



Virginia Walking Horse Association

High Point Program

Rules & Regulations

The purpose of this program is to allow participants to earn high point awards from the Virginia Walking Horse Association, to encourage participation in horse shows, to promote the Tennessee Walking Horse along with other compatible gaited breeds, and to expose these breeds to the general public. In making the awards, the Association honors horses that have accumulated the greatest number of points during the competition year from those shows that affiliated with the VWHA.

The competition year will run from January 1st through November 30th. A *minimum* of 1st through 3rd places will be awarded except Youth which will award 1st through 6th.

The VWHA may also elect to award presentations to the following:

- Trainer of the Year by Point *Totals (trainer whose horses accumulate the most points)*
- Trainer of the Year by Vote *(nominated and voted by members)*
- Amateur Rider of the Year *(nominated and voted by members)*
- Youth Rider of the Year *(nominated and voted by members)*
- VWHA Show of the Year *(nominated and voted by members)*

The VWHA High Point Committee will determine those divisions in which awards will be offered each year. There will be no minimum number of entries required in these divisions. New divisions may be added to the program in a given year, if at least three (3) horses are nominated (fees paid) for that particular division.

To be eligible, a horse must be registered with their respective breed registry (except in the case of the "Easy Gait and Country Pleasure" disciplines). The recording fee is \$10.00 for each division entered. Points will begin to accumulate once the horse is properly recorded and the necessary fees paid. The horse must also be owned by a current VWHA member in good standing. If a horse is owned by more than one person, then all owners must be members of the VWHA. Ownership of a horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the horse's point score, PROVIDED the registrar is notified in writing, by the new owner. The new owner must be a member of the VWHA or immediately remit fees to become a member in order for points to continue to accumulate. All High Point awards will be made to the owner/s of record at the time the horse wins its last points in competition.

If a horse show does not offer the specific class for which a participant is recorded, then the participant may compete in another similar class in that division and the points will be counted for the division for which the horse is recorded. Examples of this would be organization members' only classes such as VWHA members only, SVHA members only, NCHA members only, etc.

The VWHA will affiliate horse shows that submit a class list for approval and a \$25.00 affiliation fee. Acceptance into the High Point Program will be made by the VWHA High Point Committee. If a show is not approved, the affiliation fee will be returned to the submitting show along with a full explanation for the denial. Show results must be submitted to the Registrar within 30 days of the last day of the show.

Shows will be rated according to the amount of prize money offered in Walking, Racking, Spotted Saddle and Mountain Pleasure classes.

Points Rules and Regulations Continued.

The following rating scale for point accumulation will be used:

1. Class A Shows:	<u>Stake/Qualifying Classes</u>	<u>Championship Classes</u>
First Place	50	100
Second Place	40	80
Third Place	30	60
Fourth Place	20	40
Fifth Place	10	20
2. Class AA Shows:	<u>Stake/Qualifying Classes</u>	<u>Championship Classes</u>
First Place	70	140
Second Place	60	120
Third Place	50	100
Fourth Place	40	80
Fifth Place	30	60
Sixth Place	20	40
3. Class AAA Shows:	<u>Stake/Qualifying Classes</u>	<u>Championship Classes</u>
First Place	90	180
Second Place	80	160
Third Place	70	140
Fourth Place	60	120
Fifth Place	50	100
Sixth Place	40	80
Seventh Place	30	60
4. Class AAAA Shows:	<u>Stake/Qualifying Classes</u>	<u>Championship Classes</u>
First Place	110	220
Second Place	100	200
Third Place	90	180
Fourth Place	80	160
Fifth Place	70	140
Sixth Place	60	120
Seventh Place	50	100

Established Divisions for Point Nominations:

Halter Yearling & Under	Plantation Pleasure Youth 17 & Under
Halter 2 & Over	Park Pleasure 2 Gait
2 & 3 Year Old Walking Horse	Park Pleasure 3 Gait
Open Walking Specialty	Park Pleasure Youth 17 & Under
Open Walking Horse	Country Pleasure Walking
Amateur 4 Year Old & Under Specialty	Go As You Please
Amateur Walking Specialty	All Day Pleasure – Easy Gait
Amateur Walking Specialty 15.2 & Under	Ladies Pleasure
Amateur Ladies Specialty	Juvenile Pleasure
Park Performance Specialty	Mountain Pleasure
Show Pleasure Specialty	Spotted Trail Pleasure
Juvenile Walking Horse 11 & Under	Open Shod Spotted Horse
Juvenile Walking Horse 12 – 17	Trail Racking
All Day Pleasure Walking Horse –flat walk/running walk	Park Pleasure Racking
Plantation Pleasure Lite Shod 2 Gait	Open Racking
Plantation Pleasure Lite Shod 3 Gait	Trail Pleasure Walking
Ambling Pleasure	

The VWHA High Point committee will make the final decision on any questions or disputes that may arise concerning this program.