



Year End Award Rules

Welcome to the Western New York Quarter Horse Club Inc.! We are so glad that you have joined us. One of the benefits of belonging to the club is the year end awards which we distribute at our annual banquet. The club awards Champion and Reserve awards for each AQHA class that is offered through recognized shows that are approved by the WNYQHCI, along with several all-around awards in different divisions. The rules for receiving these awards can be very confusing, thus purpose of this flyer is to try and simplify these rules for you. You can also find detailed rules in the club by-laws, which can be located at www.wnyqhc.org.

1. You must be a member of the WNYQHCI and your membership must be paid prior to any shows which you want points to count.
2. You must nominate your horse for the division(s) which you would like your points to count.
 - a. Nomination(s) must be declared and paid prior to any shows which you want points to count. Nomination forms are available on the WNYQHCI website.
3. You must have a minimum of (4) four meeting credits to be eligible for an award. Meeting credits are defined as monthly club meetings, the annual awards banquet and the annual club sponsored AQHA/Open horse show; Candy Apple Classic Horse Show.
4. Youth members wishing to receive awards from the “parent” club must have (4) four “parent” club meeting credits. This means that a youth member or a parent of the youth must fulfill the requirements of rule #3 above. Youth club meetings only count for youth club awards, NOT parent club awards.
5. You must place a minimum of (4) four times in a class to be considered for an award in that class. We do point up to (9) nine placings per class in an AQHA rated show.
6. In Open AQHA classes points are kept on the horse and the owner of the horse is responsible for the meeting credits. In all other divisions (Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, etc) points are kept on a horse/rider combination.
7. Anyone seeking a year end award must exhibit, volunteer or secure sponsorship for the club’s annual AQHA /Open horse show; Candy Apple Classic Horse Show.



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The WNYQHCI also gives out year end awards for members who exhibit registered AQHA horses at Open Horse shows held in any of the (8) eight Western New York counties (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming). Champion and Reserve awards are given in fourteen categories;

- Open Halter
- Open English Rider
- Junior English Rider (age 18 years and younger)
- Open Western Rider
- Junior Western Rider (age 18 years and younger)
- Walk-Trot English Rider (age 12 years and younger)
- Walk-Trot Western Rider (age 12 years and younger)
- Walk-Trot Games Rider (age 12 years and younger)
- Lead Line English or Western Rider (age 8 years and younger)
- Open Games Rider
- Junior Games rider (age 18 years and younger)
- Walk/Trot/Canter English (1st or 2nd year cantering)
- Walk/Trot/Canter (Western 1st or 2nd year cantering)
- Walk/Trot/Canter Games (1st or 2nd year cantering)

To be eligible for an Open Show award, you must complete #1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 above. In addition:

8. Provide the horses registration papers to WNYQHCI for verification that the horse that is being shown is registered.
 - a. Please note that the exhibitor does not need to be an AQHA member.
9. You must place a minimum of (4) four times in the division which you are seeking an award for. We point to (6) six places.
10. All Open Show points are kept on a horse/rider combination.
 - a. Please use the same name for the same horse each time. We won't be able to recognize nicknames.
11. An exhibitor must keep track of their placings, record them on an Open Show results form (available on the WNYQHCI website; www.wnyqhc.org), have the show secretary sign the form and then submit the form to the club points keeper.
12. If you are eligible for an AQHA award, you may not receive an Open Show award.

Thank You!
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