



Oregon Quarter Horse Association

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OREGON QUARTER HORSE YEAR-END AWARD RULES: 2022

POINT SYSTEM

1. Horses must be registered in the same name as the membership for OQHA points to count for year-end awards. If a horse is registered in the name of more than one natural member, each individual must have an OQHA membership for points to count. This can be achieved by a family, single or youth membership. If a horse is registered in the name of a ranch, corporation, company or syndicate, it shall be defined as unnatural and the membership must be in the same name as the horse is registered for points to count. The owner and handler must be members of OQHA for points to count for year-end awards. For leased horses, owners and exhibitors must be members of OQHA for points to count for year-end awards. Memberships must be paid by April 1st of each year in order to accumulate points towards a year-end award. **Points will not be tabulated until the membership has been paid.** Points earned prior to that time will not be tabulated in the total.
2. **To be eligible for a year end award each horse must pay a \$25.00 awards nomination fee by April 1st of each year. All award nomination fees will help fund the OQHA year-end awards program.**
3. The show year for OQHA year-end awards will be from November 1 until October 31. Points accumulated at OQHA approved shows, which are held from November 1 to December 31, will carry over with the horse or youth if a changed age or classification occurs. Example: a two-year old stallion earning points in November and December will carry these points into his three-year old season.
4. OQHA points are awarded on the following basis: the horse receives one-half point for each horse it defeats, plus one-half point for the horse itself. The maximum number of OQHA points awarded for a class is three (3). Example: First place in a class of six or more horses receives 3 points, second place – 2.5 points, third place - 2 points, fourth place – 1.5 points, fifth place – 1 point and sixth place - 0.5 point. In the event there are fewer than six horses in the class, the first place horse gets as many half points as there are horses in the class. For example, if there are four horses in the class, first place receives 2 points, second place – 1.5 points, third place – 1 point and fourth place - 0.5 point.

Maximum points available:

6 or more horses	3 points	3 horses	1.5 points
5 horses	2.5 points	2 horses	1 point
4 horses	2 points	1 horse	0.5 point

The grand champion and reserve grand champion at halter shall receive additional points following the point formula outlined in the current AQHA handbook. These shall be calculated after the AQHA points have been added to the OQHA points. AQHA points shall include AQHA calculated grand or reserve points.

Year-end points are accumulated from OQHA points plus AQHA points. AQHA points will be computed according to the AQHA handbook.

Year-end points example (with 6 to 9 horses in a class):

1st Place:	3 OQHA points + 1 AQHA Point = 4 year-end points
2nd Place:	2.5 OQHA points + 0.5 AQHA point = 3 year-end points
3rd Place:	2 OQHA points + 0 AQHA point = 2 year-end points
4th Place:	1.5 OQHA points + 0 AQHA points = 1.5 year-end points
5th Place:	1 OQHA point + 0 AQHA points = 1 year-end point
6th Place:	0.5 OQHA point + 0 AQHA points = 0.5 year-end point

5. Tie breakers for all awards will be: 1) the most number of firsts, 2) the most number of seconds, 3) the most number of thirds, if a tie still exists, it shall be a decision of the Board of Directors as to how to break the tie.
6. A horse must compete in a given class to at least twelve (12) judges at the OQHA approved shows and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award. A list of OQHA approved shows will be published on the OQHA website or can be obtained by contacting the OQHA office.

OQHYA POINTS AND AWARDS (As per Youth By-laws)

1. **POINTS** - The OQHYA will determine the year end high points using the same point system as the OQHA and explained (see above) in the OQHA rules and regulations. The youth minimum shall be 10 points. A horse must compete in a given class to a minimum twelve (12) judges at OQHA approved shows and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award. If a class Champion is given at year-end then a Reserve Champion award will also be given, even if the exhibitor has less than ten (10) points but meets the judge requirement. Memberships must be paid by **April 1st** each year in order to accumulate points towards a year-end award. Points will begin accumulation each year only after the membership fee has been paid.
2. **ALL-AROUNDS**
 - a. Working Horse and Performance Horse: The winning horse in each division would be the horse with the most halter plus performance points in two or more AQHA performance categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in each division. The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in halter and a minimum of 10 points in each of the two performance categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook.
**OQHYA must raise the funds by fundraising to pay for one (1) of the All-Around awards. If the funds are not raised the All-Around award will return to an overall All Around and follow the above listed criteria.
 - i. Working horse division categories: 1 (Halter), 2 (Ranch Riding, Reining & Working Cowhorse, boxing only), 3 (speed events), 6 (Roping & Cutting). A horse must compete to a minimum eight (8) judges at OQHA approved shows in 2 categories.
 - ii. Performance horse division categories: 1(Halter), 2(Ranch Riding, Western Riding & trail only), 4 (Over Fences), 5 (Pleasure & Hunter Under Saddle), 7 (Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation). A horse must compete to a minimum eight (8) judges at OQHA approved shows in 2 categories.
3. **TOP FIVE AWARDS** - These awards are funded by the OQHYA. Top five awards will be given in each of the youth divisions. The youth divisions (Working Horse and Performance Horse) will be determined by the youth(s) with the highest number of points in (2) AQHA categories. The Level 1 Youth divisions and Rookie Division will be determined by the youth with the highest number of points in (2) AQHA categories. Small fry division will be determined by the youth with the highest number of points. Points will begin accumulation each year only after the membership fee has been paid. A horse must compete to a minimum twelve (12) judges at OQHA approved shows.
4. **HI-POINT and RESERVE LEVEL 1 YOUTH** - The level 1 youth 14-18 and 13 & Under with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved level 1 youth classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum twelve (12) judges at OQHA approved shows.
5. **HI-POINT and RESERVE ROOKIE YOUTH** - The rookie youth with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved rookie youth classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum twelve (12) judges at OQHA approved shows.

