



HI-POINT HANDBOOK

effective 01 August 2017

This handbook is available for all WAQHA members that want to keep a tally of their points and understand what awards are available and what requirements need to be met.

The WAQHA hopes this will help you understand the End of Year Hi-Point Awards.

To be in the running to receive a WAQHA End of Year Hi-Point Award, you must be a financial member of the WAQHA and compete on a registered Quarter Horse at a minimum of 3 WAQHA shows. WAQHA's show season runs in line with the AQHA – 1st August to 31st July each year.

Any AQHA approved shows that offer 'A' 'AA' and/or AAA points will automatically be included in the WAQHA End of Year Hi-Point Awards. Any awards will be presented to the winner only. Please be aware that "B" class points are not included in WAQHA End of Year Hi-Point Awards.

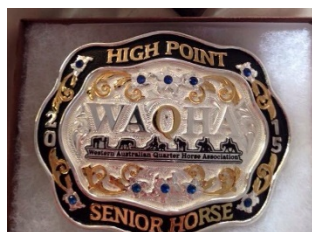
To recognise the versatility of the Australian Quarter Horse, the WAQHA will be offering a High Point Award for Non-Traditional & Cow Horse competitors effective 01 August 2017. WAQHA understands that our shows will not always offer events catered for you and your horse however we want to recognise those members who are showcasing our breed outside of AQHA Western Performance Shows. If you compete at any events run by associations recognised by the Australian Quarter Horse, your points will be allocated to a High Point Non-Traditional (i.e. EA Hacking, Dressage, Jumping, X Country) & Cow Horse (i.e. Cutting, Campdrafting) on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis. To be eligible, you must be a financial WAQHA member competing on a registered Quarter Horse.

AQHA approved 'A' 'AA' & 'AAA' points are submitted by the WAQHA point's collator to the AQHA on your behalf.

End of Year Hi-Point Awards running tally is available for viewing on the WAQHA website and is updated monthly. They are however taken down a couple of months before the Trophy Night.

The WAQHA committee has the discretion to change or alter any awards or eligibility criteria.

If you have any further queries please contact the WAQHA via email committee@waqha.com.au or contact a committee member as per the listing on the WAQHA website www.waqha.com.au .



*Example of a Hi Point Buckle that you could win!!
Other awards can be trophies, plaques, rugs, etc*

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POINTS CALCULATIONS

"A" SHOW POINTS						
No. of Horses in class	1	2	3	4	5	6
PLACING						
1	0.5					
2-5	1	0.5				
6-10	2	1	0.5			
11-15	3	2	1	0.5		
16-20	4	3	2	1	0.5	
"AA" SHOW POINTS						
No. of Horses in class	1	2	3	4	5	6
PLACING						
1	1					
2-5	2	1				
6-10	4	2	1			
11-15	6	4	2	1		
16-20	8	6	4	2	1	
"AAA" SHOW POINTS						
No. of Horses in class	1	2	3	4	5	6
PLACING						
1	1.5					
2-5	3	1.5				
6-10	6	3	1.5			
11-15	9	6	3	1.5		
16-20	12	9	6	3	1.5	
CHAMPION & RESERVE HALTER POINTS						
"A" SHOW POINTS						
No. of Horses in class	CHAMPION	RESERVE				
1	0	0				
2	1	0.5				
3 & Up	2	1				
"AA" SHOW POINTS						
No. of Horses in class	CHAMPION	RESERVE				
1	0	0				
2	2	1				
3 & Up	4	2				
"AAA" SHOW POINTS						
No. of Horses in class	CHAMPION	RESERVE				
1	0	0				
2	3	1.5				
3 & Up	6	3				

