

HCWE High Point Program (for members only) 2024

High Country Working Equitation (HCWE) offers the High Point program to its members to foster fun and friendly competition while rewarding members at the end of the season. The program has been a huge success since its inception in 2016 and HCWE is excited to offer schooling and licensed shows which gives competitors the opportunity to earn points towards awards.

The High Point Championship will be awarded to the winner of each division in Level I and Level II for open and amateur. However, for adults in Level III and up, open and amateur will be combined at each level. If there are no members who show at a level or division in any of the HCWE sponsored shows, then the High Point for that level or division will not be awarded.

- leadline
- children 6 years old or less
- youth 7-17 years old
- adult

Qualifications for High Point Program

- A rider must be a member of High Country Working Equitation in good standing, whether as an individual or as a family member.
- All membership fees must be paid in full prior to the beginning of a qualified show for the points to count towards that show.
- A member must show in at least three HCWE qualified shows to be included in the High Point Program.
- The member who shows in three HCWE qualified shows will automatically be included in the High Point Program upon showing. No additional fees are required.
- Points will be awarded to a rider/horse team.
- A rider may earn points on more than one horse, but the points will be counted separately for each rider/horse team.
- A rider/horse team can only compete in one division, at one level, for the purposes of the High Point Championship.
- Points will be counted for High Point in the division in which the rider/horse team competes in their first show with the following exceptions:
 - If a rider/horse team decides to advance to a higher level (e.g., from Level I to Level II) the points earned at each level will be counted separately, not combined. The team may compete for High Point at the level where they have earned the most points.
 - If a rider/horse team steps *down* a level (e.g., from Level III to Level II) with approval of the HCWE trainers and board, the points earned at each level will be counted separately, not combined. The team may compete for High Point at the level where they have earned the most points.

- In the event a rider/horse team can no longer compete during the show year due to equine injury or illness, the rider may replace the horse, one-time, with a veterinarian's written confirmation. The replacement horse must be shown in the same division and at the same level as the original horse. All points earned will be transferred to the new horse.

Qualifying Show Series

- All HCWE-sponsored shows during the show year, either schooling or licensed.
- The qualifying competition period is from December 1st to November 30th of the following year.
- Members will earn points by showing in three qualifying HCWE shows to be entered in the High Point Program.

Scoring

- HCWE will follow the USAWE point scoring system, as recorded in GIRA.
- Points will not be awarded during the Cattle Phase.
- Awarded points for licensed shows will be multiplied by a factor of 1.5, in recognition of the extra effort of the competitors.
- Point accumulation for each division and each level will be progressive over the show series.
- In the event of a tie, the combined dressage scores for the show series will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the combined scores for the EOH will be used. If both teams are still tied, both teams will be awarded High Point Championships.
- A scratch or disqualification (DQ) scores zero in any phase.
- The calculation and awarding of points shall occur after each show by the scorekeeper and show management team. These will be posted on the website and Facebook page.
- All decisions of the High Point team and/or the Board regarding the awarding of points are final.

Recognition and Awards

- At the end of the season, rider/horse teams with the highest points in each division and level will be awarded High Point Champion, second place will be Reserve Champion, and third place will be Honorable Mention.
- The High Point Championships will be announced at the end-of-the-season party.
- A rider/horse team may only win the High Point Champion at Level I once. They are expected to advance to the next level to compete in the High Point program.
- A rider/horse team competing in all higher levels may win High Point twice before being expected to advance.

Disclaimers

- HCWE Board of Directors reserves the right to add or remove eligible shows at any time during the competition period, with notification to members.
- HCWE reserves the right to cancel a HCWE show at their discretion.
- No member has the right to compel HCWE to hold a scheduled show or reschedule a show or set any policies or rules governing the show outside of the Board of Directors.
- HCWE reserves the right to change these rules at the discretion of the Board of Directors.