



MQHA Open Show Youth and Adult Awards Program

1. Exhibitor must be a current member of MQHA *PRIOR TO FIRST SHOW DATE*.
2. Horse must be a registered American Quarter horse.
3. Exhibitor must be 17 years of age or under on January 1st for youth division. Exhibitor must be 18 years or older on January 1 for adult division.
4. The annual nomination fee of \$10.00 per class type division. Must accompany initial point form.
5. Points and placing are per horse/exhibitor team.
6. Points must be received by October 30 to count towards year end awards.
7. The show year begins October 15th and ends on October 14th.
8. The point system will be on a nine – point scale. Points are based on the placing of the exhibitor above all others in the class (up to 9 exhibitors and 9th place).
9. scale:

# Of Horses in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
1	1								
2	2	1							
3	3	2	1						
4	4	3	2	1					
5	5	4	3	2	1				
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

10. Any show which is open to all breeds and color of horses can be used for this program. In shows which have a regular divisional class as well as combined jackpot classes, only the regular divisional class can be used. Buckskin, Palomino, AQHA, as well as WSCA Champ show, 4H or closed County Fair shows are not eligible.
11. Ties will first be broken by the most number of shows and secondly by most number of classes.
12. All double or triple judged show will be counted as individual shows/points.

*****Divisions*****

1. **Halter/showmanship Division** - Any Halter or Showmanship class.
2. **English Division** – Hunter Under Saddle pleasure, English Equitation, Hunter Hack, Over Fences, Equitation Over Fences.
3. **Western Division** - Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Bareback Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding, Reining, Egg & Spoon.
4. **Speed Division** - Barrels, Poles, Team Penning or any timed event.

****Merit awards****

You can earn the following awards:

Bronze Merit Award – 50 points in a division.

Silver Merit Award – 100 points in a division.

Gold Merit Award – 200 points in a division

Merit award points are cumulative and carry over from one year to the next. The horse and rider team must be re-nominated each year.

Awards – A **Champion and Reserve Champion for each division** will be given out at the MQHA Awards Banquet in January of each year. Merit awards will be frameable certificates.

Versatility Awards – 200 points in 3 divisions

Supreme Champion – 500 points in a division.

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