



2017
Wisconsin Walking Horse Association
Point System Competition Rules

Introduction

The goal of the WWHHA high point program is to recognize top, consistent winners and drive participation in all WWHHA horse shows* (**WWHA horse shows = hosted by WWHHA, as well as officially sanctioned by WWHHA for the purposes of earning points towards WWHHA high-point awards in the current show year.*)

Eligibility

To be eligible for award(s) you must meet the following criteria:

- Horse must be owned by WWHHA member in good standing. In the case of joint ownership, all owners must be members in good standing of the WWHHA at the time the points are earned.
- Horse must complete a minimum of three (3) total classes within each desired category (see 'Award Class Category List'), and those points must be collected at a minimum of two (2) different WWHHA horse shows.* (For rider categories, the same 3 + 2 minimum criteria applies.)
- Class must be held at a show hosted or officially sanctioned by WWHHA and must be affiliated with a recognized USDA HIO program (i.e. WHOA, NWHHA, etc.).

Championship Classes: After meeting the above criteria, a horse/ rider may earn double points within a designated Class Category

for championship classes offered at WWHHA hosted shows. (see attached 'Award Class Category List') In 2017, this applies to the WWHHA Summer Jamboree and the WWHHA Memorial Showcase.

Points will be awarded in classes having two or more entries. Any class held with only one entry, will be considered a qualifying class, and the exhibitor will receive one point for participation. Any class entered and completed without receiving a placement will be considered a qualifying class.

All WWHHA debts and current dues must be paid prior to the start of any given show before any points will accrue. Points earned by a contender prior to payment of all debts and current membership dues for the year shall not count towards year-end awards.

Out-of-program: A recognition will be made of WWHHA members in good standing that travel to compete at TWH horse shows that are affiliated with a recognized USDA HIO program but are outside the WWHHA hosted or sanctioned shows. To be eligible for this recognition, you must exhibit in a minimum of three identical registered TWH classes**, and be a WWHHA member that has participated in one or more WWHHA horse shows*. Participation consists of: exhibiting, working on a committee, class sponsorship, volunteering, etc.

Transfer of Ownership

If a horse is sold by a WWHHA member in good standing prior to October 1st of the current year, points previously earned may be transferred to the new owner, providing the new owner is a current member of WWHHA in good standing. If the new owner is not a member, the points will remain with the previous owner. The horse will not be awarded any points in subsequent shows until the new owner becomes a member of WWHHA. At this point, all points accrued prior to the date of sale may be transferred to the new owner. If there is such a change of ownership, it shall be the responsibility of the seller to inform the new owner of this rule, and to inform the WWHHA Point Committee Chairperson of the new ownership and the date of the transfer of ownership.

How to Submit Points

The owner or exhibitor of a horse competing for points must designate on the current point tally sheet in which 'Award Class Category' the points are to be awarded and shall be responsible for using the current year's Point System Tally Sheet for both in-state awards and out-of-state recognition. Each individual Class Category must have a separate current year's Point Tally Sheet submitted to the Points Committee Chairperson.

For out-of-program recognition, a show bill from each out-of-state show must be submitted with the current tally sheet and MUST clearly indicate that the show is affiliated with a recognized USDA HIO program. Each class exhibited in should be clearly marked and placement in the class given.

If the owner or exhibitor fails to comply with the above guidelines and/or to meet the deadline for submission, consideration for an award will not be given. The deadline is October 10; point submission must be in the hands of the Point System Chairperson (Carol Olp) by that date. There will be NO exceptions.

Youth

For horse show purposes, a youth exhibitor is an individual who on January 1st of the current show year, has not reached his or her 18th birthday. If an exhibitor is 17 years old on January 1st and turns 18 years old on January 2nd, the exhibitor is still eligible to show as a youth exhibitor throughout that year. A horse receiving a youth award may also qualify for any other divisions for which they meet the criteria.

Point System Calendar Year

The calendar year for the point system shall be from October 1st thru September 30th of the following year. Exception: Points earned at a multi-day show starting on or before September 30th and extending into October will count toward an award for the current show season.

Point Scale

Points will be awarded in all approved Tennessee Walking Horse classes according to the following scale:

1 st10 points	6 th5 points
2 nd9 points	7 th4 points
3 rd8 points	8 th3 points
4 th7 points	9 th2 points
5 th6 points	10 th1 point

The above scale only applies to classes having two or more entries. In classes held with only one entry, exhibitors will receive one qualifying point.

It is mandatory to use the current year's Point Tally Sheet designed by the WWHA for the purpose of submitting show and point records. Please refer to the Point Tally Sheet for further directions. Point Tally Sheets will be furnished via the WWHA newsletter, WWHA website and at the Horse Show Entry Booth.

Point Committee Rights

The Point Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions in regards to unforeseen circumstances not set forth in the Point System Competition Rules.

The above rules supersede any and all previous WWHA Point System rules.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL QUESTIONS WITH THE POINTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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