

**MQHA Year End Awards Eligibility & Requirements
2024**

1. Horses become eligible for year end awards when the owner's and exhibitor's memberships have been paid in full for the year. A horse purchased from a non-member becomes eligible for points only from the date of purchase by the MQHA member. Transfer of ownership between members will not alter Open points. Points accumulate only after membership has been paid. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. All Around points for each horse in the Open division are awarded solely to the horse and may be accumulated by different riders. The Amateur, Youth & Level 1 divisions points are accumulated by each horse/rider combination and are added together to obtain the year-end awards winners.
3. Year-end class awards and division high point awards will be calculated based upon a horse's (Open division) or horse-rider combination's (Amateur, Youth, Level 1 divisions) top 8 placings throughout the show season. There is no minimum number of qualifying judges.

2024 MQHA Pointed Shows

Date	Show Format/ Judges	# of Judges
Canada Day Classic, June 28- July 1, 2024	Split Combined, Double Judged	4
Summer Sizzler, August 2-5, 2024	Split Combined, Double Judged	4
Fall Classic, September 1-2	Split Combined, Double Judged	2
MPHC Show, August 30-31	Split Combined, Triple Judged	3
Total Eligible Judges (Top 8 Counted)		13

4. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to advise the point secretary of any change in ownership.
5. Points for all classes 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. EXAMPLE: In a class of 9 horses or greater, 1st place receives 9 points, 2nd place receives 8 points, etc.
6. Grand and Reserve could receive additional points. The Grand Champion horse must receive two points more than any other horse in the same sex division, and the Reserve horse must receive one point more than any other horse in the same sex division, except the Grand horse. These additional points are not awarded for the individual class but to the overall division awards.
7. Halter is not required to be eligible for high point. If an exhibitor chooses to show in halter those point will count towards their high point.
 - A. MQHA Level 1 halter (Youth and Amateur) is the halter class that counts towards year end high point for Youth and Amateur Walk-Trot division and Novice division.

8. In the event of a tie for High Point Overall Halter in any division, the award will go to the horse earning the most Grand Champions.
9. 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 most classes for that event. If a tie still remains, the award will go to the horse with the highest placing under the last judge
10. High point for Lead Line is based on the exhibitor only. Both rider and horse owner must be MQHA members in good standing for points to count. EXAMPLE: Sally rides Rusty at show #1 and Snoopy at show #2. Both Rusty and Snoopy's owners must be MQHA members, in addition to the exhibitor.
11. The following open Junior, Senior and Level 1 classes qualify for year-end high point per respective open division:
 - Halter, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Trail, Ranch Trail*, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Ranch Riding**, Working Western Rail, Reining
12. The following youth and amateur classes qualify for year-end high point per youth and amateur division:
 - Halter, Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Trail, Ranch Trail*, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Riding, Ranch Riding**, Working Western Rail, Reining
13. The following Level 1 youth and amateur classes qualify for year-end high point per Level 1 youth and amateur division:
 - MQHA Level 1 Halter, Level 1 Showmanship, Level 1 Hunter Under Saddle, Level 1 Hunt Seat Equitation, Level 1 Trail, Level 1 Ranch Riding**, Level 1 Western Pleasure, Level 1 Horsemanship, Level 1 Western Riding
14. The following Level 1 Walk-Trot youth and amateur classes qualify for year-end high point per Level 1 Walk-Trot youth and amateur division:
 - MQHA Level 1 Halter, Level 1 W/J Showmanship, Level 1 W/T Hunter Under Saddle, Level 1 W/T Hunt Seat Equitation, Level 1 W/J Trail, Level 1 W/J Western Pleasure, Level 1 W/J Horsemanship
15. The following open, youth & amateur classes qualify for the ranch year-end high point in each respective division:
 - Halter, Ranch Trail, Riding Riding, Working Western Rail, Reining

* As per AQHA rules, a horse can not cross enter ranch trail and trail at the same show, regardless of division.

** As per AQHA rules, a horse can not cross enter ranch riding and western pleasure at the same show, regardless of division.