

MOUNTAIN STATES QUARTER HORSE ALLIANCE YEAR END HIGH POINT RULES

1. Before accruing year-end award points, the following participants must be in good standing with MSQHA and AQHA and must have a current MSQHA/AQHA membership card to be eligible for year-end awards: trainers, horse owners, exhibitors, youth, amateur, select, novice amateurs and open riders. Where appropriate, each exhibitor must also hold an appropriate AQHA competition division card or permit.
2. Only points earned in MSQHA approved shows and classes will count for year – end awards. An annual nomination form, copy of registration papers, and all-inclusive membership fee and/or nomination fee per horse must be received by the membership director before points will begin accruing. Membership/nomination forms may be turned into the show secretary during a show for points at that show to start accruing. If forms are not turned in to the show secretary at the show or prior to the show, those points will not count.
3. Horse owner/and or lessee, as specified on the registration papers, must be a member in good standing of MSQHA and AQHA. Horses registered in partnership, ranch or corporation, must have an MSQHA membership in exactly that same name. Membership fees must be paid before any points earned are accrued.
4. MSQHA shall use the official MSQHA Point System for year-end awards with points counting one point for each horse in class and the AQHA points earned. Point chart is included with these rules.
5. Points in the Amateur, Novice Amateur, and Rookie and Walk/Trot divisions will be awarded on a one horse, one exhibitor basis. An Amateur, Novice Amateur, Rookie and Walk/Trot and Leadline may win more than one award in one class if they exhibited more than one horse in that class.
6. Select Amateur exhibitors are not eligible to win Amateur high point awards except in halter. Select Amateur exhibitors points will be awarded in the Select Amateur division. Leadline exhibitors may not ride in any other classes than leadline and only have to be a relative of an MSQHA member to be eligible for year-end awards.
7. Points will be accrued from November 1 through October 31 of each year. Any show held after October 31 will be counted for the following year's awards.
8. Exhibitors or owners with outstanding debts owed to any division or the association will not be entitled to year-end awards. Awards and future memberships will be withheld until such debts are paid in full. No points will be accrued until financial obligations have been corrected; points will not be retroactively accrued during this time.
9. Results of shows and MSQHA standings will be published in our official publication and/or our official website at <http://www.mountainstatesqha.com>.
10. To qualify for an award an exhibitor must have been shown under at least one more judge than the total number of judges offered at the largest approved MSQHA show circuit.

Example: if the largest MSQHA approved circuit offers four judges, then the minimum number of shows needed to qualify for year-end awards will be five (5).

11. Points from 100% of the approved shows will be counted.
12. All points need to be submitted to the points keeper within thirty (30) days of the show, by show management to: pointskeeper@hotmail.com. MSQHA Board and officers reserve the right based on finances to decide to add or remove classes from for points based on funds I.E. VRH Ranch Classes are not part of MSQHA Awards. New classes added by AQHA such as VRH or Non-pro horse classes fall under this rule.
13. If a horse showing in open halter or performance classes is sold during the show season, the new owner has fourteen (14) days from the recorded date of sale to become a member of MSQHA for the points to continue accruing. In the event the new owner does not become a member, the current points will be considered for year-end awards, and no additional points will be added.
14. Unless an agreement to the contrary is placed on file with the Executive Secretary of MSQHA, any award will be made to the owner or lessee, whichever might apply, on record with AQHA as of the last day of the show season.

15. Awards will be made to first and second in each class offered in five or more approved shows.

If entries and funds are sufficient the following categories may be awarded:

- Third place awards in each class will be awarded only when sufficient funds are available
- Open Junior All-Around and Reserve Junior All-Around
- Open Senior All-Around and Reserve Senior All-Around
- Amateur All-Around and Reserve Amateur All-Around
- Amateur Select All-Around and Reserve Amateur Select All-Around
- Novice Amateur All-Around and Reserve Novice Amateur All-Around*
- Rookie Amateur All-Around and Reserve Rookie Amateur All-Around
- Walk/Trot All-Around and Reserve
- Youth All-Around and Reserve Youth All-Around
- Novice Youth All-Around and Novice Youth Reserve All-Around
- Rookie Youth All Around and Rookie Youth Reserve All-Around
- Leadline

To be eligible for the above awards, the horse or exhibitor must show in at least three AQHA categories. Novice Amateur, Rookie and Walk/Trot exhibitors must show in two AQHA categories.

- All categories shall be defined in the current AQHA rulebook.
- Awards are based on a one horse, one exhibitor basis.
- All point-earning classes will be counted.
- Exhibitors must hold appropriate AQHA and MSQHA membership cards.

*1 point for each horse in class
plus AQHA points earned to
20 and beyond*

P L A C E	NUMBER OF HORSES																				
	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE	TEN	ELEVEN	TWELEVE	THIRTEEN	FOURTEEN	FIFTEEN	SIXTEEN	SEVENTEEN	EIGHTEEN	NINETEEN	TWENTY	
1ST	1	2	3.5	4.5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	24	
2ND		1	2	3	4.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	22	
3RD			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8.5	9.5	10.5	11.5	12.5	14	15	16	17	18	20	
4TH				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12.5	13.5	14.5	15.5	16.5	18	
5TH					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16.5	
6TH						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
7TH							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
8TH								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
9TH									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	Beyond 9th place will receive 1 participation point										1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1