



MONTANA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

HIGHPOINT AND MONTANA ARABIAN MERIT AWARDS INFORMATION & RULES

Membership with the Montana Arabian Horse Association automatically qualifies those members to participate in the annual High Point Awards, including the highly coveted Montana Arabian Merit Award. High Point winners are honored at the annual Awards Banquet held at the beginning of the year following the previous show and endurance season. We invite all members active in the competitive field to become a part of this wonderful program of honoring horses, riders and owners.

If you are new to this program, please read the information on the following pages. Nomination and point reporting forms can be found and downloaded from the club's website: www.mtarabianhorses.com

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ANNUAL HIGH POINT AWARDS

1. To be eligible, you must have a MAHA individual or family affiliate membership with dues paid for the current year.
2. Entry blanks and all point forms must be postmarked by October 31st of the year you are competing. Please submit points after each show. There is no charge for the High Point Awards. You must include a copy of your horse's registration certificate, both sides, with each entry/nomination form.
3. Any show in the U.S. or Canada is eligible providing the judges are USEF registered or recorded in any category. You can receive any number of points from any judge.
4. ALL POINT FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE SHOW SECRETARY OF EACH SHOW YOU ATTEND VERIFYING HORSE PLACING AND NUMBER OF HORSES IN THE CLASS. ONLY THE ORIGINAL SIGNED FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED.
5. You may count points in USEF approved classes only. Fun classes do not count.
6. There is no minimum number of points needed to win an award. The point accumulation year runs from November 1st through October 31st of the next year.
7. USEF rules apply to horse ownership. In case of a syndicated horse, 100% of the ownership must be with MAHA members.
8. When shows do not offer championship JOTR/JTR/ or AAOTR classes, the open championship classes will count towards these categories.
9. Every class except equitation (including JOTR/JTR and AAOTR performance classes) will count toward the open categories, i.e., categories, E, G, I, K, L and O. (Categories are listed below in #13).
10. Every horse will automatically be eligible for the MAHA High Point category "O".
11. Double points will be given to exhibitors participating in MAHA sponsored shows.
12. The submission of inaccurate, incorrect results can result in the elimination of all points earned for all horses reported by the individual member for the show for which the inaccurate information was submitted.

13. There will be a High Point and a Reserve High Point Award given in each of the following categories. You may enter as many as you choose.

- A). 13 and Under - JOTR/JTR Performance and Equitation points only
- B). 14 through 17 - JOTR/JTR Performance and Equitation points only
- C). Maiden Adult Equitation and Performance
(**member not to have won a blue ribbon prior to current awards entry**)
- D). Adult AOTR Performance
- E). Stallion Performance
- F). Stallion Halter
- G). Purebred Mare Performance
- H). Purebred Mare Halter
- I). Purebred Gelding Performance
- J). Purebred Gelding Halter
- K). Half/Anglo Arabian Mare Performance
- L). Half/Anglo Arabian Gelding Performance
- M). Half/Anglo Arabian Mare/Gelding Halter
- N). Dressage
- O). Endurance/Competitive Trail
- P). MAHA High Point - Horse of the Year

Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Five awards given to any Arabian or Half/Anglo Arabian earning points in performance and/or halter divisions.

14. Point system is the same for the Montana Arabian Merit Award (MAMA).

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MONTANA ARABIAN MERIT AWARD (MAMA)

The Montana Arabian Merit Award is a Laurie Martin bronze statue. Points are accumulated yearly and upon acquiring 250 points in compliance with the following rules, you will receive the MAMA Award. Horse may be re-entered after winning an award by completing a new nomination form and payment of the nomination fee of \$50.00. Open to both Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabians.

