

TRI-CITIES HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION HIGH POINT RIDERS AWARDS PROGRAM

2010 High Point Program (revised)

This program was developed to promote horsemanship, friendly competition, and good sportsmanship.

This program is open to any Tri-Cities Horsemen's Association member in good standing.

Harassment or deliberate mistreatment of a committee member by a competitor, a family member of a competitor, or a declared representative of a competitor may result in the suspension of the involved competitor from participation of the Tri-Cities High Point Program for the remainder of the 2010 program.

Participation consists of one horse and rider combination. Points are awarded to horse and rider combination competing in Tri-Cities Horsemen's Association horseshows, gymkhanas and playdays (horse events only). In addition, one point is awarded for attending club activities and meetings. It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure he/she signs in at each of the club's activities and meetings, and check the HP sheets for accuracy.

A high point program year runs from October 1st through September 30th. For example, 2010 program year is from 10/1/2009 through 9/30/2010.

Fees:

A yearly non-refundable fee of \$10.00 and a \$20.00 sponsor donation will be collected from each participating member to help cover the cost of awards. Each participating member must complete a registration form and pay the \$10.00 fee **before any points are accumulated**.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for High Point awards, participating members must:

- _ pay the program fee of \$10.00 before any points are accumulated
- _ participate in a minimum of three (3) shows/gymkhanas/playdays
- _ ride in at least three (3) horse events per show/gymkhana/playday
- _ turn in \$20 sponsor on July 1st, (accepted no later than the Emmet Hallett show)
- _ turn in at least one raffle item, worth at least \$10.00, at each rated show, any missed items can be made up no later than September 30th, by either raffle items or \$10.00 per raffle item (i.e. if we have 4 rated shows you must turn in 4 raffle items regardless if you are present at the show or not)
- _ work at each show (parents/others may not work in their place);
 - o riders 10 years of age or older must work as ring crew, or any other place the show needs help, at least one (1) event per show, if you are 16 or older you can work the in or out gate;

- riders under 10 years of age must help clean up the grounds during/after each show.
- attend at least six (6) General Meetings during the 2010 program year (October - September). New members must attend all remaining General Meetings if less than six (6). RIDERS MUST SIGN MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEETS. AT THE END OF THE YEAR THESE SHEETS ARE USED TO DETERMINE IF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ATTENDED.

If a rider is unable, for legitimate reasons, to attend the required meetings they must inform the President after each missed meeting. The President will decide if it is a legitimate reason, then they must pay \$5.00 per missed meeting, this must be paid no later than September 30th.

All registration forms, fees, sponsor donations and raffle items must be turned into the High Point Chair(s).

Club Divisions:

Division of competition will be based upon CSHA Gymkhana Time Divisions. Rated riders will ride in Time Divisions as rated by the CSHA Rating Secretary.

Division 7 may be broken up into age divisions, at the Chairs discretion. Age divisions are to be determined as of January 1st of the current program year. (e.g., 10 years old on January 1, 2010 would be considered 10 years in the 2010 program year.)

During CSHA approved shows all riders must ride in their appropriate CSHA division club points will carry as they are re-rated.

If a Playday=s divisions are based on age, points earned in the age divisions will be included in the riders= accumulated point totals (horse events only). If the show is a double point show, then again, the points will be accumulated in the same manner (i.e. points are acquired in the same way the show is ran, either a double point region 5 show or double point club show).

Rider=s Year-End Division:

A rider=s final year-end division (in which awards will be presented) will be determined by the official CSHA rating **as a result** of the last Tri-Cities rated show and points will be accumulated through September 30th (i.e. if you move up after the last rated Tri-Cities show, you compete in the division that show move you up to, if there is another rated show that moves you up again, you still compete in the division that is the result of the last Tri-Cities rated show).

Show Points:

Show Points are accumulated over the program year for high point riders only based on place standings for each event. All non-high point riders are ignored on the

show sheets and high point riders' place standings are moved up where appropriate for a better chance at making points.

Points will be awarded down to 9th place as follows:

- 1st Place is 10 points
- 2nd Place is 8 points
- 3rd Place is 7 points
- 4th Place is 6 points
- 5th Place is 5 points
- 6th Place is 4 points
- 7th Place is 3 points
- 8th Place is 2 points
- 9th Place is 1 point

Points are awarded on the horse and rider combination.

Two-person events - only the rider in control of the horse will get points (e.g., Rescue Race) and the horse must be their rated horse. Switch will not count for points.

If a rider rides in these events more than once, only the top place standing will count. Additional place standings will be ignored.

Participation Points:

When a high point rider attends and participates in club meetings and other functions, one participation point will be awarded to each horse and rider combination for which they have registered. It is the rider=s responsibility to sign in at each function. Points start to accumulate only after a rider registers.

Year-End Awards:

Year-end awards to qualified riders will be awarded 1st through 5th place for all rated and non-rated divisions. Participation awards will be presented to all other registered riders who meet the program requirements, (i.e. pay fees and keep in

good standings with the club, this means paying the club dues prior to September 1st).

Injured horse:

If your horse is injured and cannot finish out the year, you can switch horses.

However, your show points will not carry over, all other points and qualifications will carry (i.e. your meeting and activity points will carry, your qualifications for making the required meetings, shows, paid fees, and raffle items will also carry over).

Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of the High Point Chair(s) to collect and calculate points after each show. Results will be published on the club=s website.

It is the responsibility of the rider to contact the High Point Chair(s) in a timely manner if they believe an error has been made (this must be done no later than September 30th).

Riders displaying un-sportsman like behavior, using vulgar language, or being abusive to their horses will lose their points for the day. Second offences will cause rider to be dropped from the program with no refund of program fees.