



## HCWE High Point Program (for members only)

The show season is just ahead of us and High Country Working Equitation will continue to offer its very successful High Point program to its competitors. The program has been a huge success since its inception in 2016 and HCWE is excited to offer six B-Rated shows this year! The HCWE High Point Program gives its members the opportunity to earn points toward year-end awards. The intention of the High Point Program is to foster fun and friendly competition while rewarding our showing members at the end of the year.

The High Point Championship will be awarded for each division of competition that HCWE offers, at each level. These divisions and levels are as follows: Children, Junior, Amateur and Open divisions at Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV, Level V and Level VI. 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.

### Qualifications for High Point Award Program

- A rider must be a member of High Country Working Equitation in good standing, whether as an individual or a family member.
- All membership fees must be paid in full **prior** to the beginning of a qualified show for the points to count for that show.
- The member must show in at least two HCWE qualified shows to be included in the High Point Program.
- The member who shows in two HCWE qualified show 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 will compete for High Point at the level where they've earned the most earned points.
  - If a rider/horse team step down a level (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 will compete for High Point at the level where they've earned the most earned 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, for as many shows as required. 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.
- Points can only be earned at High Country Working Equitation qualifying shows.

### Qualifying Show Series

- All HCWE B-Rated shows offered during the show year.

## Earning Points

- Members will earn points by showing in HCWE B-Rated shows.
- Members **must volunteer a minimum of three hours at some time during the show year.** Volunteering is easy – please go to the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4dabae28a7f58-hcwe>
- The qualifying competition period is from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.
- HCWE Board of Directors reserves the right to add or remove eligible shows at any time during the competition period, with notification to members.
- Point accumulation for each division and each level will be progressive over the show series.
- Members must show in two, rated shows to be entered in the High Point Program.
- One point will be earned for each point scored on the dressage and EOH phases.
- Points will not be awarded for participation in the Cattle Phase of any offered show.
- The Level I division championship will be determined by adding together all of the points the rider/horse team has earned in their Dressage and EOH phases for the qualified shows in which they competed.
  - If a tie exists, total EOH scores will determine the winner
  - If a tie still exists, both teams will be awarded High Point Champion
- The Level II, Level III, Level IV, Level V and Level VI division championship will be determined by adding together all of the points each rider/horse team has earned in their Dressage, EOH, and Speed phases for the qualified shows in which they competed.
  - The points for the Speed phase will be determined by the following:
    - The fastest ride time, including speed bonuses and penalties, will receive 70 points.
    - A third of a point will be deducted (.3) from 70 points for each second slower the subsequent times are: See chart.
    - If a rider is three minutes and fifty four seconds slower than the fastest time, they will receive zero points for the speed round.
- A scratch or DQ scores zero in any phase

## Point Calculation and Recording

- The calculation and awarding of points shall occur after each High Country Working Equitation show by the Show Scorer and Show Management team.
- All Horse/Rider teams from each show will receive points, based on the criteria listed above, upon completing their second show.
- A list of Horse/Rider teams and their earned points will be available for viewing on HCWE's website and blog once the show scoring and awarding of points is complete, with the exception of HCWE's final show of the season. The scores and final points earned will be revealed at the End of Year party.
- All decisions of the High Point Committee and/or Board of Directors regarding the awarding of points are final and may not be appealed.

Level	Dressage Phase	Ease of Handling Phase	Speed Phase (timed event)	Points Earned Toward High Point Championship
I	One point earned for each point scored on test.	One point earned for each point scored on test. DQ = 0 points.	Not eligible to compete.	Dressage + EOH
II, III, IV, V	One point earned for each point scored on test.	One point earned for each point scored on test. DQ = 0 points.	Maximum of 70 points -0.3 points per second DQ = 0 points.	Dressage + EOH + Speed

Note: Applies to both the Amateur and Open Divisions. (DQ = Disqualification)

## **Recognition and Awards**

- High Point Champion, Reserve High Point Champion and Honorable Mention will be determined after the final HCWE show for each division and level in which members competed.
- High Point Champion will be awarded to the rider/horse team that earns the highest number of points; Reserve Champion will be awarded to the rider/horse team that earns the second highest number of points; Honorable Mention will be awarded to the rider/horse team that earns the third highest number of points.
- These rider/horse teams will be determined by adding together all of the points earned at HCWE qualifying shows for the year.
- 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, combined scores for the EOH will be used.
- The High Point Championships will be announced and awarded at the End of Year party.
- A rider/horse team may only win High Point Champion at Level I, one time. They must advance to the next level in order to continue to compete for High Point.
- A rider/horse team competing in Level II, III, IV, V and VI may only win High Point Champion at the same level two years in a row. They must advance to the next level in order to continue to compete for High Point.

## **Disclaimers**

- High Country Working Equitation has the right to cancel a HCWE show at their discretion.
- No member has the authority to compel HCWE to hold a scheduled show or reschedule a show or set any policies or rules governing the show.
- HCWE reserves the right to change these rules at the discretion of the Board of Directors.