

Vermont Quarter Horse Association

Year End Point System Rules

(Revised 2009)

TO BE ELIGIBLE:

1. All horses must be registered with AQHA
2. AQHA rules prevail.
3. Owners of horses competing for VQHA awards must be members in good standing with VQHA.
4. No points or money earned can be recognized before receipt of current dues. Points/money earned will be counted from that date onward for the season.
5. There will be six categories for year-end awards.
6. Please note that under each category are specific rules pertaining to that category.
7. ALL MEMBERS (Adult and Youth) MUST nominate their horse with VQHA before any points will count.
The nomination form and fee determined will be provided by VQHA.

GENERAL RULES: YOUTH ACTIVITY:

1. Points may be accumulated in classes at Registered AQHA shows, VHSA shows, and any other show as determined by the Board of Directors, in _____ classes restricted to Youth.
2. AQHA rules apply.
3. Age as of January 1st, shall count for the entire year (age 18 and under as of January 1st to qualify as a youth).
4. A youth must be a member of VQHA, even if they are a member of VQHYA, for points to count toward year-end awards.
5. Youth activity year-end awards will be based on a one horse/one rider combination. HOWEVER, the points earned by the Youth will be compiled _____ separately for each horse and will not be combined.
6. Said horse(s) ridden by Youth, is to be owned by the Youth and/or immediate family, unless a permit is issued by AQHA, per AQHA rules.
7. Youth activity points will be divided into Novice Division and Regular Youth Divisions.
8. To earn Novice Youth points, one must show with a Novice Card, provided by AQHA with skill sets listed, _____ to be eligible for that division.

AMATEUR:

1. Points may be accumulated in classes at Registered AQHA shows, in the classes restricted to Amateurs and will be divided into Novice, Regular Amateur and Select Amateur divisions.
2. To earn Novice Amateur points, one must show with a Novice Card, provided by AQHA with skill sets listed to be eligible for that division.

PRIZES:

1. Prizes awarded at the end of the year will be an award and ribbon for the Champion and Reserve Champion. You must meet the minimum points if required in a category to be eligible for an award.
2. All awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination, EXCEPT Horseback Riding and Racing.
You may compete on more than one horse but points/dollars must be submitted separately for each horse, EXCEPT for horseback riding hours and Racing.
3. Bonafide Vermont Resident is someone eligible to vote in Vermont or has legal residence in Vermont. A youth's parent or guardian must qualify as a Vermont Resident for youth to be eligible.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:

1. The definition of a member in good standing is a member who has paid their yearly dues.

2. A member who has been suspended by AQHA will be automatically suspended by VQHA.

SHOW POINTS:

1. Chart A is the point system for all members competing in Category I and Category II.
2. Points will only be recognized according to the actual placing. If a non-member has placed, the points for that placing will not be shifted to a member in a lesser position.
3. A copy of the AQHA show record of points, placing and number of hours spent riding, verified by AQHA, must be forwarded to the Point Secretary by the owner/exhibitor by November 15th of the current year to be eligible for awards.
4. Placing and numbers in the class for all categories shall be forwarded by the owner/exhibitor to the Point Secretary.
5. The Point Secretary will notify all members of the cumulative point standings, in the VQHA newsletter and on the web site.
6. **POINTS FOR ALL CATEGORIES, MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 15TH OF THE CURRENT YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS. POINTS POSTMARKED AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
7. These rules can only be changed by vote of the general membership at a properly warned general membership meeting or the annual meeting.
8. Performance awards in Category II and III are all classes except Halter classes.

CATEGORY I AWARDS (Vermont Residents)

BASED ON PLACINGS AT IN-STATE SHOWS

QH HALTER STALLIONS	QH YA WESTERN PLEASURE	QH YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP	QH YA HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
QH HALTER MARES	QH WESTERN PLEASURE	QH ADULT SHOWMANSHIP	QH HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
QH HALTER GELDINGS	QH TRAIL	QH LEADLINE 6 & UNDER	QH WALK TROT 10 AND UNDER

RULES:

1. Points may be accumulated in Category I on horses owned by all bonafide Vermont Resident VQHA members in good standing, at Vermont Horse Show Association (VHSA) shows, in the regular Quarter Horse classes. Points may also be accumulated at other VQHA pointed shows that hold regular Quarter Horse classes. Such shows to be approved by the VQHA Board of Directors on or before May 1 of the current year.
2. Points are based on placing in the class and the number of entries in the class.
3. To be eligible for Year-End awards in Category I, a horse must have earned a minimum of **20** points to qualify for champion and **10** points to qualify for reserve champion. Youth showing in the QH Open Classes must also meet these minimum point requirements.
4. Horses shown in QH YOUTH classes must earn **10** points to qualify for champion and **6** points for reserve champion.
5. No minimum point requirements for Walk-Trot & Leadline.
6. Category 1 Year End Awards will be based on a one horse/ one rider combination.

