

SCPHA GENERAL RULES (*updated 1/1/12*)

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Participants in SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL HORSESHOW ASSOCIATION (SCPHA) must be members in good standing to receive daily high point, year-end and special 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. Registration is available online and day of show. All registration AFTER the deadline and/or day of the show will pay a \$20 post entry fee.
- d. Rules specific to this Association will be available on the internet at 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. Any double judged show points count as two shows.
- h. The rules of the American Quarter Horse Association shall prevail unless otherwise noted. Should AQHA rules not apply, the rules of USEF shall apply.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITOR

- a. Exhibitor's signature on the entry blank is his/her acknowledgment that he/she has read the rules and agrees to abide by them.
- b. Every exhibitor who wishes to earn points must be a member of SCPHA prior to competing. Horse must be shown under the same name at every show to avoid confusion when tabulating points. It is suggested that horses be entered under their registered name. Horses not entered under the same name at every show may forfeit points.
- c. Because there are multiple rings running concurrently, the rail ring will take precedence. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to advise ring personnel of a conflict. Exhibitors who fail to notify show personnel of conflicts, or who fail to resolve conflicts in as timely a manner as possible may be scratched from the class by the ring personnel, and all charges will apply. To receive a refund for a scratched class, office must be notified prior to the start of the preceding class. There will be no refunds for missed classes.

6. AWARDS

- a. Exhibitor must be a member in good standing for points to accrue for all Daily, Class 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. 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).
- d. In the case of a tie for a **DAILY HIGH POINT AWARD**, 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. Categories for **DAILY HIGH POINT AWARDS** are:
 - **HIGH POINT ADULT AMATEUR**: All unrestricted amateur & adult amateur classes to count.
 - **HIGH POINT YOUTH RIDER**: All unrestricted youth/amateur and youth classes to count.
 - **HIGH POINT 12 & UNDER**: All 12 & Under classes plus 12 & under showmanship class to count.
 - **HIGH POINT ROOKIE RIDER**: All unrestricted Rookie Rider classes to count.
 - **HIGH POINT NON-PRO WALK/JOG**: All unrestricted Walk/Jog Non-Pro classes to count (classes restricted by breed or experience level of horse or rider do not count).
- e. When tabulating point for **YEAR END CLASS 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.
- f. Per class, if an exhibitor is disqualified from the running for **YEAR END CLASS AWARDS**, the next eligible exhibitor who qualifies will be moved up into that Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion position.
- g. Classes must be sponsored to be eligible for **YEAR END CLASS 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 \$150.00, and Reserve Awards may be purchased for \$100.00
- h. In case of a tie for **YEAR END CLASS 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.
- i. **YEAR END SPECIAL AWARDS** are Perpetual Trophies awarded for approximately a one (1) year duration, and must be returned prior to the following year's Awards Banquet. When tabulated points for any Special Award, the gross total number scores for each classes that pertain to a category will count (no shows are dropped).

- j. In the case of a tie for a YEAR END SPECIAL AWARD, 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. Categories for YEAR END SPECIAL AWARD 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. (Breed classes do not count). This award is given in honor of the great trail horse DELLS POLICY.
 - ☆ BRAVO BRESA PERPETUAL MEMORAIL TROPHY: Awarded each year to the Amateur/Horse team in one of 3 disciplines: Reining, Trail, & Western Pleasure. Exhibitors must be at least 40 years of age, and earn the most points in Non-Pro and/or Adult Amateur classes within that year's chosen discipline, beginning in 2010 with Reining. This award honors Bravo's versatility and patience. He was shown in Western Pleasure, Trail, and earned two trips to the AQHA World Show in Reining. Owned by Linda Gluckman, this award is given in memory of the great horse, BRAVO BRESA.
 - ☆ 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.
 - ☆ 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.

- ☆ **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.
- ☆ **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 a SCPHA Horsemanship Class (lope required) in at least THREE (3) regular SCPHA shows during the season. Winner of the finals to receive the Perpetual Trophy and an SCPHA Medal.

7. DEFINITIONS

- **ALL DAY FLAT FEE:** Regular class fees will be \$15 per class through the 5th class, at which time the All Day Class Fee takes affect with a maximum fee of \$105.00 which INCLUDES the Grounds Fee and Drug Fee. Regular class fees after 5th class are waived based on one horse/one rider. Warm Up, SDSEL, Trail Pole Fees 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 THREE (3) 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 with registration certificate from a recognized color association or that is recognizable as a PALOMINO, PAINT, PINTO, APPALOOSA, BUCKSKIN, GRULLO, or DUN. If a horse is not recognizable as such (ie: Solid Bred Paint), the exhibitor must present a registration certificate from a recognized color association. (APHA, ApHA, ABRA, etc.)
- **ANY COLOR HALTER CLASSES:** Open to any horse qualified by the "color" definition above, and class will be judged on Conformation of the horse.
- **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 1/1/11). 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 at a lope/canter in a particular show 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. The horse or rider must be in its first or second year of showing at the lope/canter in that show division.

- **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/Canter 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 1st.
- **SR HORSE:** Any horse that turns 6 years old or older during that show year beginning January 1st of the show year.
- **12 & UNDER:** Any rider that is 12 years old or younger January 1st 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 1st 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.

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