

Maritime Quarter Horse Association Year End Awards Requirements

1. **Horses become eligible for year-end awards when owners membership and exhibitors membership is paid.** A horse purchased from a non-member becomes eligible for points only from the date of purchase by MQHA member. Transfer of ownership between members will not alter open points. Points accumulate only after membership has been paid. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. For a horse to be eligible for an award, the class must be offered at and shown in at least 60% of the MQHA pointed shows. Please note the number of shows is based on the individual days and will be rounded up or down at the 0.5 mark. **For 2010, the number of qualifying shows is 7 shows.**
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to advise the point secretary of any change in ownership.
4. Points will be based on the following. Horses placing in the top 9 will be given a point for each horse placing below them, plus one point, not to exceed 9 points. For example, in a class of 10 horses, first place receives nine points; second place receives eight points and so on.
5. Grand and Reserves could receive additional points. The Grand Champion horse must receive one point more than any other horse in the same sex division, and the reserve horse must receive one-half point more than any other horse in the same sex division, except for the grand horse. These additional points are not awarded for the individual class but to the overall division awards.
6. All-Around points for each horse in the open division and each horse and rider combination in the amateur, youth and novice divisions are then added together to obtain the overall year-end awards.
7. In order for a horse to be eligible for a MQHA Year-End All-Around (High Point and Reserve High Point) they must complete in at least three division classes per show at a minimum of 60% of the MQHA Pointed Shows. Horses must show in the halter class of their respective division. This applies to all divisions – Open, Amateur, Youth, Novice Amateur and Novice Youth. As an example, to be eligible for the All-Around (High Point) Novice Amateur the horse/rider combination must also compete in a Novice Amateur halter class.
8. As per the AQHA rule any exhibitor showing a horse with a temporary permit are not eligible for MQHA year-end points. Exhibitors showing a leased horse are eligible for MQHA Year-End Awards.
9. In the event of a tie for the High Point Overall Halter in any division, the award will go to the horse earning the most Grand Champions.
10. In the event of a tie for a High Point Class award, the award will go to the horse with the most first place wins. If there is still a tie, then the award will go to the horse that has shown in the highest number of classes for that event. If a tie still remains, the award will go to the horses with highest placing under the last judge both horses showed under.
11. Points for Leadline, Walk-Trot 11 & Under and Walk-Trot 35 & Over will be awarded to the rider only, regardless of the horses ridden. Rider must be a MQHA member to qualify for points for Year-End awards.