CATEGORY II AWARDS

BASED ON PLACINGS AT AQHA SHOWS INCLUDING REGIONAL SHOW

Category I – Halter Stallion, Mares & Geldings
Category II – Reining, Working Cow Horse, Trail, Western Riding
Category III – Team Penning, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Race
Category IV – Jumping, Work Hunter, Green Work Hunter, Hunter Hack
Category V – West Pleasure, 2Yr West Pleasure, HUS, Pleas Driving
Category VI – Tie-down Roping, Dally Team Roping Heading and Heeling, Breakaway Roping, Cutting
Category VII – Showmanship, West Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Equitation over Fences
Category VIII – Racing
Category IX – Versatility Ranch Horse
Youth, Novice Youth, Amateur, Novice Amateur & Open Divisions as per AQHA rules.

RULES:

1. Points may be accumulated in Category II on horses owned by all bonafide Vermont Resident VQHA members in good standing, at the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) shows.
2. Points are based on placings in the class and the number of entries in the class.
3. To be eligible for a Year-End award in Category II, a horse must have earned a minimum of **20** points to qualify for champion and **10** points to qualify for reserve champion.
4. In HALTER Divisions, points may be accumulated by placing Grand Champion or Reserve Champion per AQHA rule 415G.
5. Category II yearend awards will be based on a one horse/one rider combination for youth and amateur categories. Points accumulated by a trainer showing the same horse will count for horse/rider combination in the Open QH classes.

CHART A Point System for Category I & II

Exhibitors # in Class	Placings					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6	6	5	4	3	2	1
7-10	7	6	5	4	3	2
11-14	8	7	6	5	4	3
15-18	9	8	7	6	5	4
19-22	10	9	8	7	6	5
23-26	11	10	9	8	7	6
27 & over	12	11	10	9	8	7

CATEGORY III AWARDS

A diversified Category with each division offered having its own unique rules or requirements.

HORSEBACK RIDING
DRESSAGE
BARREL RACING

POLE BENDING
VERSTILITY RANCH HORSE
REINING

TEAM PENNING
BREAK-AWAY ROPING
RACING

HORSEBACK RIDING AWARD

RULES:

1. To qualify for the Horseback Riding Award, a member must be enrolled in the AQHA HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be awarded to the persons logging the most hours with AQHA on a yearly basis. Hours will accumulate from November 1st to October 31st of the current year. Awards to be offered for both an adult and youth division (youth must be 18 or younger as of January 1). Hours must be recorded on official AQHA log sheet and a copy of this log turned in to point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
3. AQHA RULES PREVAIL.

DRESSAGE AWARD

RULES:

1. The DRESSAGE champion and reserve champion awards will be given to horses with the highest Year-End average. Awards to be offered for both an adult and youth division. Awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination.
2. To determine Champion and Reserve Champion the level of competition will be weighed as follows:

A. Training Level	Actual Score
B. 1 st Level	1.05%
C. 2 nd Level	1.10%
D. 3 rd Level	1.15%
E. 4 th Level	1.20%
F. Above 4th Level	1.25%
2. A horse must compete in a minimum of 2 tests of the same level at any USDF sanctioned show(s).
3. Riders must submit a photocopy of the front of each score sheet showing horses AQHA name and registration number, show, date, score and judges signature to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
4. Both owner and rider MUST be VQHA members at the time scores are earned.

DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOWS

RULES:

1. Dressage schooling shows do not have to be recognized by USDF. To qualify for year end awards owners and riders must be current members of VQHA in good standing at the time the scores are earned. Horses must be shown under their AQHA registered name and registration number. Score sheets must be signed by the judge. The original score sheet or a copy of front and back of the score sheet must be submitted to the points keeper by November 15th. The horses AQHA name, registration number, name of the show, date, score and judges signature must all be included. The one horse/one rider accumulating the highest score will be champion and the horse/rider combination under that will be reserve champion. A horse and rider team must compete in a minimum of 2 tests of the same level at any schooling show(s). You may ride in more than one level over the course of the season.
2. To determine champion and reserve champion, test scores for all levels will be weighed as follows:

