

North Carolina Quarter Horse Association Open Show Awards Program

The purpose of the Open Show Awards Program is to recognize NCQHA members who compete in local open and 4-H horse shows with a registered American Quarter Horse.

1. Participant must be a member in good standing with NCQHA. If an individual is not a current member of NCQHA and would like for his/her points to count towards year-end awards, membership to NCQHA must be postmarked and submitted within **five business days** after the date of the open show.
2. Horse must be a registered American Quarter Horse.
3. Points/placing are per horse/rider team.
4. Must compete in a minimum of **five (5)** North Carolina open shows.
5. Must accumulate a minimum of **15 points** to be counted towards any division award.
6. Any show which is open to horses of all breeds and all colors in the state of North Carolina can be used for this program. Rodeos will count as open shows for those participants in the Timed Event Divisions.
7. Youth participants must be 18 years of age or under as of January 1st of the current year, as specified in Rule 102 (g)(3) of the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules & Regulations. Those who qualify for adult awards are those 19 years of age and older as of January 1st. Small Fry participants must be 10 years of age and under as of January 1st.
8. **Ten places will count for points.**

Number in Class	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place	6 th place	7 th place	8 th place	9 th place	10 th place
20 or more	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
10-19	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
6	6	5	4	3	2	1				
5	5	4	3	2	1					
4	4	3	2	1						
3	3	2	1							
2	2	1								
1	1									

9. Dressage points are as follows:
 - 70 plus test score = 6 points
 - 65 - 69 test score = 5 points
 - 60 - 64 test score = 4 points
 - 55 - 59 test score = 3 points
 - 50 - 54 test score = 2 points
 - 45 - 49 test score = 1 point
10. Participants who enter classes offered at AQHA/NCQHA approved show circuits (single or multiple day events) will receive **5 bonus points** to their selected division per circuit they attend (not per show). For example – If you compete in classes on one, two, or three days at a circuit show consisting of three (3) days of showing, you will be awarded a maximum of **5 points in your selected division (not 15)**.
Participants competing at All Novice AQHA Shows will receive 10 bonus points added to their selected division.
11. Participants who attend a NCQHA District Meeting will receive 15 bonus points to their division of choice – maximum of 60 bonus points. This division must be indicated on District Meeting Form.
12. Participants must complete an official NCQHA Open Show Awards Program point reporting form. This form must contain the signature of the exhibitor and the authorized signature of the open show secretary (exhibitor and show secretary cannot be the same).
 - Any discrepancies between the information submitted and that of the respective organizations will be resolved in favor of the organization's authority.
 - Point Reporting Forms must be received within 30 days of the open show.
 - The final Point Reporting Form for the year must be received no later than October 31st.

Divisions

1. Youth Halter/Showmanship – Eligible classes: Halter, Showmanship at Halter.
2. Adult Halter/Showmanship - Eligible classes: Halter, Showmanship at Halter.
3. Youth Western Performance – Eligible classes: Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Western Riding.
4. Adult Western Performance – Eligible classes: Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Western Riding
5. Youth Hunt Seat Performance – Eligible classes: Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Jumping, Dressage
6. **Adult Hunt Seat Performance – Eligible classes: Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Jumping, Dressage, Pleasure Driving, Reinsmanship (Driving)**
7. Youth Speed Performance – Eligible classes: Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Race.
8. Adult Speed Performance – Eligible classes: Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Race.

9. Small Fry Western Performance – Eligible classes: Walk/Jog, Go-As-You-Please, Western Horsemanship
10. Small Fry Hunt Seat Performance – Eligible classes: Walk/Trot, Go-As-You-Please, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, any non-cantering Over Fences class
11. Adult Walk/ Trot Division* -- Eligible classes: Western Walk/Jog, Western Go-As-You-Please, Western Walk/Jog Horsemanship, Western Walk/Jog Trail, Hunt Seat Walk/Trot. Hunt Seat Go-As-You-Please, Hunt Seat Walk/Trot Equitation, Walk/Trot Over Fences, Walk/Trot Equitation Over Fences.
12. Youth Walk/Trot Division* -- Eligible classes: Western Walk/Jog, Western Go-As-You-Please, Western Walk/Jog Horsemanship, Western Walk/Jog Trail, Hunt Seat Walk/Trot. Hunt Seat Go-As-You-Please, Hunt Seat Walk/Trot Equitation, Walk/Trot Over Fences, Walk/Trot Equitation Over Fences.

***Special requirements and limitations for earning awards in the Walk/Trot Division**

- Open to both Hunt Seat and Western walk/trot riders – Point totals accumulate for participation in either or both divisions.
- Awards presented in this division are to recognize the achievements of beginning riders, those who are limited by age (youth or “maturity”), or those with any physical limitation that prevents them from participating in classes that call for a lope or canter. Participants who chose to work towards a Year-end Award in these divisions are only eligible for additional Year-end Awards in the halter/showmanship and small fry divisions. Participants who chose to work towards a Year-end Award in the walk/trot division are **not eligible** for a Year-end Award in any of the divisions in which loping or cantering is required. All are encouraged to enter and compete in walk/trot classes, but only those “dedicated” to this division are eligible for Walk/Trot Division Year-end Awards.