

NWMHC YEAR END AWARDS

Revised November 2023 after Fall meeting

Supersedes all previous rules and regulations

1. Year End Awards general and individual class rules
 - A. Only exhibitors who are NWMHC members and only horses that are owned or leased by NWMHC members are eligible for year-end awards. Points will be accumulated from the date the membership is received by the NWMHC Club Treasurer Secretary.
 - B. Points for year-end awards must be earned at an AMHA approved NWMHC sponsored show which has been designated by the NWMHC as eligible for the show year.
 - C. To be eligible for year-end awards, an open horse or an amateur/horse team must have shown in that class and/or category in, at least, THREE (3) different NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows during the current show year. Only exception is Weanlings, all Youth and Special Needs who will be required to show at TWO (2) different NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows during the current show year.
 - D. All points in open classes are earned by the horse.
EXCEPTION: Adult Showmanship will be awarded to the exhibitor/horse team. All points in Youth, Amateur and Special Needs classes are earned by the same exhibitor/horse team.
 - E. A High Point and Reserve High Point will be awarded for each Year-End class and/or category and will be determined by a total accumulation of points per eligible class and/or category.
EXCEPTION: In the case of open halter classes where a horse could show in different height classes, all the points will be allocated to height in which-the horse showed most often. If the participation in each height class is evenly distributed, the points will be added to the taller height class. (Reference: AMHA Rule Book p. 163, PA 025-Titles and Awards, A2)
 - F. In the event classes are not so divided due to the size of the show, for the purpose of the year end awards, the points will be allocated to the appropriate class and/or category.
 - G. Points from Grand and Reserve classes will be awarded to Open Halter/Open Stock Type Halter classes only. For Amateur Halter and Performance classes Grand and Reserve classes will only be used to break ties.
2. Point System for all approved classes, per judge for NWMHC Year End Award Categories:

1 st	7 points
2 nd	6 points
3 rd	5 points
4 th	4 points
5 th	3 points
6 th	2 points
7 th	1 point
Participation Points	1 point
Reserve	1 additional point**
Grand	2 additional points**

**See Rule #1G for further clarification on awarding Grand and Reserve points.
3. OVERALL High Point and Reserve High Point awards are for the following categories:
 - A. OPEN HALTER STALLION, OPEN HALTER MARE, OPEN HALTER GELDING, OPEN STOCK TYPE HALTER – Only the appropriate age/height open halter class will count. In the case of height/age classes are combined, for the purpose of the year end awards, the points will be allocated to the appropriate category.

- B. OPEN SINGLE PLEASURE DRIVING HORSE, OPEN COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING HORSE, OPEN CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING HORSE, OPEN ROADSTER HORSE - The horse does not have to be entered in all classes offered but must be driven in at least THREE (3) NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows during the current show year.
- C. OPEN PERFORMANCE HORSE (Hunter, Jumper, Halter Obstacle, Obstacle Driving, Liberty and Versatility classes in open division). The horse does not have to be entered in all classes offered but must be shown in a minimum of THREE performance classes at THREE (3) NWMHC sponsored/ locations/shows during the current show year.
- D. YOUTH 13-18 WITH ONE HORSE, YOUTH 13-18 WITH MULTIPLE HORSES, YOUTH 8-12 WITH ONE HORSE, YOUTH 8-12 WITH MULTIPLE HORSES and YOUTH 7 & UNDER WITH ONE HORSE, YOUTH 7 & UNDER WITH MULTIPLE HORSES – Awarded to the youth who has accumulated the most points in the Youth Division classes, excluding YOTE. The youth must have participated in, at least, one (1) Youth class at TWO (2) NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows. A Youth is eligible to receive only one (1) of the above awards. If a Youth wins both the one horse and multiple horses, the Youth will be awarded the one horse and the next highest point Youth will be awarded the multiple horses.
- E. YOTE – Awarded to the youth who has accumulated the most points in YOTE classes. The youth must have participated in, at least, one (1) YOTE class at TWO (2) NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows.
- F. AMATEUR, or AMATEUR LEVEL 1 AND AMATEUR LEVEL 2, if so split. – Awarded to the amateur who has accumulated the most points in the Amateur Division classes, excluding AOTE. The amateur must have participated in, at least, one (1) Amateur class at THREE (3) NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows. In the case of the amateur being in TWO (2) different levels in halter and performance, all points will be allocated to Amateur Level 2 in both halter and performance.
- G. AOTE – Awarded to the amateur who has accumulated the most points in AOTE classes. The amateur must have participated in, at least, one (1) AOTE class at THREE (3) NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows.
- H. SPECIAL NEEDS – Awarded to the Special Needs exhibitor who has accumulated the most points in Special Needs classes. The Special Needs exhibitor must have participated in, at least, one (1) Special Needs class at TWO (2) NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows.
- I. CARRIAGE - All AMHA Carriage classes offered are eligible. The horse does not have to be entered in all carriage classes offered but must be shown in, at least, one (1) carriage class at THREE (3) NWMHC sponsored/ locations/shows during the current show year.
- J. VSE - All VSE classes offered are eligible. The horse does not have to be entered in all VSE classes offered but must be shown in a minimum of THREE VSE classes at THREE (3) NWMHC sponsored/ locations/shows during the current show year.
- K. ROOKIE EXHIBITOR AWARDS
All members showing in a show year for the first time in at least TWO (2) for youth and THREE (3) for adults NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows, will be awarded a Rookie Award Certificate at the Year End Awards banquet.

