Challenge Trophy
	1. There will be a High Point Horsemanship award for the youth with the highest number of horsemanship and equitation points, the highest number of points overall from the Youth 14-18 and the Youth 13&Under divisions.
	2. Points will be kept on a per person basis and any quarter horse may be used as long as it has been nominated for MSQHA points in that year. A minimum of 50 combined points are required to win this award.