

(Amended December 2017)

## **I. SHOW APPROVAL**

### **A. Approval Rules**

1. SWQHA will consider for approval any AQHA approved show for a fee of \$55 per show with \$15 of that returned if the results are emailed within 10 days after the show. The Board will consider a trade in approval fees between shows pending the Board's approval. SWQHA will consider for approval any AQHA approved show for trade of points. Request for approval must be made in advance in accordance with "C. Procedure" below. Shows will email to SWQHA copies of the show result forms, which are sent to the AQHA. Failure to do so may result in denial of subsequent year's show approval. Any corrections to results must be made by notifying point keeper by phone and followed up with a written notice. Copies of official results from AQHA must be mailed to SWQHA when received. Show results will be emailed to the Show Approval Chairman who will be responsible for contact from SWQHA to the approved shows. SWQHA will follow AQHA rulings on approving 2 shows on the same date. No shows will be approved on the weekend of the SWQHA Convention. No show will be approved by SWQHA which conflicts in dates with an SWQHA sponsored show.

### **B. Show Year**

1. Show year will be January 1st to October 31st.

### **C. Procedure**

1. Requests for approval must be received in sufficient time to be printed in the current year SWQHA Magazine or to post on the SWQHA website two months prior to show date. Shows will be listed with dates of shows approved or pending. Shows are encouraged to approve as early as possible in order to gain from added publicity.

## **II. AWARDS**

### **A. General Rules**

1. The board will allocate the monies for awards annually at their discretion. Monies for individual class awards and for individual High Point awards will be allocated equally for open (Junior and Senior horses), Amateur, Select Amateur, Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur, Youth (13 & under and 14-18), and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth awards.
2. All SWQHA High Point class awards will be of equal value. Anyone wishing to sponsor a special award for a class or division, the award will be completely separate from the Parent Association award and be titled something other than High Point Class Award.
3. Awards will be presented annually on the basis of a point system maintained by the SWQHA. In the event of ties, duplicate awards will be given. The initials "SWQHA" and/or the SWQHA logo, whenever possible, will be applied to all awards presented by the Association.
4. Awards will be given for AQHA approved classes which are held at least nine (9) times at SWQHA approved shows. With the exception of Weanling Halter or Two-Year-Old Western Pleasure, horse must be exhibited a minimum of five (5) times to be eligible for High Point Year End awards.
5. A horse (in open division) or horse/exhibitor combination in Amateur, Select Amateur, Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur, Youth (13 & under and 14-18), and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth must exhibit at least nine (9) times in an event to be considered for a class award.
6. Class awards and High Point awards will be tabulated on the best 15 classes per event.
7. To be considered for a High Point award or runner-up award in open (Junior and Senior horse), Amateur, Select Amateur, or Youth (13 & under and 14-18), the horse/individual must have exhibited at least nine (9) times at halter and at least nine (9) times in each of two performance classes. In the Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) amateur and youth only classes in that specific division will count for High Point and High Point Runner-Up Year-end awards. In Level 1 Walk/Trot amateur and youth to be eligible for High Point Year-End awards in these divisions exhibitor must show nine (9) times in a minimum of three

performance classes. (showmanship counts as performance class) All points won in the fifteen (15) best classes will be tabulated toward High Point and runner-up awards. Disqualifications (DQs) count as times shown.

8. To clarify High Point year-end awards for each division (Open, Amateur, Youth, Level 1: Amateur, Youth and Walk/Trot)

a. In Open division a High Point Award, if given, will go to the High point horse, Reserve High Point Award will go to the 2nd place High point either **Junior or Senior not winning the High Point**. The 3rd Place High Point award will go to the next Horse in either **Junior or Senior who has earned the next highest number of points**.

b. This applies to the exhibitor (one horse/one exhibitor) Youth (13 & Under and 14-18) and Amateur (Amateur and Select Amateur).

c. In Level 1 (Amateur, Youth and Walk/Trot) Awards are given by exhibitor earning the most points for High Point, then next highest will receive Reserve High Point and 3rd Place next highest number of points.

9. If a horse's papers are stamped with "SHW350.2" (according to AQHA rule indicating excessive white, parrot mouth, or cryptorchid) and horse is ineligible to show in Halter. Horse must be shown in a minimum of 3 performance classes to be eligible for the High Point or High Point Runner-up awards. A copy of the official AQHA papers which are stamped "SHW350.2" must be on file with the SWQHA show secretary and points committee prior to showing for points to count for High Point or High Point runner-up awards. This rule applies to all divisions.

#### **B. Work Requirements/Award Winners**

1. To be eligible for year-end High Point class awards, High Point overall awards by division, or High Point overall runner up awards by division given by SWQHA or sponsored, each person must have worked for SWQHA in that calendar year. Person is exhibitor in the Amateur, Select Amateur, Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur, Youth(13 & under and 14-18), and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth Classes. In the Open Division, person is interpreted as owner of the horse.

