

NORTH DAKOTA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

NDQHA SHOW RULES & YEAR END AWARD ELIGIBILITY

NDQHA SHOW APPROVAL

Points will be counted only for shows which have been approved by NDQHA. The following rules apply for show approval:

1. Shows requesting approval of NDQHA must also be AQHA approved.
2. Application for NDQHA approval will be made by submitting a complete show schedule to the NDQHA secretary 90 days (about 3 months) prior to the show date, accompanied by the show approval fee of \$100.00.
3. The show schedule must include a list of all classes, entry fees, location of the show, judges and any applicable restrictions or qualifications.
4. The official results of the show, in electronic form of each AQHA class sheet, must be sent to the NDQHA point tabulator within 14 days (about 2 weeks) after the show date.
5. The NDQHA board of directors votes on which shows to approve for the year.

CLASS APPROVAL AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Only AQHA approved classes, judged and administered according to AQHA rules, will be tabulated.
2. All AQHA classes listed in the Official Handbook of AQHA will be eligible for the year-end awards.

HORSE ELIGIBILITY

1. Points will be accumulated only for horses shown under ownership or lease of eligible NDQHA members in NDQHA approved shows. In the case of multiple owners, at least one owner or partner must be a NDQHA member.
2. Points accumulated by a horse owned by an eligible member cannot be transferred when or if the horse is sold to an ineligible person. However, points will not be lost when a horse is transferred from one eligible member to another eligible member. This rule applies only to open classes and does not apply to Youth or Amateur classes.
3. Points will be tabulated only in the classes so named and cannot be transferred to another class, e.g. When a stallion is gelded, his points as a stallion cannot be transferred to the gelding class.

SHOW ALL-AROUND

1. The winner of the High Point award is determined by adding points earned by each horse in the open division, or contestant/horse in amateur, select amateur and youth in every approved class in which it placed in the top nine. The horse in the open division, or contestant/horse in amateur, select amateur and youth, having competed in at least three of the approved events in three or more categories and earning the greatest number of points shall be awarded the High Point trophy/award. The winner of the all-breed High Point award will not be eligible for year-end awards. Halter is not required for High Point awards.

YEAR-END AWARD ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Membership

- a. To be eligible to compete for state points and year-end awards, in all Divisions/Levels, one must be a current member with NDQHA.
- b. Points will begin to be tabulated from the date the membership is paid.

2. Class Year-End Highpoint

- a. In order to receive an award, no judge requirement will be needed, individual has to be a current NDQHA member in good standing and individual has to exhibit at one NDQHA hosted show.
- b. NDQHA hosted shows are Wadena and Legendary Show.
- c. Shows that qualify for year end points are Missouri River Classic, State Fair, Region 2.
- d. Ties for first and second place will be broken by:
 - i. The horse/rider combination with the greatest number of wins.
 - ii. The horse/rider combination winning over the greatest number of horses.
 - iii. The winner will be the exhibitor earning the final point the earliest in the year.
AQHA Rule SHW813.-813.1 – Appendix D

3. Year-End All-Around

- a. Points for the All-Around Awards (Open, Amateur and Youth Divisions) are to be counted from all classes entered, within the same division/level. Exhibitors must be a current NDQHA member in good standing and individual has to attend one NDQHA hosted show.
AQHA Rule SHW803.5 – Appendix A
AQHA Rule SHW815 – Appendix E
- b. Halter points will be used to calculate the All-Around Awards in all divisions.
- c. Ties for first and second place: The horse in the open, amateur, youth or select, will be declared the All-Around which:
 - i. Earned credits in the greatest number of events
 - ii. The horse or contestant winning over the greatest number of horses
 - iii. Earned the most credits in performance events.
AQHA Rule SHW803.9-803.9.3 – Appendix C

POINT SYSTEM

1. Halter & Performance classes

- a. Contestants placing in the top nine of each class will be given a point for each exhibitor placing below them plus one point, not to exceed 9 points for first place. Points are to be calculated through ninth place, regardless of NDQHA membership.
Example: In a class of nine or more horses, the first-place contestant receives 9 points, the second place receives 8 points, and so on down through ninth place. In a class of four entries, the first-place contestant receives 4 points, the second place 3 points, etc.
- b. Halter points follow horse and rider combination in the division shown. i.e. Youth, Amateur, and Open Halter

classes would follow the horse and rider combination to Level 1 Divisions/Levels (Youth, Amateur, Amateur Select and Open) for the purpose of NDQHA Year End All Arounds.

2. Disqualifications

- a. If a horse/rider is disqualified from a given class, that horse/rider would not receive any state points for that class but would still get credit for showing.

