

SCPHA GENERAL RULES (updated 1/1/09)

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. Youth, Non-Pro and Professional Membership fees are \$35.
- c. Rules specific to this Association will be available on the internet at www.calprohorseshow.org and will be available at the entry booth at all shows.
- d. 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.
- e. Only shows managed or approved by SCPHA shall count for the accumulation of points for year-end awards.
- f. 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 9 point shows are held in a given year, only the 8 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.
- 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.

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 9 shows, an exhibitor must have ridden in a particular class at least 6 times). Any double judged show points count as two shows.
- d. Only the 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).
- e. Class must have an average of five (5) exhibitors OR be sponsored to be eligible for year end awards.
- f. Year End awards will not exceed sponsorship income. Sponsorship income levels will be evaluated on June 1st and again at the conclusion of the show season. Year End awards will be determined at that time. Should sponsorship income be insufficient to support the cost of “buckle” awards, an alternate award will be chosen by the Show Manager or Board of Directors.
- g. In the case of a tie for a 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 shall determine the winner.
- h. Categories for HIGH POINT AWARDS are:
 - HIGH POINT ADULT AMATEUR: All unrestricted youth/amateur & adult amateur classes to count.
 - HIGH POINT YOUTH RIDER: All unrestricted youth/amateur and youth classes to count
 - HIGH POINT 11 & UNDER: All 11 & Under classes to count plus 11 & under showmanship.
 - HIGH POINT Limited Non-Pro Rider: All unrestricted Limited Non-Pro Rider classes to count.
 - HIGH POINT ROOKIE RIDER: All unrestricted Rookie Rider classes to count

7. DEFINITIONS

- ALL DAY CLASS FEE: Regular class fees will be \$15 per class through the 7th class, at which time the All Day Class Fee takes affect with a maximum fee of \$100.00. Regular class fees after the 7th class are waived based on one horse/one rider. Warm up 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.
- **ROOKIE:** Describes a horse or rider in their first or second year of showing (has not shown prior to 1/1/08). Horses will show at the walk and jog only. Rookie entries may not cross over to classes requiring the lope. If a horse or rider has won a SCPHA year-end award (ie: 1st, 2nd or 3rd) in a class that requires/permits the lope, including Country Pleasure, entry in Rookie classes is prohibited. SCPHA High Point Buckle Show does not affect Rookie status.
- **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 2009 if it has not shown prior to 1/1/08.) Must be in its first or second year of showing. SCPHA High Point Buckle Show does not affect Green Status.
- **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. EXCEPTIONS: Year-end winners of First or Second year green classes may compete in this class. It is not required that years be consecutive. SCPHA High Point Buckle Show does not affect Limited status.
- **OTHER WALK-JOG/TROT CLASSES:** Other classes may be 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. If a horse/rider combination has won a SCPHA year-end award (ie: 1st, 2nd or 3rd) in a class which requires/permits the lope, including Country Pleasure, entry in walk-jog/trot classes is prohibited.
 - **NOTE:** CLASSES WHICH REQUIRE THAT THE HORSE BE SHOWN AT THE WALK AND JOG OR TROT ONLY, DO NOT AFFECT GREEN OR LIMITED STATUS FOR CLASSES REQUIRING THE LOPE.
- **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.
- **11 & UNDER:** Any rider that turns 11 years old or younger during that show year beginning 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. 11 & Under riders may NOT cross enter into ANY class that requires loping. Exception: Exhibitors who show in 11 & Under showmanship may opt to show under saddle in 11 & 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: 13 and under; 14 - 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.
- **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. Ties will be broken with the methods mentioned above in #6g in this document. They are:

- **SHOT OF OIL PERPETUAL MEMORIAL 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 memory of the great trail horse SHOT OF OIL.
- **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 EMORIAL 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. 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. 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.

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

