

ASHA High Point Awards Program FAQ

Do I need to enroll my horse to be eligible for the High Point Awards?

- No. Whenever results are entered on each horse's record, the points are automatically calculated and included in the High Point standings.

Is ASHA membership required?

- **Beginning with the 2019 competition year** - Owners, riders, drivers, handlers and trainers of American Saddlebred horses showing at USEF licensed competitions and open horse shows recorded with ASHA, who are not current ASHA competing members, will be required to become a competing member within 30 days after receiving a notice from ASHA. **After 30 days, the show records (including points for KSF/WCHS Qualifying, CH, CH-EQ, National Pleasure, and ASHA High Point) of American Saddlebred horses whose owner, rider, driver, handler &/or trainer that have not joined ASHA, will be removed from ASHA records and the website.**

Do all classes count in the High Point Awards Program?

- In order to keep the program as fair as possible to all competitors, it was decided that any classes requiring additional memberships or that eliminate a horse/rider from further competition do not count.
- Additionally, open breed classes that allow multiple seats (e.g. Open Pleasure that includes Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat and Western in the same class) do not count toward Open English Pleasure, Open Hunter Pleasure, etc.
- There may be other classes that simply don't fit a category and will not count.

If I ride in a class that combines adults/junior exhibitors or professionals/amateurs, how does that class count?

- In the case of categories that have separate awards for adults and junior exhibitors, combined classes default to the Combined All Ages category. Classes that do not specify open/amateur (e.g. novice horse) will default to either open or adult, depending on the category.

How is the region determined for my horse? I live in a different region than the barn where he is trained.

- For most categories, the region is determined by the location of the competition. For sport horse disciplines, the region is based on where the horse owner lives.

How do I find out what competitions count for qualifying?

- The results for all **competitions** that are recorded with the ASHA, and listed on the ASHA web site, will be used for high points. The qualifying period is December 1 through November 30.

What if I plan to compete in a competition that isn't listed by ASHA?

- Please encourage competition management to record with the ASHA. Competitions are strongly encouraged to register with the ASHA **prior** to the competition; such notification may be submitted on the "**ASHA Affiliate Competition Recording Form**" by the manager or other representative of the competition. All results must be in the ASHA office before December 1. Any results sent in after that date cannot be used for the current year's ASHA High Point Awards.

How do I contact ASHA about competitions not yet held that are not on the calendar, or how should the competition contact ASHA?

- Notify ASHA by emailing competitions@asha.net. The most efficient way of communicating with ASHA is by email, so there is clear documentation of your communication and ASHA's response.

If there's a competition within the qualifying period that I competed in, and it isn't listed, what do I do?

- If you compete in a **sport horse discipline** (e.g. dressage, eventing, combined driving, distance riding, etc.) you may **submit your own results** as long as the results are certified by the competition secretary.
- If you compete in a **Saddlebred** or **open breed category at a horse show**, the show management must send the results, **using our template** (in excel). Please notify the show management to send results to competitions@asha.net.