Non-Traditional & Cow Horse

Points are awarded on a 6,5,4,3,2,1 basis regardless of amount of horses entered

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	AWARD CATEGORY	52	Select Amateur Western Pleasure
1	Filly 1 & Under Halter	53	Select Amateur Horsemanship
2	Filly 2 & 3 Yrs. Halter	54	Select Amateur Western Riding
3	Mare 4yrs & Over Halter	55	Select Amateur Reining
4	Colt 1 & Under		YOUTH
5	Colt 2 & 3yrs Halter	56	Youth Halter
6	Stallion 4yrs & Over Halter	57	Junior Youth Showmanship
7	Gelding 1 & Under Halter	58	Senior Youth Showmanship
8	Gelding 2 & 3 Yrs. Halter	59	Junior Youth Hunter Under Saddle
9	Gelding 4yrs & Over Halter	60	Senior Youth Hunter Under Saddle
10	2yr Hunter Under Saddle	61	Youth Hunt Seat Eq.
11	3yr Hunter Under Saddle	62	Junior Youth Trail
12	Junior Horse Hunter Under Saddle	63	Senior Youth Trail
13	Senior Horse Hunter Under Saddle	64	Junior Youth Western Pleasure
14	2yr Trail	65	Senior Youth Western Pleasure
15	3yr Trail	66	Youth Horsemanship
16	Junior Horse Trail	67	Youth Western Riding
17	Senior Horse Trail	68	Youth Reining
18	2yr Western Pleasure	69	Youth Ranch Riding
19	3yr Western Pleasure	70	Novice Youth Showmanship
20	Junior Horse Western Pleasure	71	Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle
21	Senior Horse Western Pleasure	72	Novice Youth Hunt Seat Eq.
22	All Age Western Riding	73	Novice Youth Western Pleasure
23	All Age Reining	74	Novice Youth Trail
24	All Age Ranch Riding	75	Novice Youth Horsemanship
25	All Age Hunter In Hand		PERPETUAL AWARDS
26	Overall Led 2yr (Lunge Line & Led Trail)	76	Champion Halter Filly/Mare
27	Overall Yearling (Lunge Line & Led Trail)	77	Champion Halter Stallion/Colt
	AMATEUR	78	Champion Halter Gelding
28	Amateur Halter	79	Performance Mare
29	Amateur Showmanship	80	Performance Stallion
30	Amateur Senior Hunter Under Saddle	81	Performance Gelding
31	Amateur Junior Hunter Under Saddle	82	Overall End of Year Hi Point 2yr
32	Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation	83	Overall End of Year Hi Point 3yr
33	Amateur Senior Trail	84	Overall End of Year Hi Point Junior Horse
34	Amateur Junior Trail	85	Overall End of Year Hi Point Senior Horse
35	Amateur Senior Western Pleasure	86	Overall End of Year Hi Point Novice Youth
36	Amateur Junior Western Pleasure	87	Overall End of Year Hi Point Novice Amateur
37	Amateur Horsemanship	88	Overall End of Year Hi Point Junior Amateur
38	Amateur Ranch Riding	89	Overall End of Year Hi Point Junior Youth
39	Amateur Reining	90	Overall End of Year Hi Point Senior Youth
40	Amateur Western Riding	91	Overall End of Year Hi Point RWD
41	Novice Amateur Showmanship	92	Overall End of Year Hi Point Senior Amateur
42	Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle	93	Overall End of Year Hi Point Select Amateur
43	Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Eq.	94	Overall Hunter Under Saddle Horse
44	Novice Amateur Trail	95	Overall Western Pleasure Horse
45	Novice Amateur Horsemanship	96	Overall Trail Horse
46	Novice Amateur Western Pleasure	97	Overall Non-Traditional
47	Select Amateur Showmanship	98	Overall Cow Horse
48	Select Amateur Hunter Under Saddle	99	Overall Halter Horse
49	Select Amateur Hunt Seat EQ.	100	Rob Harmsen Youth Sportsmanship Award
50	Select Amateur Trail	101	Boyd Treloar Clubman Award
51	Select Amateur Ranch Riding	102	WAQHA Club Appreciation Award
		103	WAQHA Super Horse Award

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Hi Point Eligibility

- You must be a WAQHA financial member (Full, Youth or Family) to be eligible and show a registered QH.
- You must attend 3 WAQHA shows to be eligible for these awards.
- Please note that not all classes will be held at all shows.
- Amateur or Youth competitors (including Select & Novice) who show a maximum of 2 horses in the same event (i.e. Reining, Western Riding, Trail etc.) will have both points calculated.
- Youth competitors do not require to have horses registered in their name.
- RWD competitors, WAQHA currently are not offering individual category hi points, however an Overall End of Year RWD Hi Point will be awarded as per the below rulings.

