

MSQHA 2017 RULES FOR YEAR END AWARDS:

MSQHA Point System

<u>Number of Horses in Class</u>	<u>Placings</u>								
	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>
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

The Grand Champion of each sex division will receive one (1) more point than any other horse in its sex division. The Reserve Champion of each sex division will receive as many points as any other horse in its sex division, excluding the Grand Champion.

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.
2. Nominations must be in writing and mailed to the designated Point Secretary.
3. At no time will point money be accepted at a show. There will be no exception to this rule.

4. Point Nomination forms will be provided in the newsletter and on the website.
5. 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. Memberships and nomination fees must be mailed to the required association person/s.
2. Points shall be awarded to any horse competing in any AQHA class in the top 20 shows provided the owner is a member of MSQHA at the time the points are won.
3. Points will be awarded through ninth (9th) place. Please see chart of the MSQHA Point System.
4. A ten (10) point minimum shall be required for ANY award.
5. Accumulation of points for individual classes will be based on each individual's best twenty placing's in each class at all submitted shows.
6. Open halter classes – Awards will be presented to each age group in each sex division. Youth and Amateur halter classes – Awards will be presented to horses in the Junior Age group and the Senior age group of each sex division.
7. Performance classes- Awards will be presented in specific classes as they have been held for competition during the year, except in the case of Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle classes which will always be separated. Junior and senior awards will be presented.
8. 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 Division: (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 stallions, mares, and geldings.
2. Division High Point and High Point Reserve
 - A. High Point awards require a ten (10) point minimum in each of three (3) different classes.
 - B. Points are calculated on same horse/exhibitor combination, except in the Open Division where points are calculated on the horse.
 - C. 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
3. High Point Adult Owner Rider Award
 - A. 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.
 - B. 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).

- C. 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.
 - D. 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.
 - E. Once a horse and owner-rider have been nominated, horse and owner-rider shall be one and the same.
 - F. Nomination must be made prior to showing the horse for MSQHA points to count.
 - G. 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.
4. High Point Youth Horsemanship Award – Challenge Trophy
- A. 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.
 - B. 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.

Recognition Awards:

A Special recognition award will be given to any MSQHA member if their horse earns any AQHA title excluding Registers of Merit (ROM). The member must notify the designated Point Secretary in writing by December 15th if their horse has achieved a national AQHA title during the given year. If notice is not received in writing the award will not be given. No exceptions.