

# SCPHA GENERAL RULES (updated 1/1/10)

## 1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Participants in SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL HORSESHOW ASSOCIATION (SCPHA) must be members in good standing to receive daily high point and/or year-end awards. Membership must be paid prior to showing in order to receive points.
- b. Membership fees are \$40, with a \$5 discount for those who pay for the next year PRIOR to December 31 of the current year.
- c. Show class registration must be received by the deadline prior to the show. All registration after the deadline and day of the show will pay a \$20 post entry fee. Registration available online.
- d. Rules specific to this Association will be available on the internet at [www.SCPHA.net](http://www.SCPHA.net) and will be available at the entry booth at all shows.
- e. Checks for entries, ground fees, drug fees, registration fees, concessionaire fees or any other fees associated with SCPHA activities which are returned insufficient, will be charged a \$25 bad check fee. Points for that show will not be allowed, and persons not honoring bad checks plus all bank charges will not be allowed to show a SCPHA shows, and will forfeit all rights to any year-end awards.
- f. Only shows managed or approved by SCPHA shall count for the accumulation of points for year-end awards.
- g. The rules of the American Quarter Horse Association shall prevail unless otherwise noted. Should AQHA rules not apply, the rules of USEF shall apply.

## 2. POINT SYSTEM

	PLACE					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
# in class						
1	1					
2	3	1				
3	4	2	1			
4	5	3	2	1		
5	6	4	3	2	1	
6 or more	7	5	4	3	2	1

- a. When tabulating point for year-end awards, your lowest score will be dropped (i.e. if 8 point shows are held in a given year, only the 7 highest scores for each class will count toward year-end awards). Therefore, if an exhibitor misses a show, or has a bad show, the opportunity for a year-end award is not lost.



## 6. AWARDS

- a. Exhibitor must be a member in good standing for points to accrue for all Daily, Year End, or Special Awards, including Lead Line classes. (Horse owner, if different from exhibitor, does not have to be a member.)
- b. To be eligible for a Daily High Point Award, an exhibitor must be a member in good standing and show in at least three (3) classes in that division.
- c. Per class, an exhibitor must show in one more than ½ the shows in that regular class to be eligible for a Year End Award (i.e.: if there are 8 shows, an exhibitor must have ridden in a particular class at least 5 times). Any double judged show points count as two shows.
- d. Per class, only exhibitors that have shown in the correct amount of shows (ie: 5) will be eligible for Year End awards, if the class is sponsored. If an exhibitor is disqualified from the running, the next eligible exhibitor who qualifies will be moved up into that Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion position.
- e. Only the Daily High Point awards will be tabulated on a one horse/one rider bases. All other awards are tabulated on the horse OR the rider depending on the nature of the class (i.e.: halter and pleasure are based on the horse, while showmanship and equitation are based on the rider).
- f. Classes must be sponsored to be eligible for Year End Awards. Year End awards will not exceed sponsorship income. At the conclusion of the show season, individuals who wish to purchase a Champion Buckle for a class that was not sponsored may do for \$175.00, and Reserve Awards may be purchased for \$100.00
- g. In case of a tie for Year-End Awards, the contestant with the most TOTAL POINTS (all shows counted) will win. Should there still be a tie; the contestant with the most wins will prevail. Should there still be a tie then the contestant with the most seconds shall win, and so on. If a tie still exists at most sixths, then a flip of a coin by a SCPHA Official shall determine the winner.
- h. In the case of a tie for a High Point Awards, the horse and rider earning points in the MOST CLASSES will prevail. If a tie still exists, then the horse with the MOST WINS will win, then the most seconds, and so on. If a tie still exists, then the flip of a coin by a SCPHA Official shall determine the winner.
- i. Categories for HIGH POINT AWARDS are:
  - HIGH POINT ADULT AMATEUR: All unrestricted amateur & adult amateur classes plus choice of halter class to count.
  - HIGH POINT YOUTH RIDER: All unrestricted youth/amateur and youth classes plus choice of halter class to count.
  - HIGH POINT 12 & UNDER: All 12 & Under classes to count plus 12 & under showmanship plus choice of halter class to count.
  - HIGH POINT LIMITED NON-PRO RIDER: All unrestricted Limited Non-Pro Rider classes to count plus choice of halter class to count.
  - HIGH POINT ROOKIE RIDER: All unrestricted Rookie Rider classes plus choice of halter class to count.
  - HIGH POINT NON-PRO WALK/JOG: All unrestricted Walk/Jog Non-Pro classes plus choice of halter class to count (classes restricted by breed or experience level of horse or rider do not count).