OQHA YEAR-END AWARDS

1. A horse must receive at least ten (10) points (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in a given class to be eligible for a year-end class award. A horse must compete in a given class to a minimum of twelve (12) judges at the OQHA approved shows and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award. **Youth Points:** the youth minimum shall be 10 points. A youth horse must compete in a given class to a minimum twelve (12) judges at OQHA approved shows and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award.
2. **The available OQHA funds (net profit) accrued during the year dictate the quality and type of awards given. If funds are not available, awards will not be given during the current year. Any award distribution is determined by the OQHA Board of Directors.**
3. All year-end awards will be presented to the person shown as the AQHA owner of the horse the last time it was shown at the OQHA approved show for the year. The seller and buyer of an award-winning horse may negotiate who shall actually receive the OQHA award.
4. **CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION** will be awarded for each of the following classes:

Open Division:

Yearling Stallions	Yearling Geldings	Yearling Mares
2-Year-Old Stallions	2-Year-Old Geldings	2-Year-Old Mares
3-Year-Old Stallions	3-Year-Old Geldings	3-Year-Old Mares
Aged Stallions	Aged Geldings	Aged Mares
Performance Halter Stallions	Performance Halter Geldings	Performance Halter Mares
Hunter Under Saddle	Junior Western Pleasure	Trail Level 2
Senior Western Pleasure	Trail Level 3	Western Riding Level 2
Western Riding Level 3	Reining	Working Cowhorse
Tie Down Roping	Heading	Heeling
Cutting	Pleasure Driving	Ranch Riding
Barrel Racing	Pole Bending	

Level 1 (Green) Division:

Hunter Under Saddle	Western Riding	Western Pleasure
Trail	Reining	Ranch Riding

Amateur Division:

Yearling Stallions	Yearling Geldings	Yearling Mares
2-Year-Old Stallions	2-Year-Old Geldings	2-Year-Old Mares
3-Year-Old Stallions	3-Year-Old Geldings	3-Year-Old Mares
Aged Stallions	Aged Geldings	Aged Mares
Performance Halter Stallions	Performance Halter Geldings	Performance Halter Mares
Showmanship	Hunter Under Saddle	Hunt Seat Equitation
Western Pleasure	Horsemanship	Trail
Western Riding	Reining	Working Cowhorse
Heading	Heeling	Breakaway Roping
Cutting	Pleasure Driving	Working Cowhorse – boxing
Tie Down Roping	Ranch Riding	Barrel Racing
Pole Bending	Stake Race	

Select Division:

Showmanship	Western Pleasure	Horsemanship
Trail	Reining	Ranch Riding

Level 1 Amateur Division:

Showmanship	Hunter Under Saddle	Hunt Seat Equitation
Trail	Reining	Western Pleasure
Horsemanship	Western Riding	Working Cowhorse–boxing
Ranch Riding	Walk /Trot Hunter Under Saddle	Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
Walk/Trot Western Pleasure	Walk/Trot Horsemanship	Walk/Trot Trail

Youth Division:

Yearling Geldings	Yearling Mares	2-Year-Old Geldings
2 Year-Old Mares	3-Year-Old Geldings	3-Year-Old Mares
Aged Geldings	Aged Mares	Performance Halter Geldings
Performance Halter Mares	Showmanship	Hunter Under Saddle
Hunt Seat Equitation	Western Pleasure	Horsemanship
Trail	Western Riding	Reining
Working Cowhorse	Working Cowhorse – boxing	Heading
Heeling	Breakaway Roping	Cutting
Ranch Riding	Barrel Racing	Pole Bending
Stake Race		

Level 1 Youth Division: (**means classes in both age divisions: 13 & Under / 14-18)

Showmanship**	Hunter Under Saddle**	Hunt Seat Equitation**
Trail	Reining	Western Pleasure**
Horsemanship**	Working Cowhorse –Boxing	Western Riding
Ranch Riding	Walk /Trot Hunter Under Saddle	Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
Walk/Trot Western Pleasure	Walk/Trot Horsemanship	Walk/Trot Trail

All Rookie & Versatility Ranch Horse Division:

All rookie and Versatility Ranch Horse division classes will receive a trophy style award. Exhibitor and horse must meet the award requirements listed in rule #1 and #2 and meet all of the membership requirements.