Awards 1 – 9: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points entered and the winner has a minimum of 4 points. An award may also be considered if only one horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Awards 10, 11,14,15,18 and 19: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points and the winner has a minimum of 2 points. An award may also be considered if only one horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 4 points applies.

Awards 12, 13,16,17,20 and 21: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points entered and the winner has a minimum of 4 points. An award may also be considered if only one horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Awards 22 – 27: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points entered and the winner has a minimum of 4 points. An award may also be considered if only one horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Awards 28 - 40: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Amateurs have points entered and the winner has at least 5 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Amateur has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Awards 41 - 46: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Novice Amateurs have points entered and the winner has at least 5 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Novice Amateur has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Awards 47- 54: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Select Amateurs have points entered and the winner has at least 5 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Select Amateur has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Awards 55-68: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Youth have points entered and the winner has at least 5 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Youth has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Awards 69 - 74: These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Novice Youth have points entered and the winner has at least 5 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Novice Youth has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies.

Award 75: From awards 1 –3. **Award 76:** From awards 4 – 6. **Award 77:** From Awards 7 – 9. **Awards 78 - 80:** From Awards 10- 27.

Award 81: From Awards 10, 14, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be

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considered if only 1 horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Two Year Old is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 82: From Awards 11, 15, 19,22,23,24 and 25. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points entered and the winner has at least 5 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 6 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Three Year Old is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 83: From Awards 12, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points entered and the winner has at least 6 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 10 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Junior Horse is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 84: From Awards 13, 17, 21,22,23,24 and 25. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 horses have points entered and the winner has at least 6 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 horse has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 10 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Senior Horse is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 85: From Awards 69-74. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Novice Youth have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Novice Youth has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 8 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Novice Youth is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 86: From Awards 41-46. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Novice Amateur have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Novice Amateur has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 8 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Novice Amateur is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 87: From Awards 29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37-40. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Junior Amateurs have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Junior Amateur has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 8 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Junior Amateur is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 88: From Awards 56, 58, 61, 60, 61, 63, 65-68. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Junior Youth have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Junior Youth has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 8 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Junior Youth is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 89: From Awards 57, 59, 60, 62, 64, 65-68. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Senior Youth have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Senior Youth has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 8 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Senior Youth is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 90: This award will not be awarded unless at least 2 RWD riders have points entered and the winner has at least 2 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 RWD has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 4 points applies. **Overall Hi Point RWD is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 91: From Awards 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37-40. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Senior Amateurs have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Senior Amateur has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 8 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Senior Amateur is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

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Award 92: From Awards 47-54. These will not be awarded unless at least 2 Select Amateurs have points entered and the winner has at least 4 points. An award will also be considered if only 1 Select Amateur has points entered, but in this case a minimum of 8 points applies. **Overall Hi Point Select Amateur is strictly a performance award therefore Halter points are not included.**

Award 93: From Awards 10 – 13. **Award 94:** From 18-21. **Award 95:** From Awards 14-17.

Award 96: From Awards 1- 9. **Award 97:** Winner is voted by WAQHA youth members

Award 98: Winner is voted by WAQHA Committee **Award 99:** Winner is voted by WAQHA Committee

Award 100: winner is the overall horse with the highest amount of points from categories 1-28 and is named the 'WAQHA Super Horse of the Year'.

Class Descriptions

These descriptions are to help you enter the class best suited to you and your horse.

Improver Walk/Jog – Improver walk/jog classes are for the rider that is just starting out and getting a feel for the western ring. You are only required to walk and jog in this class, the lope is not asked for. Improver Walk/Jog is a non-approved class, which means it is a non-point scoring event, so no points will go towards your horse or yourself with the WAQHA or the AQHA.

Open Walk/Jog – Open walk/jog classes are for the more experienced rider, that is not quite a improver, but needs to step up to the next stage or for experienced riders with green horses that are not ready to lope or need show ring experience. So therefore trainers, amateurs, youth and open riders can use this class. Open Walk/Jog is a non-approved class, which means it is a non-point scoring event, so no points will go towards your horse or yourself with the WAQHA or the AQHA.