1. Continuous MAHA affiliate membership is required during the course of point accumulation and horse must be shown at MAHA show in Billings.
2. Only points acquired after you have submitted your one-time nomination **fee of \$50.00** and your nomination form will be counted. You must include a copy of your horse's registration certificate (both sides).
3. All point forms and fees of **\$2.00 Per Point** must be postmarked no later than October 31st of each year. Please try to submit points and fees after each show.
4. Points will be counted in only USEF approved halter and performance classes. (Fun classes will not count).
5. Any shows in the U.S. or Canada are eligible providing the judges are USEF registered or recorded in any category. You can receive any number of points from any judge.
6. USEF rules apply to horse ownership. In the case of syndicated horses, 100% of the ownership must be with MAHA members.
7. The point system for the MAMA is the same as for the MAHA High Point Award.

MAHA POINT SYSTEM

HALTER AND PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1 horse	1			
2 horses	2	1		
3 horses	3	2	1	
4 horses	4	3	2	1
5 horses	5	4	3	2
6 horses	6	5	4	3
7 horses	7	6	5	4
8 horses	8	7	6	5
9 horses	9	8	7	6
10 horses	10	9	8	7
11 horses	11	10	9	8
12 horses	12	11	10	9
13 horses	13	12	11	10
14 horses	14	13	12	11
15 horses	15	14	13	12
16 horses	16	15	14	13
17 horses	17	16	15	14
18 horses	18	17	16	15
19 horses	19	18	17	16
20 horses or more	20	19	18	17

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SHOWS

	Champion	Reserve	Top 5	Top 10
Regional	50	40	30	
National	100	80		60

ENDURANCE/COMPETITIVE RIDES

Placing	51 miles or over	Under 50 miles
1st	15	12
2nd	14	11
3rd	13	10
4th	12	9
5th	11	8
6th	10	7
7th	9	6
8th	8	5
9th	7	4
10th	6	3
11th	5	2
12th	4	1
13th	3	
14th	2	
15th	1	

Halter/Performance Championship Classes

# of horses	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1 horse	2	1		
2 horses	3	2	1	
3 horses	4	3	2	1
4 horses	5	4	3	2
5 horses	6	5	4	3
6 horses	7	6	5	4
7 horses	8	7	6	5
8 horses	9	8	7	6
9 horses	10	9	8	7
10 horses	11	10	9	8
11 horses	12	11	10	9
12 horses	13	12	11	10
13 horses	14	13	12	11
14 horses	15	14	13	12
15 horses	16	15	14	13
16 horses	17	16	15	14
17 horses	18	17	16	15
18 horses	19	18	17	16
19 horses	20	19	18	17
20 horses or more	21	20	19	18

DRESSAGE

Award will be given to the highest average one three (3) test scores.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW REGARDING THE ANNUAL HIGH POINTS AWARDS

1. Carefully read the High Point Award Rules. Any changes will be published in the newsletter or posted on the Montana Arabian Horse Association website: www.mtarabianhorses.com
2. Fill out and send in the entry form for the High Point Awards. Please note that a copy of both sides of your horse's registration certificate must accompany the entry form. No points will be awarded unless the entry form is received before your first show. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website or by contacting high point chairperson.
3. In order to expedite the handling of the awards point form, it is recommended that the following procedure be used:
 - a. Fill out each form giving the class number and the name of the class entered before each show.
 - b. Add your placing and the number of horses in the class after the class is ridden or you can let the show secretary do this for you. Most show programs now have this information in the data base and is recorded on your close of entry statement at the show office. You can ask the show secretary ahead of time and plan accordingly.
 - c. At the end of the show, take the form to the show secretary for verification and the required signature for the point reporting form. If the show secretary is unavailable at that time to fill your request, find out if the results and signed form can be mailed to you. If so, please have ready a self addressed and stamped envelope in which the form can be returned to you by the secretary. **Remember, it's your responsibility to ensure that the point reporting form is completed properly before submitting it to the High Point Chairperson.**
4. For those of you in the Montana Arabian Merit Award (MAMA) Program, it should be noted that adequate time must be given to the foundry for the bronze statue to be made. At least four (4) weeks advance notice needs to be made by MAHA to the foundry to ensure completion of the statue so it is very important to submit those forms and fees to the High Point tabulator as soon as possible.
5. All forms, fees, reports and questions may be directed to:

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