

# American Saddlebred Horse Association of Georgia

## Rules for the 2010 High Point Awards

### ELIGIBILITY:

In order to qualify for a High Point or Reserve High Point Award you must:

1. Be a current member in good standing of ASHAG.
2. Compete in a minimum of THREE classes in each nominated category at THREE different point shows.
3. Submit your nomination form and fee by US Mail to the High Point Chairman. The points will accumulate starting on the postmark date. Or the High Point Nomination Form can be turned into the Show Secretary at a ASHAG High Point Show. However...this form must be turned into prior to the horse showing at the horse show. There will be no exceptions.
4. Agree to abide by the high point rules and regulations set forth by the appointed ASHAG Show Committee.
5. Submit all changes of horse ownership, trainer status, or any other nomination status changes by US Mail to the High Point Chairman. Changes will be determined by date of postmark. Change forms are available on the ASHAG web site or from any ASHAG Show Committee member.
6. Submit in writing an Inquiry Form with any questions, protests, point standing inquiries or comments to the ASHAG Show Committee. Inquiry Forms are available on the ASHAG web site or from any ASHAG Show Committee member.

### NOMINATION FORMS AND FEES:

1. One Form for each nominated horse.
2. One Form for each nominated Equitation or Academy rider.  
(Equitation and/or Juvenile Academy include age as of 12/01/09).
3. Nomination forms with fees MUST BE MAILED to the High Point Chairman or turned into the Show Secretary prior to horses showing to earn points. The postmark of payment will determine the date points begin. If fees are mailed separately, the latest postmark will determine the date points begin to accrue. Or if they are handed to the Show Secretary at a horse show, the date of the Show Secretary's signature is the date the points will accumulate.
4. Nomination fee is \$10.00 for each horse or pony.
5. Each Academy or Equitation rider must pay a separate \$10.00 nomination fee.
6. A fee will be charged on all returned checks.

**PERFORMANCE DIVISION:** For performance classes, points are awarded to the horse. The owner must be a member of ASHAG and must complete a nomination form. In the case of multiple owners, only one owner need be a member of ASHAG. If the horse changes ownership during the show season, points will continue to be accumulated for the 2010 season provided the new owner meets the eligibility requirements. It is the responsibility of the new owner to notify the High Point Chairman in writing of any change of ownership and/or training responsibility.

**EQUITATION DIVISION:** Points are earned by the exhibitor and may be earned on any number of horses. The exhibitor must be a member of ASHAG and a nomination form must be completed and submitted with the correct nomination fees before points will be counted. Ten and Under Equitation riders who have been judged in any canter class cannot enter or compete in any Walk-Trot Only Equitation Class.

## GENERAL RULES

If a nominee has a question regarding cross entering or eligibility at a horse show, he or she may refer to the USEF rules in the American Saddlebred Section. If there is a specific question regarding a prize list prior to said show, the nominee can contact the ASHAG Show Chairman by US Mail or by e-mail. It is the responsibility of every exhibitor to understand and abide by horse show rules.

Review the following before showing:

1. Horses shown in any class in the Performance Divisions i.e. Three Gaited or Five Gaited, other than "In Hand", are ineligible to show in the Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Classes at the same show.
2. If a trainer shows a pleasure horse in an open class, an amateur or juvenile can show that same horse at that show in an open pleasure class, but NOT in an amateur or juvenile ASB point class.
3. Cross entering at a show is prohibited between Show Pleasure and Country Pleasure, Three Gaited Pleasure and Five Gaited Pleasure, and between ASB Park Pleasure and Three Gaited Park.
4. Three Gaited Pleasure, Country Pleasure and Five Gaited Pleasure horses and Pleasure ponies may show for points in their respective nominated driving category at any show that offers an Open Pleasure Driving Class only. If ASB Pleasure Driving is offered, the ASB Pleasure Horses (Show and Country) will likewise receive points in their respective nominated categories for driving.
5. At multiple day shows, only the qualifying class and the corresponding championship class in your nominated category will count toward points.
6. Restricted classes WILL NOT count toward high point awards. Examples are, but not limited to: novice horse or rider, limit, maiden, junior horse, GA owned, ladies, etc. Other restricted classes include those which eliminate a horse/rider from competing further after winning a blue ribbon, or a class that requires additional membership affiliations. Examples: William Shatner, UPHA, or USEF Medal classes.
7. When age groups are offered, nominees must show in the appropriate age group to receive points.
8. Horses showing Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Pleasure or Pleasure Driving may earn points in Open classes at shows that do not offer these as ASB Classes. In order for points to accrue, these horses must be ridden by an amateur or juvenile.
9. Horses and Riders can earn additional points in their nominated category at shows that offer an Open Pleasure Driving Championship, Equitation Championship, Western Pleasure and Hunter Championship where no ASB championship is offered.