Novice Youth & Amateur: (as per the AQHA rule book)

Classes offered: Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail and Showmanship.

Eligibility: You must hold a current Full membership and an Amateur Permit with the AQHA or a current Youth membership.

- a) If you have achieved an Amateur/Youth ROM with the AQHA, or a respective breed association, in any of the above classes, then you are NOT eligible as a Novice in that class but would be eligible for the class that you haven't achieved an ROM in;
- b) The Novice Ticket will have printed on it the Novice classes that you are eligible for and MUST be produced when entering a Novice class at a show;
- c) Any person competing in the Novice classes MUST have a Novice Ticket with their relevant breed association, and the rules for gaining that Novice Ticket through their relevant breed association must be rules similar to the AQHA;
- d) If there is a Novice Amateur or Novice Youth class on the program, plus the Amateur and Youth classes are offered in the same discipline, then the choice must be made, a youth and/or amateur cannot compete in both disciplines at the same show;
- e) If there is no Novice Amateur/Youth class on the program, you can compete in the amateur/youth class.
- f) All points gained in a Novice class will go towards the Amateur/Youth ROM's with AQHA.

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- g) Novice Achievement Award
Ten (10) points in an individual Novice class (must have five (5) 'A' points).
- h) From the day you are eligible to apply for an Amateur Permit you may also apply for a Novice Amateur Ticket.
- i) Youth Novice Points will not continue forward onto the Amateur Novice Ticket.

Youth – Youth classes are for youth aged between 5 to 18 as of the 1st of August each year. This class is for any youth that are capable of loping or cantering. There are set classes for youth and the age groups may be all age or broken down into Junior Youth 5 to 13 for Halter & Showmanship classes only, and 7 to 13yrs for ridden events.

Senior Youth is 14 to 18 years. Youth do not need to own their horse and can ride any registered horse. Youth horses must be registered with their breed society. Youth classes are an approved class and therefore will receive points with the WAQHA for end of year hi-point (if they are a member on a registered Quarter Horse) and the AQHA for themselves as a youth and for the registered horse. At some A, AA and AAA shows, there are hi-point of the show awarded to youth members.

Amateur – Amateur classes are for the rider that has paid their amateur membership with the AQHA or their breed society. The amateur is considered the non-professional rider. Amateurs can only ride a horse owned by them or their immediate family. (See AQHA handbook for clarification on immediate family details). Amateurs may not train or give training to anyone or horse for remuneration. There are set classes for Amateurs that trainers and open riders may not enter, and amateur may be all age or broken down into junior horse (5yo and under or senior horse, 6yo and over). Amateur horses must be registered with their breed society. Amateur classes are an approved class and therefore will receive points with the WAQHA for end of year hi-point (if they are a member on a registered Quarter Horse) and the AQHA for themselves as an amateur and for the registered horse. At some A, AA and AAA shows, there are hi-point of the show awarded to amateur members.

Senior Horse – Senior Horse classes are for the experienced rider and horse. Such as trainers, amateurs and youth that wish to ride in this class. A senior horse is to be ridden in a shank bit, one handed. To enter a senior horse class your horse must be 6 years and over and be registered with your breed society. Senior horse classes are an approved class and therefore will receive points with the WAQHA for end of year hi-point (if the owner is a member and the horse a registered Quarter Horse) and the AQHA for the registered horse. At some A, AA and AAA shows there are hi-point of the show awarded to Senior Horses.

Junior Horse - Junior Horse classes are for the experienced rider and horse. Such as trainers, amateurs and youth that wish to ride in this class. A junior horse may ridden in a snaffle or bosal two handed or a shank bit one handed. To enter a junior horse class your horse must be 5 years and under and be registered with your breed society. Any 2 year old may only compete in a maximum of 5 ridden events **per** show. Junior horse classes are an approved class and therefore will receive points with the WAQHA for end of year hi-point (if the owner is a member and the horse a registered Quarter Horse) and the AQHA for the registered horse. At some A, AA and AAA shows there are hi-point of the show awarded to Junior Horses.

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