4. SPECIAL AWARDS

Creation of and maintaining special awards:

- A. Special awards are those which are sponsored by individual farms and must be approved by the NWMHC Directors. All rules in Section 1 apply. A person or farm may sponsor only one special year end award.
 1. Award criteria will be presented to the directors for approval no later than the annual fall meeting for the following show year.

2. Award will be for a period of five (5) years upon which it can be submitted to the directors for renewal.
3. Any person recognized by an award must have been a club member for a minimum of five consecutive years; active in NWMHC shows; or participated in club committees, directors; or has been a consistent financial supporter of the club.
4. Any AMHA horse recognized by an award must have a history of affiliation with NWMHC shows or affiliation through multiple offspring.
5. Only points earned at NWMHC sponsored/approved shows will be calculated based on the current point system and will be kept by the show point calculator/year end award committee.
6. Awards given to the recipient will be kept by the recipient, with the exception of the grandfathered perpetual trophies.
7. Grandfathered Perpetual trophies must be collected from the previous year's recipient(s) by the Awards Committee no less than 1 month before the fall meeting and banquet to ready the award for the new recipient(s).

Approved special awards:

- B. TWIGGY AWARD (Perpetual trophy, grandfathered in by the NWMHC)

Awarded to the Youth/Horse team who accumulated the most points in, the following youth classes, Youth Single Pleasure Driving, 13-18, 12&Under, Youth Country Pleasure Driving 13-18, 12&Under, Youth Classic Pleasure Driving 13-18, 12&Under, Youth Pleasure Driving 7&Under, Youth Roadster 18&Under, and Youth Obstacle Driving 13-18, 12&Under, excluding YOTE.
- C. OVERALL HIGHEST POINT YOUTH (Perpetual trophy, grandfathered in by the NWMHC)

Awarded to the youth who accumulated the most points in all Youth classes, except YOTE.
- D. HEERMANN ALL AROUND TROPHY (Perpetual trophy, grandfathered in by the NWMHC)

Awarded to the horse who accumulated the most points in his/her respective open halter class or open stock type halter class and their TOP FOUR (4) OPEN performance classes. The halter and performance classes must be in the OPEN division and cannot include Youth, Amateur, AOTE or ANY restricted classes such as geldings, mares, stallions, ladies, gentlemen to drive.
- E. GOLDEN EQUINE AWARD (Sponsored by 5C Ranch - 2022 expires 2026)
 - a. The goal of this award is to recognize the aged horse still being shown. Any horse 15 years or older may be eligible.
 - b. Points will be earned at NWMHC sponsored/approved shows using the current point system for the overall awards.
 - c. Points are earned by the horse, independent of the handler, in qualifying classes. Showmanship and Reinsmanship are non-qualifying classes.
 - d. If there is a tie between multiple horses, the tie breaker will be the age of the horse, with the older horse being awarded the Golden Equine award.
 - e. A keeper trophy will be presented to the owner or lessee of the horse by the sponsor (5C Ranch).
- F. MARK BULLINGTON VERSATILITY
 1. The goal of this award is to stimulate club membership and interest by recognizing and rewarding youth and amateur members who participate in a variety of miniature horse related activities.
 2. Program requirements – open to youths and amateurs, must be a current member of NWMHC, open to both registered and non-registered miniature horses, including VSE horses, must participate in two (2) or more separate categories for award eligibility.
 3. Categories
 - a. Community Service – 10 points each
 - Nursing homes, retirement centers, children's homes, hospitals, school visits
 - b. NWMHC Activities