## POINTS

Points will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place-6 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-5 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-4 points; 4<sup>th</sup> Place-3 points; 5<sup>th</sup> Place-2 points; all others 1 (one) point regardless of the number of ribbons awarded. Everyone who is judged in a point class will receive a point for showing. Championship classes will receive points in the same manner.

Points will be given in the nominated category in which the horse shows. If a horse/pony is ridden/driven by an Amateur or Juvenile and only an Open Class is offered at the show, the points will be awarded in the Amateur/Juvenile category.

If a horse or rider experiences equipment failure in a class and has to be excused i.e. lose of shoe, equipment breakage, etc. The horse or rider will receive 1 (one) participation point for that class.

If a nominated owner/horse does not pay their show bill at an ASHAG sanctioned show. The horse show has the right to contact the ASHAG Point Chairman and not turn over the points for that individual owner or horse for that particular ASHAG Sanctioned Point Show. The owner/horse has 60 days from the last day of the show to pay the show bill or they will not receive the points for this show year. If the show bill is paid in full within 60 days, the points will be posted by the ASHAG Point Chairman.

## TRAINERS AWARDS

Point totals will be tabulated for each trainer in the 2010 show season. Points which a horse or rider earn for a trainer stay with the trainer when a horse moves to a different trainer. It is the responsibility of the trainer or owner to complete a Change Form and mail to the High Point Chairman if such changes occur. The change will be official no earlier than when the horse physically moves to the new trainer. All trainers must be members in good standing with ASHAG to be eligible for this award.

1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$250; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$125; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-100, 4<sup>th</sup> Place-\$75 and 5<sup>th</sup> Place-\$50.

## AMATEUR TRAINER AWARD

Points will be tabulated in the same manner as the trainer award and a Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. Points may not be awarded under a farm name, but rather only under the owner's name as shown on the registration papers. Points will be awarded in any category except Academy. A horse may not accumulate points for a trainer and the Amateur Trainer award in the same year. If the status of an Amateur Trainer horse changes during the year, it is the responsibility of the owner to mail a change form to the High Point Chairman. The Amateur-Trainer year end winners must be the registered owner of the horse or pony that they earned points throughout the year with.

## TABULATION AND REPORTING RESULTS

Show results will be published in the ASHAG Newsletter a minimum of twice during the show season. Point standings will also be updated and available on the ASHAG Web site.

1. All nominated riders, horses/ponies as well as points must be checked by the nominees by July 1. Any errors must be reported within 60 days or these nominees and points will be considered final.
2. If an error is discovered in the show results and/or high point standing, an Inquiry Form should be mailed to the High Point Chairman regarding the point standings. It is each owner's responsibility to check the point standings for accuracy.
3. All inquiries will remain confidential and will only be discussed by the Show Committee.
4. Inquiries will be voted on by the Show Committee. The Committee's decision will be final. If the Show Committee cannot decide on a specific protest, the Inquiry will be presented to the ASHAG Executive Committee for a final decision.
5. Inquiry forms must include the name and address of the involved nominated owner, horse and rider, specific error (e.g. point count is wrong or omitted, horse was ineligible, etc.) The burden of proof regarding the Inquiry is assumed by the individual making the Inquiry. A \$25 Fee must accompany the Inquiry. If the Inquiry is found to be valid, the fee will be refunded.

Awards: The ASHAG Show Committee will recommend their choices and budget to the ASHAG Executive Board for awards. Suitable awards will be given for Champion and Reserve Champion in each category, with additional awards to all nominated Academy riders who have met the three show requirement.

ASHA State Pleasure Awards: These awards will also be presented to the High Point Champions in the following pleasure divisions: ASB Country Pleasure Amateur and Juvenile, ASB Three Gaited Show Pleasure Amateur and Juvenile, Western Country Pleasure, Hunter Country Pleasure, Five Gaited Pleasure, ASB Show Pleasure Driving, and ASB Country Pleasure Driving. Owners must be members of the American Saddlebred Horse Association. Horses must be registered, transferred or leased as stated under "Registration".

It is the responsibility of the ASHAG member to provide the ASHAG Point Chairman with their ASHA information upon registering their horse for high points.

**Sportsmanship:** Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judge or officials, horse show management, or the use of any illegal devices or any other violation of standard horse show rules by any ASHAG member or family member, trainer, exhibitor or groom may result in forfeiture of points earned at that show. Any member of ASHAG may report a violation in writing to the ASHAG President to be referred to the Ethics Committee. Such a report must be postmarked within 15 days of the show where the alleged violation occurred.

