



South Carolina Quarter Horse Association

SCQHA YEAR END AWARD RULES

The SCQHA monitors the AQHA Rule Book in order to align its program with current AQHA award practices.

1. The SCQHA Points Secretary is responsible to maintain up to date and accurate records of points earned by eligible horses and/exhibitors and owners as official show results are received from each approved show.
2. In order to qualify for any Year End Award:
 - a. **Exhibitors and Owners** must be current SCQHA and/or SCQHYA members to qualify for any youth or amateur division awards
 - b. **Owners** must be current SCQHA and/or SCQHYA members to qualify for any open division awards
 - c. Points won by any horse will be counted from the date of owner/exhibitor membership in the association.
 - d. horses in open divisions -OR- horse/rider combinations in youth or amateur divisions must have accumulated a **minimum of 10 SCQHA points**.
 - e. **Exhibitors must show to a minimum of 10 judges during the calendar year.**
 - f. **The March, May, September, and October shows count toward the 10 judge requirement.**
 - i. The February AQHA classes WILL count towards SCQHA Year End Awards and 10 judge requirement.
 - g. **The February VRH classes DO NOT count towards SCQHA Year End Points.**
 - i. VRH classes will not have a year end award.
3. All-Around Awards. The SCQHA All-Around Award and Reserve All-Around Awards are presented to the top two point-earning horses in the open division and the top two point-earning horse/rider combinations in the **following divisions: amateur division, the select amateur division, and the youth division, level 1 youth, level 1 amateur, level 1 youth walk/trot, level 1 amateur walk/trot.**

- a. All-around winners:
 - i. must earn a **minimum of twelve (12) halter points** and a **minimum of fifteen (15) points per category** in at least **TWO** of the AQHA performance categories, and earned the most points within the pool of qualified exhibitors.
 - ii. Only Select classes count for earning a Select All-around award. Should the Select class be combined with the amateur all-age class, points earned by the exhibitor will count toward their Select all-around eligibility.
 - iii. If a Select exhibitor participates in halter, ranch riding, or jumping, those classes will count toward Select All-around eligibility even though they are not offered as a Select class.
- b. Youth, level 1 youth, and level 1 youth walk/trot all-around awards are presented to qualifying exhibitors 18 years and under.
- c. In the event of a tie, the All-Around or Reserve All-Around will be determined as followed:
 - The horse in the open, or the horse/rider combination in the amateur, youth, or select amateur divisions who:
 - i. earned points in the greatest number of classes,
 - ii. won over the greatest number of horses,
 - iii. earned the most points in performance classes, will be declared the all-around winner.
- 4. High Point Western, English, and Ranch Horse. Presented to the top point-earning horse in each division.
 - a. To determine Western High Point, a horse's points from Trail, Western Pleasure, and Horsemanship, regardless of division (youth, amateur or open) or Level, will be tallied. The horse earning the most points will be awarded the High Point Western Horse.
 - b. To determine English High Point, a horse's points from Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, regardless of division (youth, amateur or open) or Level, will be tallied. The horse earning the most points will be awarded the High Point English Horse.
 - c. To determine Ranch High Point, a horse's points from Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Reining, Working Cow Horse, Cutting, and Roping, regardless of division (youth, amateur or open) or Level, will be tallied. The horses earning the most points will be awarded the High Point Ranch Horse.
 - d. In the event of a tie, the horse which
 - i. Earned points in the greatest number of classes
 - ii. Participated at the most shows, will win the High Point Award
- 5. Class Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be presented to the top two point-earning horses in open classes, and the top two point-earning horse/rider combinations in the youth and amateur divisions for each class offered at SCQHA sponsored or approved shows.

- a. horses in open divisions -OR- horse/rider combinations in youth or amateur divisions must have accumulated a **minimum of 10 SCQHA points** per class.
 - b. In the case of a tie, the horse in the open, or the horse/rider combination in the amateur, amateur select, or youth divisions:
 - i. earned points in the greatest number of shows,
 - ii. won over the greatest number of horses, will win the class award.
6. Small Fry Awards. To be considered for a Small Fry Year End Award, exhibitors must have accumulated a **minimum of 10 points** in SCQHA approved shows.
- a. A Small Fry is a youth exhibitor 10 years old or younger.
 - i. Small Fry exhibitors can not show in any loping class.
 - b. Small Fry Class Awards
 - i. Presented to the top two qualified exhibitors earning the highest number of points in small fry classes at SCQHA sponsored and approved shows.
 - c. **High Point and Reserve High Point Year End awards**
 - i. **Awarded to the top two qualified exhibitors earning the highest number of total points in all small fry classes at SCQHA sponsored and approved shows.**
 - d. **There is no judge requirement for Small Fry exhibitors, but exhibitors must have a minimum of 10 total points in SCQHA approved shows.**
 - e. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor which:
 - i. earned points in the greatest number of classes,
 - ii. won over the greatest number of horses,
 - iii. earned the most points in performance classes, will be declared the winner.

Based on class offerings at SCQHA events, the following categories will be used for All-Around Awards:

Category I Halter/Performance Halter

**Category II Reining
Working Cow Horse
Ranch Trail
Trail**

Category III No classes offered in this category

Category IV No classes offered in this category

**Category V Western Pleasure
Hunter Under Saddle
Ranch Riding
Working Western Rail**

**Category VI Dally Team Roping-
Heading**

**Dally Team Roping-
Heeling
Cutting**

**Category VII Showmanship at Halter **
Western Horsemanship **
Hunt Seat Equitation **
**Amateur and
youth divisions only**

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