

OPEN SHOW AWARDS PROGRAM RULES

(2006 changes highlighted)

1. Horse MUST be a registered quarter horse. Horse does NOT have to be owned by the exhibitor to participate in the Open Show Program. However, to exhibit in an AQHA approved event, AQHA's ownership rules will apply or a Novice Permit is required.
2. Exhibitor MUST be a MEMBER OF IQHA prior to show date. A family IQHA membership entitles all family members to participate in the Open Show Awards Program. Membership in Amateur (IQHAA) or Youth (IQHYA) Association is optional.
3. An annual nomination fee of \$10.00 per division for each horse/rider team must accompany the initial point form. This is in addition to the annual \$35.00 IQHA membership.
4. Points are awarded per horse/rider team.
5. Points accumulated as a youth will transfer to the adult division. Tiny Tot points do not transfer to Youth.
6. Points will carry over from year to year. However, the Open Show Point Coordinator must receive all point forms within 30 days of the show date.
7. The point year runs from November 1st to October 31st annually. Point forms must be received by October 31st to count toward the current year. Point forms received after October 31st will count toward the next year.
8. No maximum number of points at a single show.
9. Open Show Points can be earned in events or classes that are open to all breeds and colors at any show or event IN INDIANA. This includes 4-H Fairs, Saddle Club Shows, Open Shows, etc. Approved Breed Show classes for Quarter Horse, Palomino, Buckskin, Paint & Pinto, etc. are excluded. At AQHA Novice Shows, Novice Amateur, Novice Youth, Indiana-Owner Rider and Small Fry classes are not eligible for Open Show points as they are IQHA, IQHAA and IQHYA approved classes.
10. BONUS POINTS! Two (2) Bonus Points will be awarded for exhibiting in an AQHA approved event IN INDIANA. The horse rider combination MUST participate in a class relating to the Open Show Division(s) in which they are nominated to qualify for bonus points. (Div. 1a any Walk-Trot or Leadline class, Div. 2 any Halter or Showmanship class, Div. 3 any Western Performance class, Div. 4 any Hunt Seat Performance class and Div. 1B and Div. 5 any timed event.) Point forms MUST indicate class(es) shown. A split-combined show is double judged and 4 Bonus points will be awarded per division. No regular Open Show points can be earned in AQHA/IQHA approved classes. At AQHA Novice Shows Bonus Points are earned for participating in an approved event and Open Show Points in the open classes. Anyone showing in an approved AQHA event must be a member of AQHA (memberships are available at the events).
11. No year end or merit awards will be given based on bonus points alone. The horse/rider combination must actually show in and earn Open Show Points in the Division(s) in which they have nominated.
12. Any show that is double judged counts as two (2) separate shows- two (2) sets of points – submit two (2) forms, one for each show/judge.
13. Champion and Reserve Champion classes also count. Two (2) points are awarded for each Grand Championship and one (1) point is awarded for each Reserve Championship. No regular Open Show Points can be earned in Championship classes.
14. In Speed Performance Divisions (5A and 5B) nominees competing in 2-D and 3-D classes use the Point Schedule for your division placing. In open classes (not 2-D or 3-D format, use the 1-D schedule).

DIVISIONS (age as of January 1)

- 1a. Tiny Tot Pleasure – 9 & under. All participants receive awards.
Eligible classes: 9 & under Halter/Showmanship, Walk Only, Walt-trot, Leadline or any class not requiring a canter.
- 1b. Tiny Tot Speed – 9 & under. All participants receive awards.
Eligible classes: 9 & under Pee Wee barrels, poles or any timed event
- 2a. Youth Halter/Showmanship, 18 years & under
- 2b. Adult Halter/Showmanship, 19 years & over
Eligible classes: Any halter or showmanship
- 3a. Youth Western Performance, 18 years & under
- 3b. Adult Western Performance, 19 years & over
Eligible classes: Any Western pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding, Reining, Bareback, etc.
- 4a. Youth Hunt Seat Performance
- 4b. Adult Hunt Seat Performance
Eligible classes: Any Hunter under Saddle, English Pleasure, Equitation, Pleasure driving, fence classes, etc.
- 5a. Youth Speed Performance
- 5b. Adult Speed Performance
Eligible classes: Any barrels, poles, stake race, flags, keyhole, roping, team penning, or any timed event. Warm up and/or Exhibition classes must be placed by the sponsoring show committee to count.