NDQHA OPEN AWARDS

1. Rules for Open awards will be the same as those in the Year-End Award Eligibility Rules listed above.
2. Awards will be given to first and second place winners of all eligible classes.
3. In addition to the first and second place awards for each eligible class, the following awards will be made:
 - a. All-Around and Reserve Junior Horse
 - b. All-Around and Reserve Senior Horse
 - c. All-Around and Reserve Level 1 Open

NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR QUARTER HORSE AWARDS

1. Rules for Amateur awards will be the same as those in the Year-End Award Eligibility Rules listed above. In addition, Amateurs are required to participate in \$100 worth of fundraising or make a \$100 sponsorship towards an NDQHA hosted event (examples: NDQHA hosted show, futurity, banquet, youth, etc.)
2. Awards will be given to first and second place winners of all eligible classes.
3. Additional Amateur Awards:
 - a. All-Around and Reserve Amateur
 - b. All-Around and Reserve Level 1 Amateur
 - c. All-Around and Reserve Select Amateur

NORTH DAKOTA QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION AWARDS

1. Rules for Youth awards will be the same as those in the Year-End Award Eligibility Rules listed above. In addition, Youth are required to participate in a minimum of 2 fundraisers and 2 meetings during the show year and attend one hosted NDQHA show (Wadena Run or Labor Day).
2. Awards will be given for first through fourth place of each eligible class.
3. Additional Youth Awards:
 - a. All-Around and Reserve Youth
 - b. All-Around and Reserve Level 1: All Age Youth
 - c. All-Around and Reserve Small Fry

PRESENTATION OF YEAR-END AWARDS

Class and All-Around awards will be presented at the NDQHA Annual Banquet.

Winners should make an effort to pick up their awards at that time or arrange for someone else to do it for them. Awards will not be mailed out. Awards not claimed by October of the following year will be forfeited.

The NDQHA Board of Directors adopted the preceding NDQHA Show Rules on January 16th, 1993. Amended December 2013, Amended March 2015, Amended January 2019, Amended January 2022, Amended December 2022, Amended January 2023, Amended December 2023, February 2025.

Appendix

- A) SHW803.5 To be eligible for all-around honors, a horse in the open division, amateur in the amateur division, select amateur in the Select amateur classes or youth in the youth division must compete in at least three AQHA - approved events in one division - open, amateur, Select amateur, or youth classes - in three or more categories.

Category I - Halter/Performance Halter

Category II - Reining, Working Cow Horse, Boxing***, Western Riding, Ranch Riding, Trail

Category III - Team Penning, Ranch Sorting, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Race***, Cowboy Mounted Shooting

Category IV - Jumping, Working Hunter, Hunter Hack

Category V - Western Pleasure, 2-Year-Old Western Pleasure*, Hunter Under Saddle, Pleasure Driving**

Category VI - Tie-down Roping, Breakaway Roping***, Dally Team Roping-Heading, Dally Team Roping-Heeling, Cutting

****Category VII - Showmanship at Halter, Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Equitation Over Fences

Category VIII - Versatility Ranch Horse, VRH Ranch Riding, VRH Ranch Reining, VRH Ranch Trail, VRH Ranch Cutting, VRH Ranch Cow Work, VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work, VRH Ranch Conformation (Stallions, Mares, Geldings) **, VRH Ranch Conformation - Youth (Mares, Geldings)

* Open division only

** Open and Amateur divisions only

***Amateur and youth divisions only

- B) SHW803.6 The winner of the all-around award is determined by adding points earned by each horse in the open division, or contestant/horse in amateur, select amateur and youth in every approved class in which it placed in the top nine. The horse in the open division, or contestant/horse in amateur, select amateur and youth, having competed in at least three of the approved events in three or more categories and earning the greatest number of points shall be awarded the all-around trophy.
- C) SHW803.9 TIES The horse in the open, amateur, youth or select, will be declared the all-around which:
SHW803.9.1 Earned credits in the greatest number of events
SHW803.9.2 The horse or contestant winning over the greatest number of horses
SHW803.9.3 Earned the most credits in performance events.
- D) SHW813. YEAR-END HIGH-POINT HORSE - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded annually based on the number of points earned by an individual horse in the open division or an amateur or youth with any one horse in their respective division during that year's competition, in each AQHA-approved event in which points are awarded.
- SHW813.1 Two or more AQHA trophies will be granted in the event of a tie in the Level 3 open, amateur and youth divisions. In the event of a tie for any corporate sponsored award, the winner will be:
- Horse or contestant with the greatest number of wins
 - Horse of contestant winning over the greatest number of horses
 - Winner will be the exhibitor earning the final point the earliest in the year
- E) SHW815. YEAR-END ALL-AROUND HIGH-POINT HORSE AND RESERVE ALL AROUND - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be given to the horse in the open division, and the amateur and youth with any one horse in their respective division, earning the most points in halter/performance halter and performance classes at AQHA - approved shows.

SHW815.1 Points must be earned in halter/performance halter and at least two of the performance categories set forth in the all-around (open, amateur, select amateur, youth) award with a minimum of five points earned in the lowest category.

SHW815.2 Rookie and Level 1 points will not count toward the all-around high-point horse award.

SHW815.3 A certificate will be awarded to the high point Select exhibitor in each amateur class.

