



HCWE High Point Program (for members only)

In 2023, High Country Working Equitation will once again offer a High Point program to its riders. The High Point Program offers members the opportunity to earn points toward year-end awards. The intention of High Country Working Equitation 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: Open and Amateur divisions at Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV and Level V. 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 an individual or 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 TWO (2) HCWE qualified shows to be included in the High Point Program.
- The member who shows in two (2) HCWE licensed or schooling 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 compete in more than one level if the horse/rider pair advance during the season, for the purposes of the High Point Championship, provided they meet the other requirements.
- 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).
 - If a Rider/Horse team may step down a level (from Level III to Level II) with approval of the HCWE trainers and Board.
- 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 Shows are any HCWE sponsored shows

Earning Points

- Members will earn points by showing in HCWE shows.
- The qualifying competition period is from January 1st to November 1st, 2023.
- 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.
- One point will be earned for each point scored on the dressage and EOH phases.
- 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.

- The Level II, Level III, Level IV and Level V 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 bonus' 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.
- 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 High Point Committee.
- All Horse/Rider teams from each show will receive points, based on the criteria listed above, even if they only ride in one show.
- A list of Horse/Rider teams and their earned points will be available for viewing on HCWE's website once the show scoring and awarding of points is complete, with the exception of the Fall Finale Show in October. Those scores and final points earned will be revealed at the End of Year High Point 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 |
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| 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 -1/3 point 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 recognized and awarded 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; the third highest Rider/Horse team will win Honorable Mention, in Open and Amateur divisions, at Level I, II, III, IV and V.
- 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 High Point party.
- Starting in 2023, a rider/horse team may only win High Point Champion at Level I, one time. Level I is an Introductory level and winning High Point indicates the ability to compete beyond an introductory level.
- Starting in 2023, for Level I, II, III, IV and V, a rider/horse team may only win High Point Champion at the same level two years in a row. They must then 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.