

APPALOOSA HORSE ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

2009 Alberta Champion Award Rules

(updates are typed in blue)

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Horse must be registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) at the time of competition, trail ride &/or race.
- b) Current AHAA membership is required by all owners, riders and handlers except where noted below.
- c) Youth and Non-Pro riders and handlers must be AHAA members to be eligible for Youth and Non-Pro rider/handler Awards (eg. equitation, showmanship).
- d) All owners listed on the horse's registration paper, lessees, handlers and riders must be AHAA members for the horse to be eligible to receive horse awards (eg. Junior Trail, Senior Hunter, Youth Keyhole Race, Non-Pro Reining, Halter).
- e) To be eligible for any Alberta Championship Show or Race Award contenders must earn at least one AHAA point.
- f) In order for a competitor to be eligible for year end awards, the competitor must show at least 2 AHAA approved shows (locations). For events where the horse is judged (ie: Western pleasure, hunter under saddle, etc), the horse must be exhibited at least 2 AHAA approved shows (locations).
- g) Division High Point Championships will be awarded where entries warrant and will be at the discretion of the current BOD. A minimum of 5 AHAA points must be earned by the leading horse/exhibitor in order to be considered an eligible competitor.

2. TABULATION OF POINTS

- a) Tabulation begins on the date of AHAA membership.
- b) Deadline to receive results into the AHAA office is September 30.
 - i) Show points will be tabulated from the show results provided by the show secretaries to the AHAA.
 - ii) Race points will be tabulated from the race charts provided by the recorded owner of the horse to the AHAA.
 - iii) Open/All Breed Competition points will be tabulated from the AHAA Open/All Breed Competition forms and/or photocopies of ApHC ACAAP forms provided by the owner/competitor to the AHAA.
 - iv) Trail Riding distance will be tabulated from the AHAA Trail Riding forms provided by the rider to the AHAA (in case of a tie in distance, the rider participating in the most AHAA approved or co-approved trail rides will be declared the winner).
- c) Awards will be determined by results/forms submitted to the AHAA by the deadline date of September 30.
- d) Failure to submit results by September 30 will render those results ineligible.
- e) Points will be tabulated in accordance with the attached point system.
- f) The recorded owner must provide a photocopy of the registration papers, front & back, by the September 30 deadline in order for the horse to be eligible for the Open/All-Breed Competition, Trail Riding and/or Race Horse championships.
- g) Only points earned at AHAA approved shows or AHAA approved trail rides, will be tabulated for Alberta Championship awards.
- h) For the Race Horse High Point Championship, any race run on an approved track in Alberta will be eligible.
- i) Classes with restrictions are not eligible (eg. 'Ladies' or 'Men's Western Pleasure', 'Jack Benny')
- j) In case of a tie in ApHC show, open or race points, the competitor earning the most first place standings will be declared the winner, if still tied the competitor placing more times over the other will be declared the winner, if still tied the competitor earning

the most second place standings will be declared the winner, and so on.

3. RECORD KEEPING AND VERIFICATION

a) Result tabulation will be available for inspection by an AHAA member upon reasonable notification to the Awards Committee and upon mutual agreement of appropriate arrangements.

b) Records will be kept for at least one full year pending any discrepancies or grievances.

c) On the closing date, all results will be tabulated and totaled. Any discrepancies will be handled and verified within one (1) week of the closing date.

4. GRIEVANCES

a) Grievances will only be accepted in writing with a non-refundable \$100 fee submitted to the AHAA President.

b) Grievances must be filed no later than 30 days after the AHAA Annual Awards presentation.

c) Any conflict concerning result tabulation and/or declaration of Alberta Champions will be settled by the current AHAA Board of Directors and the decision made will be final.

* POINT SYSTEM *

# of entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2	1									
3	2	1								
4	3	2	1							
5	4	3	2	1						
6	5	4	3	2	1					
7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
10 - 11	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
12 - 13	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

etc_increase in points as number of entries increases by 2 more (if results are provided)

ALBERTA HIGH POINT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Note: All High Point Championships presentations are contingent on sponsorship of each title and the existence of an eligible competitor.