## 7. DEFINITIONS

- **ALL DAY CLASS FEE:** Regular class fees will be \$15 per class through the 7<sup>th</sup> class, at which time the All Day Class Fee takes affect with a maximum fee of \$100.00. Regular class fees after 7th class are waived based on one horse/one rider. Warm Up, SDSEL, and AQHA classes are NOT included.
- **SCPHA MEDAL CLASS:** Entries in this class are limited to Non-Pro riders. Each entry will be required to execute an individual pattern that will be designed to show the rider's ability at basic horsemanship. RIDER MUST COMPETE IN THIS CLASS IN AT LEAST FIVE (5) SHOWS TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINALS, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE LAST SHOW OF THE SEASON. Winner of the finals to receive the Perpetual Trophy. High Point rider for the year to receive the year-end award.
- **ANY CLASS RESTRICTED BY COLOR:** Open to any horse that is recognizable as a PALOMINO, PAINT, PINTO, APPALOOSA, BUCKSKIN, GRULLO, or DUN. If a horse is not recognizable as such, the exhibitor must present registration certificate from a recognized color association. (APHA, ApHA, ABRA, etc.)
- **ANY CLASS RESTRICTED BY BREED:** Open to any horse registered with the association governing that breed. (example: Quarter Horse Class entries must be registered with the AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION of Amarillo, TX.) Show management has the right to demand inspection of registration certificates.
  - For all classes that are for AQHA points, entries must include copies of AQHA Registration Papers, AQHA Membership Cards, and proof of ROM (if applicable) upon registration.
- **SHOW DIVISIONS:** English, Reining, Western, & Trail
- **ROOKIE:** Describes a horse or rider in their first or second year of showing (has not shown prior to 1/1/09). Horses will show at the walk and jog only. Rookie entries may not cross over to classes requiring the lope.
- **GREEN:** Any horses or rider who has never shown in this division AT ANY SHOW recognized for points by any horse show association or breed or color organization (except for futurities, walk-jog/trot or rookie classes) for more than two years. (example: A horse is green in 2010 if it has not shown prior to 1/1/09.) Must be in its first or second year of showing at the lope/canter.
- **LIMITED HORSE OR RIDER:** Any competitor who is in the first, second, or third year of showing in a division, and has never won a year-end championship award in any horse show association of breed or color organization in that division. EXCEPTIONS: Year-end winners of First or Second year green classes may compete in this class. It is not required that years be consecutive.
- **WALK-JOG/TROT CLASSES:** Classes are included in the show format that requires the horse to show at the walk and jog or trot only. Cross entering to classes that may call for the lope or canter is permitted, if the competitor meets the other requirements of the class (ie: daughter shows in W/J, while mother shows that horse in Lope classes). Additionally, a rider may jog/trot in one show division, while choosing to lope/canter in another show division (ie: English division vs. Western or Trail division). Can be Rookie for (2) two years, while Non-Pro Walk/Joggers may continue forever!
- **JR HORSE:** Any horse that turns 5 years old or younger during that show year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **SR HORSE:** Any horse that turns 6 years old or older during that show year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year.

