

IQHA OPEN SHOW AWARDS PROGRAM RULES

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 and in addition to the IQHA membership.
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 and are based on the number of entries actually shown in the class, not the number entered in the class. "Shown" is interpreted per the AQHA Rulebook, *"points shall be awarded based on the number of eligible horses actually judged in that class" and "if a horse is disqualified, it is not to be placed, but counts as an entry in the class"*.
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 and Introductory Shows, AQHA Open, Amateur and Youth, Novice Amateur, Novice Youth, Indiana-Owner Rider and Small Fry classes are not eligible for Open Show points as they are AQHA, IQHA, IQHAA and/or IQHYA approved classes.
10. **BONUS POINTS!** Two (2) Bonus Points are awarded for exhibiting in an AQHA approved event IN INDIANA. The horse rider combination **MUST** exhibit in a class relating to the Open Show Division(s) in which they are nominated. (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 at least 1 class shown in each Division. A split/combined or multiple judged show awards 2 Bonus Points per judge per division (2 judges = 4 Bonus Points, 3 judges = 6 Bonus Points, 4 judges = 8 Bonus Points). No regular Open Show points can be earned in AQHA/IQHA approved classes. At AQHA Novice Shows and Introductory Shows, Bonus Points are earned for participating in an approved event and Open Show Points in the non-AQHA/IQHA approved 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 **at a minimum of five (5) Open Shows to qualify for a year-end award**.
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 placings also count. Two (2) points are awarded for each Champion placing and one (1) point is awarded for each Reserve Champion placing regardless of the number of entries. No regular Open Show Points can be earned in Championship classes.
14. In Speed Performance Divisions (5A and 5B) nominees competing in 2-D, 3-D and 4-D classes use the Point Schedule for your division placing. In open classes (not 2-D, 3-D or 4-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, Lead Line or any class not requiring a canter or lope
- 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, showmanship, in hand or lunge line
- 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, 18 years & under**
- 4b. **Adult Hunt Seat Performance, 19 years & over**
Eligible classes: Any Hunter under Saddle, English Pleasure, Equitation, Pleasure driving, fence classes, etc.
- 5a. **Youth Speed Performance, 18 years & under**
- 5b. **Adult Speed Performance, 19 years & over**
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
6. **Dressage** (separate point form)

AWARDS

Annual Division High Point Awards (Tack)

- Must earn a minimum of 25 points annually to qualify for year-end high point awards
Top six places receive awards
7th through 10th receive certificates
All who earn 25 points or more (but are not top ten) receive participation certificates

Cumulative Division Merit Awards (Plaques)

- Bronze** – 50 points (1 division)
Silver – 100 points (1 division)
Gold – 200 points (1 division)

Higher Merit Awards (Trophies)

- Superior** – 300 points (1 division)
Supreme – 500 points (1 division)
Division Champion – 1,000 points (1 division)
All-around Champion – 300 points (3 different divisions, minimum 50 points per division)
Versatility Champion – 500 points (3 different divisions, minimum 100 points per division)

POINT SCHEDULES

All Tiny Tot, Halter/Showmanship, Western and Hunt Seat and 1-D Speed Performance

# in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
3-5	1									
6-9	2	1								
10-14	3	2	1							
15-19	4	3	2	1						
20-24	5	4	3	2	1					
25-29	6	5	4	3	2	1				
30-34	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
35-39	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
49-44	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
45 & over	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Speed Divisions – 2-D placings

# in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
3-14	1									
15-24	2	1								
25-34	3	2	1							
35-44	4	3	2	1						
45 & over	5	4	3	2	1					

Speed Divisions – 3-D placings

# in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
3-14	½									
15-24	1	½								
25-34	1 ½	1	½							
35-44	2	1 ½	1	½						
45 & over	2 ½	2	1 ½	1	½					

Speed Divisions – 4-D placings

# in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
3-24	½									
25-34	1	½								
35-44	1 ½	1	½							
45 & over	2	1 ½	1	½						