A minimum of 5 AHAA points must be earned by the leading horse/exhibitor in order to be considered an eligible competitor.

HALTER - Three (3) points will be awarded for each Grand Championship a horse earns; two (2) points for each Reserve Championship a horse earns. Halter, Most Colorful at Halter and Hunter in Hand classes will be included in tabulating Halter High Point Champions.

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE - All performance classes for junior aged horses will be eligible. Classes named Junior, 2 Year Old and/or 3 Year Old and/or 4 Year Old and/or 5 Year Old and

All Age or Open are eligible. Points are based on total number of entries in the class, regardless of horses' ages. Games and Cattle classes are not eligible, notwithstanding that a GAMES or a CATTLE Championship is awarded.

SENIOR PERFORMANCE - All performance classes for senior aged horses and All Age or Open are

eligible. Points are based on total number of entries in the class, regardless of horses' ages. Games and Cattle classes are not eligible, notwithstanding that a GAMES or a CATTLE Championship is awarded.

***CATTLE HORSE** (formerly Stock Horse) - All classes that involve the working or handling of

a cow are eligible. *In the event that four or more different cattle classes do not take place during the year, the CATTLE HORSE & the GAMES HORSE may be combined & renamed

"TIMED

EVENTS", in which case all games and timed classes will be eligible. Judged cattle classes

will then be included in "PERFORMANCE" tabulations.

***GAMES HORSE** - All classes normally considered games or gymkhana events are eligible.

Note: In Youth classes, the youth or a member of his/her family does not have to own the horse for AHAA points to be tabulated for classes in which the Youth is judged (eg. Equitation, Showmanship). However, classes in which the horse is judged or timed (eg. Halter, Keyhole Race), owner(s) are required to be AHAA members.

YOUTH WALK/TROT, 10 Years & Under - All Youth Walk/Trot classes are eligible, as well as Novice Youth Showmanship, Youth 18 Years & Under Showmanship, Youth Halter Geldings, and Youth Halter Mares.

NOVICE YOUTH - All Novice Youth classes are eligible, as well as Youth Halter Geldings and

Youth Halter Mares.

YOUTH 18 YEARS & UNDER - All Youth 18 Years & Under classes are eligible, as well as Halter

Geldings, and Halter Mares.

Note: In all Non-Pro classes, the Non Pro or a member of his/her family must own the horse for AHAA points to be tabulated for a Non Pro award.

NOVICE NON-PRO - All Novice Non-Pro classes are eligible, as well as Non-Pro Halter Stallions, Non-Pro Halter Geldings, and Non-Pro Halter Mares.

NON-PRO - All Non-Pro classes are eligible.

OPEN COMPETITION HORSE (all breeds competition) - All classes in open/all breed competitions in Alberta are eligible. Not restricted to horse shows only. Classes restricted by the rider or driver's age are not eligible (eg. Youth, Jack Benny, Oldtimers). Classes judging the rider or handler are not eligible (eg. equitation, showmanship). Riders or handlers of the horse are not required to have AHAA membership in classes or events in which the horse is judged or timed.

OPEN COMPETITION YOUTH (all breeds competition) - All youth classes in open/all breed competitions in Alberta are eligible. Not restricted to horse shows only (4-H will be considered Youth). The youth or a member of his/her family does not have to own the horse for AHAA points to be tabulated for the Open Competition Youth award.

TRAIL RIDING - All **AHAA** organized trail rides in Alberta that have an official to verify distance ridden/driven are eligible.

The rider/driver does not have to own the horse(s) used on the trail rides.

RACE - All races run on an approved track in Alberta are eligible. The owner(s) as recorded on the race chart result for each race must be a current AHAA member for the points earned by the horse in the race to count towards the yearend total for the horse. Race awards will be presented to the owner(s) of the horse as recorded on the registration

papers.