



American Saddlebred Horse Association of Ohio Year End High Point Award Rules

Changes Beginning 2023

1. **Owner, rider, driver and/or handler must be ASHAO members in good standing prior to any competition for points to be earned.** The Lead Line class is an exception to the previous requirement and only the rider must be a current member.
2. **Membership and points become effective on the envelope postmark date or the received date (if no postmark)** provided the membership form is completed in full.
3. Points are earned according the table below. **A ribbon must have been awarded to earn points** (6th – 8th are seldom awarded). **Note: Championship or Stake class points will be awarded only if a qualifying class is offered at the show except for the ASHAO Annual Show.**

	Qualifying Class	Championship or Stake
First	10	20
Second	9	18
Third	8	16
Fourth	7	14
Fifth	6	12
Sixth	5	10
Seventh	4	8
Eighth	3	6

4. **Points must be earned in the SAME CLASS at 3 approved shows to qualify for a high point award.**
5. Classes that restrict exhibitors from showing (e.g. novice, limit, UPHA Challenge Cup, William Shatner, medal classes, etc.) are not point-earning classes.
6. **The ASHAO Annual Spring Show shall count as two qualifying shows with double points being awarded.**
7. A horse must be shown under its ASHA registered name, its ASHA registration number and the name of the owner(s) of record with ASHA or the Canadian American Saddle Horse Registry.
8. If a horse is leased, a copy of the lease agreement must be on file with the membership secretary.
9. If a horse is shown by numerous people, **the high point award (if earned) will go to the person who initially listed the horse** on his/her membership form unless the point secretary is notified in writing by the initial recorder that points should be transferred.



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10. If a horse is sold during the show season and the new owner is a member or becomes a member, **any points earned will be transferred to the new owner's membership** and high point awards (if earned) will be awarded to the new recorded owner. The point secretary must be notified in writing of transfer of ownership and registration papers reflecting same shall also be submitted.
11. If a horse is sold and the new owner is not or does not become a member, **points earned before the sale will still count for a high point award and the original owner shall receive the award(s)**, if any are earned.
12. If a horse or rider is disqualified from a point-earning class, ASHAO will not reverse the decision of the horse show and the points will not count toward high point awards.
13. **If the member selected ASHAO award category (Amateur, Adult, or Junior Exhibitor only) class is not offered, points from the class offered will go toward the selected award category.** (For example, there is no Junior Exhibitor or Amateur class, then the "open" class and/or championship/stake points will be awarded in Junior Exhibitor or Amateur. If the member included the Open category on his/her membership then points will count as Open. AOT(R) classes are offered at a limited number of shows and AOT(R) points will only be awarded in those classes at those shows.
14. Points earned in 2 year old, 3 year old, and junior horse performance classes will be credited as **junior horse points**.
15. If a member wishes to challenge their point standing at the end of the show season, the **Point Verification form must be competed and sent to the point secretary no later than November 1st** A response will be forwarded from the point secretary after receipt and review of the request. The point standing verification sheet can be downloaded from the Association's website at www.OhioSaddlebred.com.

Summary of Changes 2023

- #3 Additional points will not be awarded for those horses awarded lower placing ribbons..

Summary of Changes 2016

- #6 ASHAO Sweepstakes eliminated, replaced by Jackpot classes at select shows
#13 2016 Restated to eliminate substitution of AOT(R) points.

Summary of Changes 2014

- #3 Stakes without qualifiers will be awarded Championship points ONLY at the ASHAO Annual Show
#8 Any lease documents must be submitted to the membership secretary NOT the points secretary