A. Training Level	Actual Score
B. 1 st Level	1.05%
C. 2 nd Level	1.10%
D. 3 rd Level	1.15%
E. 4 th Level	1.20%
F. Above 4th Level	1.25%

BARREL RACING AWARD

RULES:

1. This award will be based on the MOST dollars earned in Barrel Racing Events that confirm to AQHA guidelines. Shows holding this event shall be approved in advance by VQHA Board of Directors with verification of rules being submitted for review. Dollars will accumulate from November 1st to October 31st of the current year. Awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination. Totals must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be given in each of these Divisions:
~ OPEN ~ SENIOR ~ YOUTH

POLE BENDING AWARD

RULES:

1. This award will be based on the MOST dollars earned in Pole Bending Events. Dollars will accumulate from November 1st to October 31st of the current year. Awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination. Totals must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be given in each of these Divisions:
~ OPEN ~ YOUTH

REINING AWARD

RULES:

1. This award will be based on the MOST dollars/MOST points earned in Reining Events that confirm to AQHA guidelines. Shows holding this event shall be approved in advance by VQHA Board of Directors. Dollars will accumulate from November 1st to October 31st of the current year. Awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination. Totals must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be given in each of these divisions:
~ YOUTH ~ 2 YEAR OLD ~ NON PRO ~ AGED HORSE

RACING AWARD

RULES:

1. This award will be based on the most points earned in AQHA Approved Events. Awards are based on a one owner/one horse combination. Totals must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be given in each of these divisions:
~ 2 YEAR OLD ~ 3 YEAR OLD ~ AGED HORSE

TEAM PENNING AWARD

RULES:

1. This award will be based on MOST dollars earned in Team Penning Events. AQHA Rules prevail. Dollars will accumulate from November 1st to October 31st of the current year. Awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination. Totals must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be given in each of these divisions:
~NOVICE(all ages) ~OPEN (all ages)

BREAKAWAY ROPING AWARD

RULES:

1. This award will be based on the Most dollars earned in Breakaway Roping Events. AQHA rules prevail. Dollars will accumulate from November 1st to October 31st of the current year. Awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination. Totals must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be given in each of these divisions:
~YOUTH ~OPEN

VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE AWARD

RULES:

1. This award will be based on the Most dollars earned in Versatility Ranch Horse Events. AQHA rules prevail. Dollars will accumulate from November 1st to October 31st of the current year. Awards are based on a one rider/one horse combination. Totals must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
2. Champion and reserve champion awards will be given in each of these divisions:
~YOUTH ~AMATEUR ~OPEN

CATEGORY IV

RULES:

1. Exhibitor must be a current member in good standing with VQHA.
2. Points can only be accumulated on an AQHA registered horse. Exhibitor does not have to own said horse.
3. Anyone who earns enough points to qualify for an award in Category I or II will NOT be eligible for awards in Category IV.
4. Category IV will cover ANY Open show.
5. Exhibitor is responsible for keeping track of their points earned on the approved VQHA Open Show point form. Show secretary MUST be listed with their contact information on the form for points to count.
6. Points must be turned in to the point secretary by November 15th of the current year.
7. A copy of the registration papers on the AQHA registered horse being shown MUST accompany the first point sheet submitted for the current year.
8. Age Divisions: AGE AS OF JANUARY 1st OF THE CURRENT YEAR
~BEGINNER: WALK/TROT ONLY 12 & Younger
~JUNIOR: 13 & Younger
~SENIOR: 14 – 18
~ADULT: 19 & Over
9. The following Classes will be recognized in Category IV:
CLASS NAMES VARY FROM SHOW TO SHOW, AND ARE OUTLINED AS SUCH
~Fitting & Showmanship/Showmanship
~Western Pleasure
~Western Equitation/Horsemanship
~Trail
~English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle

~English Equitation/Hunt Seat Equitation

~Halter

10. Points will count as follows:

1st = 6 points 4th = 3 points

2nd = 5 points 5th = 2 points

3rd = 4 points 6th = 1 point

CATEGORY V OUT OF STATE MEMBERS

(Based on AQHA Points earned)

Rules:

Points for the Out of State Awards Category VI are limited to those accumulated in any AQHA Show. A competitor must have participated in at least one (1) day of any VQHA sponsored AQHA show and earn a minimum of 5 points to qualify for Champion and 3 points to qualify for Reserve Champion. Points will be based on placing in the class and number of entries in the class.

Open Halter

Novice Youth Performance

Youth Halter

Youth Performance

Amateur Halter

Novice Amateur Performance

Open Performance

Amateur Performance