#### **SANCTIONED (Point) HORSE SHOWS**

1. Selection of point shows will be on a first come-first serve basis, previous year sanctioned shows receiving right of first refusal on their previous calendar dates. No two point shows will be held on the same day or within 120 miles apart on the same weekend. ASHAG Point Shows will be selected at the current appointed ASHAG Horse Show Committees discretion.
2. The 2010 show year shall be February 1 – December 1.
3. Requests for a sanctioned show should be made 60 days prior to the show date.
4. Each request will be voted on by the Horse Show Committee. In order for a show to be sanctioned, it is required that the show offer at least 10 of the performance high point categories. A show not having both Amateur/Juvenile and a Championship Three and Five-Gaited classes, may have one class for each division. When classes are combined at a sanctioned show, the points will be awarded according to the rider i.e. if a trainer is riding the points will go Open, if an Amateur or Juvenile is riding, the points will go Amateur/Juvenile.
5. For a show to be sanctioned, the membership must be notified via email, US Mail, ASHAG Newsletter or special mailing postmarked in addition the information will can be posted on the ASHAG website at least 20 days prior to the show. All sanctioned horse shows may post their prize list and entry forms on the ASHAG web site in lieu of mailing to save cost. It is recommended that if email or the website are the chosen method that the shows are respectful of the barns that do not have email addresses and mail those prize list to the barn US mail. There is a box on each High Point Nomination Form and each individual has the opportunity to check if they have the capability to receive a class list via email. This email listing will be sent to the shows. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor/agent to notify the High point secretary of any email changes.
6. The membership must be notified in print or the ASHAG web site of any class additions or changes after the prize list has been published for said classes to count for points. Classes added at a show will not count for points.
8. The Horse Show Committee will provide a show packet to each show manager which will include ASHAG Show Rules, suggested classes, Academy Guidelines (which said show chairman must forward to the judge), an ASHAG member label file will be mailed to each show via email or if a show request labels can be printed for them. Other information deemed is available in this packet that is deemed necessary for each show.
9. Within 14 days of completion of the show, the show manager will provide entries and results of all classes to the High Point Chairman.
10. After the prize list for a sanctioned show has been sent out to ASHAG members, notification must be sent out to members if changes or additions are made to the schedule prior to the show. However, changes of the order of classes the day of the show will not be allowed. At the discretion of show management, changes will be allowed in case of emergency (i.e. truck and trailers breaking down, etc); classes that are delayed will be moved to the end of a session.
11. Dress Code Changes: In case of inclement weather or extremely hot or cold conditions which would effect the safety of a rider. Dress code changes will be made at the discretion of horse show management.
12. The ASHAG Show Committee recommends that each ASHAG Sanctioned Show provide a horse show Farrier and Veterinarian for their horse show, if possible. In all instances, the telephone number for a local vet who has agreed to be on call must be posted at the horse show office. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make payment at the horse show for all Farrier and/or vet services that are completed.
13. Each ASHAG Sanctioned Show must send their class list to an ASHAG Show Committee representative for approval five days before sending it to the ASHAG membership.
14. An ASHAG Sanctioned Show must set an estimated start time for each session and can not start a session before that set time.
15. Any handlers or headers in the show ring at any class at any Sanctioned Show must be at 16 years of age or older. This includes the leaders in the Lead Line (not to be judged) classes. This is for the safety of all of our exhibitors.

## CATEGORIES FOR 2010 HIGH POINT AWARDS

Listed below are the 31 Categories for High Point Awards. The cost to nominate each Horse, Academy or Equitation Rider is \$10.00.

### NOMINATED CATEGORIES

#### (Performance Categories)

Five Gaited Amateur/Juvenile  
Five Gaited Ladies  
Five Gaited Open  
Three Gaited Amateur/Juvenile  
Three Gaited Open  
Roadster Horse to Bike  
Road Pony Amateur/Juvenile  
Road Pony Open  
Road Pony Under Saddle  
ASB Country Pleasure Amateur  
ASB Country Pleasure Juvenile  
Open Pleasure Driving  
(Horses from ASB Show Pleasure as well as  
ASB Country Pleasure Driving will accumulate  
points for this category)  
ASB Western Pleasure  
ASB Hunter Pleasure

ASB Five Gaited Show Pleasure  
ASB Three Gaited Pleasure Amateur  
ASB Three Gaited Pleasure Juvenile  
Hackney/Pleasure Pony Driving  
ASB Park Pleasure  
ASB Park Open  
ASB Park Amateur/Juvenile  
English Pleasure-Walk-Trot (12 & under)  
(Any breed, Horse or Pony)  
Open English Pleasure (Any breed)

#### (Equitation Divisions)

Adult Equitation **NEW**  
Equitation Walk-Trot (11 & under)  
Equitation 17 & under

### Academy Divisions (A Champion. Reserve Champion and Top 5 Winners will be Awarded in each division)

Academy Saddleseat Equitation, Walk & Trot  
Age Groups, 17 & Under, Adult  
Academy Saddleseat Equitation Walk, Trot & Canter  
Age Groups, 17 & Under, Adult  
Academy Saddleseat Showmanship/Pleasure, Walk & Trot  
Age Groups, 17 & Under, Adult  
Academy Saddleseat Showmanship, Walk, Trot & Canter  
Age Groups, 17 & Under, Adult  
Academy Leadline - Walk-trot, 8 & Under (to be judged)

ASHAG Web Site: [www.ashag.org](http://www.ashag.org)  
For forms, point standings, class sheets

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