2. Work will be the equivalent of one show day – approximately an 8 hour day.

3. If the owner/person is not able to work, he/she must provide a substitute worker to meet his/her eligibility. The substitute must be designated by name of owner or person for whom the work is being performed, at the time the work is performed. Or pay a fee of \$100.00 so that the SWQHA "Work Coordinator" can hire an individual(s) to fulfill that person's work requirements. Deadline to pay \$100 to fulfill work requirements is May 15 of current show year.

4. Examples of work: Work at shows; point keepers, points auditors, Directors of SWQHA, serving as a director of SWQHA fulfills director's immediate family work requirements (including husband, wife, their children 18 and under or still eligible to show in the Youth division); preparing arena for shows, awards, preparing trail patterns, premium lists, magazine, booklets and any work deemed necessary by SWQHA directors to ensure the success of SWQHA and SWQHA shows.

5. Youth, Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth, Amateurs, Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur and Select Amateur awards, 2nd and etc. place award winners' contribution will be handled by the respective Youth and Amateur organizations.

6. If work is at a Show, Show Management will be responsible for reporting and keeping a record of those who worked with time involvement. Questions pertaining to work at particular shows will be answered by Show Chairman.

7. Records will be kept by a "Work Requirement Coordinator", who will be a SWQHA Board member. A work requirement account will be set up for these fees. Funds in this account will be used to provide for workers to ensure the success of SWQHA shows.

8. Members who want to work a specific show or do a specific job must contact the work coordinator to sign up by the Sunday prior to that particular show.

9. It is the owner's responsibility to see that the criteria to receive an award is met. Work should be coordinated with the show management, work coordinator, and/or work committee, as the work is performed, not at the end of the year.

### **C. Open Division**

1. Class awards will be given to the Junior and Senior horse earning the most SWQHA points under nine (9) judges. Only the fifteen best shows will be counted.

2. A High Point and runner-up award will be given to both the Junior and Senior horse in the open division. Halter and performance competition are included. To be considered for these awards, the horse must be exhibited at least nine (9) times in halter and exhibited at least nine (9) times in at least two performance events.

3. All-age classes will be divided into Junior and Senior horse by age of horse coconut for High Point or High Point Runner Up Year End awards for Junior horses and Senior horses. Open, Amateur, Select Amateur and Youth exhibitors can show in either halter or performance halter. To be considered for a year-end High Point award or runner-up award, horse/exhibitor must have exhibited at least nine (9) times in each individual class, points will not be combined **except in the halter classes.**

4. Halter requirement example for Open, Amateur and Youth Halter- If shown 4 times in one halter class and 5 times in performance halter horse/exhibitor combination or horse/owner in Open division will not be eligible for high point class awards, **high point or high point runner up year end awards** until shown at least nine (9) times in one halter class or at least nine (9) times in performance halter. Halter points are not transferrable between divisions (stallions-geldings) or between classes within the division (halter-performance halter). It is possible to win two halter year-end awards if horse is shown a minimum of nine (9) times in each class (stallions and geldings or halter and performance halter). **For High Point or Reserve High Point, horse must be shown in a halter class at least 9 times (any combination of halter and performance halter).**

### **D. Amateur/Select Amateur/Youth**

1. Class awards will be given to the horse/exhibitor combination accumulating the most SWQHA points in at least nine (9) shows. Class awards will be given in age groups (19-49 Amateur and 50 & over Select Amateur, 13 & under and 14-18 Youth), except halter awards for geldings, mares and stallions which will be given as an all age Amateur or Youth class. Age of exhibitor will be determined as of January 1 of current show year.

2. Overall High Point and runner-up awards will be given to the Amateur, Select Amateur and Youth one horse/one exhibitor combination, accumulating the most points in Amateur, Select Amateur or Youth classes. Halter and performance competition points are combined in the Amateur, Select Amateur and Youth division. To qualify for the highpoint and runner-up awards, the Amateur/Select Amateur/Youth horse/exhibitor combination must have exhibited at least nine(9) times in halter and at least nine (9) times in each of two performance events. Refer to "C. Open Division #4 Halter Requirements"

3. In case an Amateur, Select Amateur or Youth contestant exhibits more than one horse, the points earned by the Amateur, Select Amateur or Youth with each horse will be compiled separately.

4. If an approved show holds a certain class as all age amateur or youth, points will be credited to the youth or amateur in the corresponding age category in which he fits (19-49 amateur, 50 & Over Select Amateur, 13 & under youth and 14-18 youth)

### **E. Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur/Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth**

1. Class awards will be presented to the Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur who earns the most SWQHA points with one horse/exhibitor combination that have exhibited in at least nine (9) shows. Only the 15 best classes will be included.

2. A High Point and runner-up High Point award will be presented in the Level 1 (Novice and Walk/Trot) divisions. The exhibitor/owner must be current, paid up members of SWQHA. The individual/horse combination must have exhibited at least nine (9) times in at least three performance classes (showmanship counts as a performance class for Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) awards). Only Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth will count towards Level 1 (Novice and Walk/Trot) High Point and High Point Runner-up Year-end awards.

3. In case a Level 1 (Novice or Walk/Trot) contestant exhibits more than one horse, the points earned with each horse will be compiled separately.