5. **ALL-AROUND and RESERVE Working Horse and Performance Horse** - The winning horse in each division would be the horse with the most halter plus performance points in two or more AQHA performance categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in each division. The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in halter and a minimum of 10 points in each of the two performance categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook. Working horse division categories: 1 (Halter), 2 (Ranch Riding, Reining & Working Cowhorse only), 3 (speed events), 6 (Roping & Cutting). Performance horse division categories: 1(Halter), 2 (Ranch Riding, Western Riding & trail only), 4 (Over Fences), 5 (Pleasure & Hunter Under Saddle). A horse must compete to a minimum of twelve (12) judges at the OQHA approved shows in 2 categories.
6. **ALL-AROUND and RESERVE AMATEUR AWARDS**
 - a. The winning amateur 49 & under would be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around Categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points). The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around categories. A horse must compete to a minimum of twelve (12) judges the OQHA approved shows in 2 categories. Horses may compete in more than 3 categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook.
 - b. The winning amateur 50 & over would be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around Categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points). The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around categories. A horse must compete to a minimum of twelve (12) judges at the OQHA approved shows in 2 categories. Horses may compete in more than 3 categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook.
 - c. Amateur must be a member of the OQHA to qualify for this award.
 - d. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. Age determined as of December 31st of show year.

7. **HI-POINT and RESERVE HALTER MARE, STALLION, AND GELDING** - The winning horse in each sex division would be the horse with the most cumulative halter points in that sex division. OQHA points plus AQHA points will not include amateur points. A horse must compete to a minimum of 12 judges at the OQHA approved shows.
8. **HI-POINT and RESERVE LEVEL 1 AMATEUR** - The level 1 (novice) amateur with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved level 1 (novice) amateur classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. Amateur must be a member of the OQHA to qualify for this award. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum of 12 judges at the OQHA approved shows.
9. **HI-POINT and RESERVE ROOKIE AMATEUR** - The rookie amateur with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved rookie amateur classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. Amateur must be a member of the OQHA to qualify for this award. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum of 12 judges at the OQHA approved shows.

OREGON BRED

1. A horse must be foaled within the geographic boundaries of Oregon to be eligible to be registered Oregon Bred. An application for this registration must be filled out in its entirety, and accompanied by the appropriate fees. The OQHA will provide the proper forms upon request for the Oregon Bred registration. The Oregon Bred committee chairman must approve the Oregon Bred application.
2. A horse must have his Oregon Bred application for registration before the committee chairman for approval before the registration is valid. With the Oregon Bred Breeders Seal affixed to the AQHA papers, the horse becomes eligible to receive Oregon Bred awards.
3. The name of the individual applying for the Oregon Bred registration shall be the same as that on the membership card. The burden of the responsibility lies with the old and new owners to notify the OQHA of any change in ownership.

Oregon Bred Futurity Awards - To be eligible for the futurity awards, the Oregon Bred application must be approved prior to the start of the first go round of the futurity.

- **OREGON BRED YEARLING** - This will be the highest placing Oregon Bred at the OQHA Open Yearling Halter Futurity in the following divisions: colt, filly and gelding.
- **OREGON BRED AWARDS** - For the highest placing Oregon Bred horse in the following classes at the OQHA Open Futurities held during the OQHA Classic: yearling lunge line, two year old western pleasure (open), three year old western pleasure (open and non-pro), four and under hunter under saddle and five and under team roping (heading and heeling).

Oregon Bred Year-end Awards - To be eligible for year-end Oregon Bred awards, the horse must show to a minimum of 12 judges at the OQHA approved shows and have a minimum of ten (10) points. **Points will not count for year-end awards until the Oregon Bred committee chairman has approved the Oregon Bred application.**

- **HI-POINT OREGON BRED HALTER MARE, STALLION AND GELDING** - The winning horse would be the Oregon Bred horse with the most cumulative halter points (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in each sex division. Does not include amateur halter points.
- **HI-POINT OREGON BRED OPEN HORSE** - The Oregon Bred horse receiving the most combined points in any and all open division classes.
- **HI-POINT OREGON BRED AMATEUR HORSE** - The Oregon Bred horse receiving the most points in any and all amateur and/or select classes. Does not include novice amateur points.
- **HI-POINT OREGON BRED YOUTH HORSE** - The Oregon Bred horse receiving the most points in any and all youth classes. Does not include level 1 youth points.

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