- Attend club meetings – 25 points each
 - Serve on a committee – 15 points each
 - Attend clinic – 10 points
 - Attend NWMHC Show (as spectator or participant) – 5 points
- c. Miscellaneous – 10 points each
- Parades, street fairs, costume contests, feed store/pet store visits, drill team, seminars,
 - 4-H, trail drives/walks
- d. Animal Assisted Therapy Program
- Pet Partners Therapy Team Course and Evaluation (www.petpartners.org) – 25 points
4. Program will run from October 2nd to October 1st of the following year.
 5. NWMHC members are responsible for record keeping and turning in applications by the October 1st deadline. (Applications are available on the Website)
 6. An appropriate award will be prepared and presented to the recipient annually at the NWMHC Year End Banquet.
- G. GELDING INCENTIVE FUND
1. Owner must be a current member of NWMHC. Points accumulate from date membership is paid.
 2. Points are awarded per NWMHC points system.
 3. The eligible horse must compete in Gelding specific classes in at least TWO (2) NWMHC sponsored/locations/shows. Points can only be earned in Gelding specific classes.
 4. A portion of each gelding class entry fee will be allocated to the Gelding Incentive Fund:
 - \$3.00 per horse per entry in Open gelding classes.
 - \$2.00 per horse per entry in Amateur gelding classes.
 - \$1.00 per horse per entry in Youth gelding classes.
 5. All payouts will be made to the owner of the horse and distributed at the Year End Awards Banquet.
 6. Only NWMHC sponsored shows are eligible for accumulation of points. Points will be awarded based on the horse only.
- H. PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD
1. The annual NWMHC President's Service Award is presented annually to an outstanding NWMHC member in recognition of exceptional contributions toward the promotion of the miniature horse and/or promoting growth of the NWMHC membership.
 2. Each nominee for the NWMHC President's Service Award must be:
 - A NWMHC member in good standing.
 - Each nominee for the NWMHC President's Service Award should:
 - Have earned recognition and respect as a positive, active and inspirational representative of the NWMHC.
 - Have provided volunteer service and/or resources, either community or within the NWMHC with clear, positive results on behalf of the NWMHC without regard to personal economic or professional gain.
 3. The NWMHC Directors will make recommendations of deserving NWMHC members for the NWMHC President's Service Award to the NWMHC President. The NWMHC President will make the final selection of the recipient. An appropriate award will be prepared and presented to the recipient annually at the NWMHC Year End Banquet.
6. The budget for the year end award categories will be discussed at the Fall meeting and finalized at the Winter meeting.

7. The individual class award list will be created annually based on the classes offered at NWMHC sponsored shows during the show season with approval of the directors.
8. YEAR END AWARDS CORRECTIONS
 - If an error is found after year end awards have been presented, it must be brought to the attention of the awards committee for verification within 30 days after the banquet was held. The year end awards committee chairperson will notify all involved parties and the Board of Directors. The NWMHC will replace any plaques that were engraved in error. If an overall or perpetual trophy was found to be given in error, arrangements will be made with the involved parties to return the award(s) so that it may be given to the corrected recipient. The corrected results will be made public with a formal notification via email or NWMHC social media accounts.
 - The following safeguards will be put into place to assist the points keeper in record keeping and calculating year end points. The points keeper should utilize computerized spreadsheets that will auto calculate results to reduce human error. The year end awards committee will annually review criteria for all awards so that each member of the committee is familiar with all the rules that apply for each award/category. After all show results have been recorded, the points keeper will share the spreadsheets with two (2) other members of the year end awards committee to double check that all calculations are correct for individual classes and overall categories before personalized awards are ordered.
9. All Year End Award rules and Year End Awards classes/categories will be reviewed annually by the Year End Awards Committee.