#### **F. Level 1 (Green) Classes.**

1. Class awards will be given to the Junior and Senior horse accumulating the most SWQHA points in at least nine (9) shows. Only the 15 best classes will be included. Awards will be given as class awards only and points will not count towards a High Point Award in any division.

2. Must be a paid up member of SWQHA prior to showing for points to count, show nine (9) times in each class shown and complete 8 hours of work (Refer to "II, AWARDS, B. Work Requirements/Award Winners") to be eligible for awards.

#### **H. Leased Horses**

1. Lessee will be considered the "OWNER" of the horse for showing, awards and work hours as long as the points keeper and auditors are given an official copy of the AQHA show lease prior to showing horse at any SWQHA show.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP & OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT**

#### **A. Open Division**

1. For a horse to be eligible for an award in the open division, both the owner(s) (or lessee) and exhibitor(s) must be paid-up SWQHA member, prior to the first class at any given approved show for points at that show to be counted.

2. When a horse is owned by a partnership, there must be a paid-up SWQHA membership in the name of such a partnership, except where each individual of a partnership is a paid-up member of the SWQHA.

3. When a horse is owned by a corporation or a syndicate, a paid-up SWQHA membership is required in the name of the corporation. Each exhibitor within a syndicate must have an individual membership, except where they previously hold a family membership.

4. Points will stay with the horse if ownership changes. All owners/exhibitors must be paid up members at the time that points are won.

#### **B. Amateur/Select Amateur/Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur & Youth/Youth Divisions**

1. For exhibitor to be eligible for an award in these divisions, the exhibitor and owner, if different, must be a paid-up SWQHA member prior to the first class at any given approved show for points in that division to count for awards.

### **IV. POINTS**

#### **A. General Rules**

1. Points earned at SWQHA approved shows will count toward the annual awards.

2. The point system shall be based on the number of horses in the class, with the first place to receive no more than 9 points (unless it is a halter class which may receive up to two additional points) (see how halter points are tabulated in Section 4 below) If only 5 horse/exhibitor combinations are in class then first place points will be 5 points and accordingly one less for each subsequent placing.

3. In case of a tie, each horse shall receive the same number of points. For example: if the third place exhibitor were to receive eight points and the fourth place seven points, those who were tied for third and fourth place would each receive eight points, and the fifth place exhibitor would receive six points.

4. Bonus points shall be given in individual open, Amateur and Youth halter classes in each sex division for winning Grand or Reserve Championship. The Grand Champion of each sex division will receive as

many points as the winner of the largest class in that sex division, plus two bonus points. The Reserve Champion shall receive as many points as the winner of the largest class in his sex division, plus one bonus point. If there is only one entry for the sex division, that horse will receive two bonus points and be considered Grand Champion by SWQHA. A Grand and Reserve Champion must be selected in each Division in every sex Division.

5. Circuit awards (if given) at SWQHA sponsored shows points will be tabulated on the SWQHA point system. Circuit awards will be awarded to Junior and Senior horses and Amateur and Select Amateur exhibitors individually even if classes are combined. High Point Circuit awards should include Junior horse, Senior horse, Amateur (19-49), Select Amateur (50 & over), Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur, Youth (13 & under and 14-18, even if only 18 & under Youth classes are offered), and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth. To qualify for a Circuit award, horse (in Junior and Senior) and one horse/exhibitor combination in all other divisions must show under all judges for the entire circuit. Junior, Senior, Amateur, Select Amateur and Youth must show in halter and at least 2 performance classes in their specific division. It is not necessary to show in the same 2 performance classes each show but must show in at least 2 performance classes to all judges for points to count towards the Circuit awards. Horse/exhibitor combination in Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur must show under all judges in at least 3 performance classes. If horse falls under AQHA rule SHW350.2 and is ineligible to show in halter they must also show in three (3) performance classes to all judges in their specific division to be eligible for Circuit Awards. In the Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur, only Level 1 (Novice or Walk/Trot) classes will be counted towards High Point Circuit awards. Horse/exhibitor combination in Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur must show under all judges in at least 3 performance classes. In the Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur and above mentioned SHW350.2 horses it is not necessary to show in the same 3 performance classes each show but must show in at least 3 classes to all judges for points to count towards the Circuit awards.

#### **B. Verification**

1. All points shall be verified by an audit committee.
2. Questions concerning any of the above rules may be presented to the Board of Directors, whose decision will be final.

#### **C. Standings**

1. Point standings for individual and High Point awards in open (Junior and Senior horses), Amateur, Select Amateur, Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Amateur, Youth and Level 1 (Novice & Walk/Trot) Youth divisions will be posted on the SWQHA website as promptly as possible.

#### **V. ENTRY FEES**

A. The accepted flat fees will be charged at all SWQHA sponsored shows. An office charge of \$15.00 or \$10.00 if entered early per horse per judge will be charged. Early entries must be to the show secretary no later than the Wednesday preceding the show weekend.

#### **VI. AMENDMENTS**

A. Show Approval and Contest Rules may be repealed, modified, amended, or adopted only at the annual membership meeting. Any change in these rules requires a simple majority vote of those members voting. Amendments can be made retroactive only to the beginning of the Association's current years.

B. The Board of Directors shall take whatever action is deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the association.