



Area 1 Year End Award Rules



Eligibility

In order to accumulate points for Area 1 year end awards, all riders, handlers and owners (including those in partnership) must be members in good standing of the Area 1 Quarter Horse Promotional Association and reside within the boundaries of Area 1. Open/ Level 1 (Green) classes are an exception to this rule; for these divisions only, the exhibitor does not need to reside within Area 1, but must still have an Area 1 membership in good standing. Points will be accumulated at Area 1 approved shows only, and commence upon receipt of payment of full membership fees.

Amateur and Youth points will be accumulated on a one horse, one rider basis. The exhibiting Amateur or Youth (or their family, per AQHA rules) must be the last name appearing on the horse's registration papers, except in the event of a valid Lease.

Open/Green points will be awarded to the horse, under any rider – provided that membership requirements are met.

Lead Line points will be awarded to the rider, provided that membership requirements are met. For Lead Line classes, the horse does not need to be owned by the exhibitor, but must still be an AQHA registered horse.

Ownership and Leasing

Recognized owner will be the last name appearing on the horse's registration papers. All owners and exhibitors must be members in good standing with Area 1 in order to accumulate points.

Amateur and Youth exhibitors may show a leased horse, provided they have a written valid lease on file with AQHA. For those exhibitors to be eligible for point accumulation, only the Lessee needs to be a member of Area 1. The registered owner of the horse (as listed on the horse's official AQHA registration papers) does not need to be an Area 1 member, unless they are showing the horse at an Area 1 show as well. For purposes of year-end awards, the Lessee will be considered the owner of the horse and any applicable designations and awards will therefore be given to the Lessee.

General Rules

Exhibitors need to accumulate points under a minimum of four judges at Area 1 approved shows to be eligible for Area 1 year end awards.

If you show at more than 60% of Area 1 approved shows, 60% of show results are to be counted for individual year end awards based on the number of times that a class is offered. This rule is meant to even the playing field for those exhibitors who may have to miss a weekend due to sickness, holidays, or distance.

In any class, points will be awarded in accordance with the total number of eligible horses actually

judged in that class, whether or not an elimination occurred. Points are awarded up to a maximum of nine, on a sliding point system. See example below:

Basis for calculating points in all divisions: Points to be awarded to 9th place

# in Class	Place								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 or more	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5	5	4	3	2	1				
4	4	3	2	1					
3	3	2	1						
2	2	1							
1	1								

In Grand and Reserve halter classes, the Grand Champion will receive 2 points over the largest point class (excluding weanlings) and the Reserve Champion will receive 1 point over the largest point class.

Year-End High Point Awards

Area 1 will present an award to both the Grand and Reserve overall High Point winners in the divisions noted below. These titles will only be awarded if the horse was shown in 3 events in that division, and they must have shown to 4 judges for each of the 3 events to qualify.

- High Point Level 1 (Green) Open → all Level 1 (Green) Open classes are eligible to be counted.
- High Point Open → all Open classes are eligible to be counted. Halter is included as an eligible class, but is not a mandatory class. Any Green classes shown **do not** count towards High Point Open.
- High Point Level 1 Amateur Walk-Jog/Trot → all Level 1 Amateur Walk-Jog/Trot classes are eligible to be counted.
- High Point Level 1 Amateur → all Level 1 Amateur classes are eligible to be counted. Any Level 1 Amateur Walk-Jog/Trot classes shown **do not** count towards High Point Level 1 Amateur.
- High Point Amateur → all Amateur All Ages classes are eligible to be counted. Halter is included as an eligible class, but is not a mandatory class.
- High Point Select Amateur → all Select Amateur classes are eligible to be counted. If any Select Amateur exhibitors show in Amateur Halter, that Halter class is included as an eligible class, but is not a mandatory class. In the event were a class category does not offer a Select division (in example, Western Riding), if the exhibitor shows in the Amateur All Ages division, those points will be counted towards the Select Amateur year-end calculations.

- High Point Level 1 Youth Walk-Jog/Trot → all Level 1 Youth Walk-Jog/Trot classes are eligible to be counted.
- High Point Level 1 Youth → all Level 1 Youth classes are eligible to be counted. Any Level 1 Youth Walk-Jog/Trot classes shown **do not** count towards High Point Level 1 Youth.
- High Point Youth → all Youth All Ages classes are eligible to be counted. Halter is included as an eligible class, but is not a mandatory class.

Please note that, as per current AQHA Rules for International affiliates, Rookie Classes will not be offered at this time at Area 1 shows, and Year End awards will not be provided at this time for High Point Rookie Amateur and/or High Point Rookie Youth.