



## APAHA Adult Amateur High Point Program Rules Presented by Markel Insurance



### 1. Eligibility

- a. Each participant must be a current member of AHA
- b. Each individual horse and rider combination must pay a nomination fee, per combination by the last day of the first show you wish to use for points
  - i. \$100.00 for APAHA members
  - ii. \$150.00 for Non-Members of APAHA
- c. You must be the owner (or be an immediate family member of the owner) of the horse
- d. You must be the rider in order to utilize the points generated
- e. You must be 19 years of age or older pursuant to AHA rules.
- f. Program eligibility follows the US Equestrian calendar year, December 1 through November 30.

### 2. Qualifying class

- a. In order for a class to count towards your point total it must:
  - i. Must be a class offered at US Nationals or Canadian Nationals
  - ii. Currently, no sport horse classes will be applicable
  - iii. All Class A Shows, Regional Championships, East Coast Championships, Pacific Slopes Championships, Canadian Nationals, and US Nationals are automatically enrolled in the program (See Section 2(b) herein for point rating and Section 3 herein for points allocation)
- b. All shows may purchase an additional APAHA High Point Rating by purchasing an additional "level", increasing the points awarded pursuant to the rating (i.e. double rated receives double points; triple rated receives three times the points)
  - i. Local Level shows can pay an additional \$250 for each additional level
  - ii. Regional Championships, East Coast Championships, and Pacific Slopes Championships can pay an additional \$500 for each additional level
- c. Each show may advertise as an APAHA High Point Program Participant

### 3. Point Allocation

- a. All Local Level Shows
  - i. First Place receives 5 points
  - ii. Second Place receives 4 points
  - iii. Third Place receives 3 points
  - iv. Fourth Place receives 2 points
  - v. Fifth Place receives 1 point
  - vi. Sixth Place receives 1 point

- b. Regional Championships, East Coast Championships, and Pacific Slopes Championships shall award points as follows:
  - i. 10 points for Champion
  - ii. 7 points for Reserve Champion
  - iii. 5 point for the remaining Top Five
- c. Canadian Nationals Points shall be awarded as follows:
  - i. 30 points for National Champion
  - ii. 15 points for Reserve National Champion
  - iii. 10 points for each remaining Top Ten
- d. US Nationals Points shall be awarded as follows:
  - i. 40 Points for National Champion
  - ii. 20 Points for Reserve National Champion
  - iii. 15 Points for each remaining Top Ten

#### **4. Year End Awards**

- a. Points will be recorded and tabulated by APAHA
- b. At the end of the year a National Champion, Reserve National Champion, and Top Ten will be awarded based on the accumulation of points
- c. Prize Money will be awarded based on the placing of each award winner
- d. In the event of a tie, the award for that placing will be pooled with the award for the placing or placings following sequentially, the pooling shall then be split between the tying individuals, and the tying parties shall then continue sequentially in placings standings. For example: If there is a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> place between two individuals, the money for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place will be pooled together and split evenly between the typing parties. The tying parties then follow the sequence of placings to become 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place and the placings shall continue sequentially until the Top Ten has been awarded.
- e. All rules, decisions, and award distributions relative to the APAHA Point Program will be developed and reached by the APAHA Board of Directors. All of said decisions and rules will be final for that show season.
- f. The rules relative to the APAHA Point program may be amended from time to time
  - i. Any amendments made to the program shall not be implemented during the current show season
  - ii. Any amendments to the program will be implemented for the following show season