- **12 & UNDER:** Any rider that is 12 years old or younger January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. This division is included to encourage young riders and provide them with a variety of classes in which to participate. Western or English attire is acceptable. Horses will show at a walk and jog/trot only. **12 & under riders may NOT cross enter into ANY class that requires loping.** Exception: Exhibitors who show in 12 & Under showmanship may opt to show under saddle in 12 & Under OR regular Youth classes, but not both.
- **YOUTH:** Any rider that turns 18 years old or younger during that show year beginning January of the show year. For show purposes, a youth rider keeps the same age as the age he/she was on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Youth classes MAY further be divided into ages groups such as: 12 and under; 13 - 18; or 18 and under.
- **ADULT AMATEUR:** Any rider, 19 years and older, who derives NO income from the training of horses or the instruction of riders.
- **NON-PRO:** Any rider of any age, whether youth or amateur, who derives NO income from training horses and/or the instruction of riders. Eligible to be voted in to a vacancy on the SCPHA Board of Directors after they have served on a Committee for at least 1 year.
- **OPEN:** Any rider or any horse may participate in a class designated as “open”.
- **PROFESSIONAL MEMBER:** Any person who wishes to exhibit, and/or be eligible to sit on the Board of Directors of SCPHA, and who derives compensation of any kind from the training of horses and/or instruction of riders.

## **8. SPECIAL AWARDS**

There are several SPECIAL Awards that are given at the end of each year for which you may wish to compete. Only SCPHA classes to count. Ties will be broken with the methods mentioned above in #6g in this document. They are:

- **DELLS POLICY PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR TRAIL HORSES:** Awarded each year to the horse earning the most points in all trail classes. May be ridden by more than one rider. (only classes restricted by breed do not count). This award is given in honor of the great trail horse DELLS POLICY.
- **FRENCH FRY SIEMON PERPETUAL MEMORAIL TROPHY FOR YOUTH TRAIL HORSES:** Awarded each year to the horse earning the most points ridden by a youth exhibitor in all Youth and Non-Pro trail classes. (Classes restricted by breed do not count.) This award is given in memory of the great trail horse FRENCH FRY SIEMON.
- **JOYCE PARSONS/FROSTY LAKE PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR AMATEUR TRAIL HORSES:** Awarded each year to the horse earning the most points in Adult Amateur and Non-Pro trail. This award is given in memory of the great trail horse FROSTY LAKE.
- **RUTH LASWELL PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR AMATEUR WESTERN PLEASURE HORSES:** Awarded each year to the high point Amateur Western Pleasure Rider (all Non-Pro and Adult Amateur Western Pleasure classes to count). This award is given in memory of a wonderful and long time friend of our association, Mrs. RUTH LASWELL.

- **TERI BERG PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR YOUTH WESTERN RAIL EXHIBITORS:** Awarded each year to the high point Youth Western Rail Rider. (Youth Showmanship, Horsemanship and Western Pleasure classes to count, as well as the Youth SCPHA Medal Class and Youth Western Country Pleasure.) This award is given in memory of TERI BERG, a trainer who contributed greatly to our equine industry.
- **CHET ABSHIRE PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR AMATEUR WESTERN EXHIBITORS:** Awarded each year to the Adult Amateur exhibitor earning the most points in Non-Pro and Adult Amateur Western classes (classes restricted by breed or experience level of horse or rider do not count.) This award is given in memory of CHET ABSHIRE, a San Diego horseman who contributed to the horse industry.
- **ALL-ENGLISH AWARD:** Awarded each year to the Youth or Amateur (Non-Pro) horse/rider combination earning the most points in Non-Pro Youth and/or Amateur English classes.
- **DR. DAN R. EVANS MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY:** Awarded in years when merited to someone who exemplifies good sportsmanship in and/or out of the arena. Sportsmanship expresses an aspiration that the activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. This award is given in memory of DR. DAN EVANS, a beloved and respected equine veterinarian who gave of himself selflessly to the equine community, not only in San Diego, but nationally.
- **SCPHA MEDAL CLASS PERPETUAL TROPHY:** Awarded each year to the winner of the SCPHA Medal Class Finals held at the last show of the year. Riders must qualify to enter the finals by participating in the SCPHA Medal Class in at least five (5) regular SCPHA shows during the season. Winner of the finals to receive the Perpetual Trophy, (High Point rider for the year to receive the Year-End Award.)

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCPHA SERIES OF SHOWS,  
AND WISH YOU THE VERY BEST OF LUCK AND A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!**

