



2024 ETWHA High Point Program

General

1. The purpose of the ETWHA High Point Program is to recognize horses that consistently show and place in classes designated as High Point categories at ETWHA affiliated shows. In the program, there are 46 performance, flat-shod, and halter categories (39 Walking & 7 Racking). A High Point Chairperson(s) is elected at the annual ETWHA General Membership meeting in January and is responsible for tabulating the results throughout the year. High point awards are given out to first and second place horses in each category the following year at the annual awards banquet. See Attachment - A for details on the official High Point categories.
2. Only classes from horse shows affiliated with ETWHA will count in the High Point program. **To affiliate with ETWHA, each show must comply with the following:**
 - a. Supply a licensed DQP and licensed judge(s).
 - b. Offer an ETWHA Members Only Specialty performance class. For pleasure only shows, the ETWHA Members Only class must be a flat shod class (trail pleasure, lite-shod, or park pleasure). Points won in an ETWHA Members Only pleasure class will only be counted toward Pleasure Horse of the Year in the ETWHA High Point program.
 - c. Provide show results to the Secretary/Treasurer or High Point Chairperson(s) within **2 weeks** after the show, or as soon as possible.
 - d. Offer a minimum of ten (10) additional walking horse classes (in addition to ETWHA Members Only).
 - e. Provide a class sheet to the ETWHA Newsletter Editor **6 weeks** prior to the date of the show, or as soon as possible.
 - f. The affiliated show circuit boundaries have been opened so other areas can affiliate but cannot conflict with another ETWHA affiliated show within 100 miles of first show scheduled on the same date.
3. Points are awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each show. For example, at a 5 ribbon show, the first place horse in a high point category class would receive $5 \times 1 = 5$ points, the second place horse would receive $4 \times 1 = 4$ points, etcetera. No points can be switched from one class to another. **NOTICE:** Classes may be added to a said show schedule **up to two (2) weeks prior** to a horse show and count toward the High Point program. Classes added to a show schedule **after the two (2) week window or during the same weekend** of the horse show will **NOT** count toward High Points. ****Classes that are split due to the number of horses are an exception.** For example, if Youth 11 & Under classes are split into (A) and (B) sections at larger shows and if the number of youths entered are above 19. Both classes would be recognized for points.
4. Horse Industry Organization (HIO) records will be the official record used by the High Point Chairperson(s) for counting points. The owner and trainer listed in the HIO record will be used to determine if a horse or trainer qualifies for points.

Membership/Participation in the High Point Program

1. To be included in the High Point program, the owner of the participating horse must join ETWHA. Dues are \$35 for a High Point member & \$15 for an Associate membership (no points awarded in this membership). High Point memberships are **due on or before the first Affiliated horse show.**
2. A High Point membership may be held by an individual or a family. A family membership is defined as a husband, wife, or legal guardian, and any children who are **under the age of 18 on January 1** of the current year. **Any family member who turns 18 as of January 1 must have a separate High Point membership to participate.**
3. In the case of partnership horses, all partners must be High Point members.
4. In the majority of categories, points are awarded to the **HORSE** regardless of rider as long as the owner of the horse is a High Point member in good-standing. **One exception to this rule is the ETWHA Members Only Specialty class. Horses participating in this class must be owned by the rider or the immediate family of the rider. Membership may be at any time however, points will begin to accrue one week after joining the**



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- ETWHA recognizes the top 3 High Point winners in the ETWHA Members Only class with monetary awards along with trophies at the awards banquet (first place \$100, second place \$75, and third place \$50).
- If a horse participating in the High Points program is sold during show season, the points follow the horse. If the purchaser is not an ETWHA High Point member, they have **30 days from the date of purchase** to join ETWHA. It is the seller's or buyer's responsibility to notify the High Point Chairperson(s) of the sale of a participating horse.
- If a horse is leased by a High Point member during the show season and the owner of the horse is not a High Point member, the member must present a copy of the lease agreement to the High Point Chairperson(s). Points accumulate after the lease is received.
- The Two, Three, and Four Year Old Amateur or Open High Point categories include all amateur or open classes in each age group. For example, the Two Year Old Amateur or Open category includes points from Two Year Amateur or Open, Two Year Old Amateur or Open Mares/Geldings, Two Year Old Amateur or Open Geldings/Stallions, and Two Year Old Amateur or Open Stallions. The same would apply for Three- and Four-Year-Old Amateur or Open categories.

Horse, Trainer, and Rider of the Year Awards (Walking)

The ETWHA High Point program recognizes the following overall High Point awards based on participation in all **walking classes** at any ETWHA affiliated show:

- **Youth 11 and Under Rider of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for age 11 and Under High Point members showing in youth halter, performance, and flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. Flat shod classes are defined as any walking class without a pad/action device-trail pleasure, lite-shod, park pleasure or any pleasure class with walking in the description. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. **The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify.**
- **Youth 12 – 17 Rider of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for age 12 - 17 High Point members showing in youth halter, performance or flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. Flat shod classes are defined as any walking class without a pad/action device-trail pleasure, lite-shod, park pleasure or any pleasure class with walking in the description. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. **The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify.**
- **Amateur Rider of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for amateur High Point members (18 years of age or older) showing in halter, performance or flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. Flat shod classes are defined as any walking class without a pad/action device-trail pleasure, lite-shod, park pleasure or any pleasure class with walking in the description. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. **The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify.**
- **Pleasure Horse of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for horses shown in youth, amateur or open flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. Flat shod classes are defined as any walking class without a pad/action device-trail pleasure, lite-shod, park pleasure or any pleasure class with walking in the description. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. **The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify.**
- **Performance Horse of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for horses shown in youth, amateur or open performance walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. **The rider and the horse owner**



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must be a High Point member for points to qualify. Performance classes include show pleasure and park performance.

- **Pleasure Trainer of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for horses under the direction of a trainer that are shown in youth, amateur or open flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. Flat shod classes are defined as any walking class without a pad/action device-trail pleasure, lite-shod, park pleasure or any pleasure class with walking in the description. Trainer is defined as the person listed as the trainer in the official HIO records at each show. **The rider, the horse owner, and the trainer must be a High Point member for points to qualify.** Assistant trainers working out of a head trainer's barn or anyone else listed as the official trainer in the HIO record will not be included in an individual trainer's total points. Horses listed under a trainer's official barn name will not be included in the individual trainer's points. **The winner of this award will receive \$250.**
- **Performance Trainer of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for horses under the direction of a trainer that are shown in youth, amateur or open performance walking classes (including show pleasure and park performance) at any ETWHA affiliated show. Trainer is defined as the person listed as the trainer in the official HIO records at each show. **The rider, the horse owner, and the trainer must be a High Point member for points to qualify.** Assistant trainers working out of a head trainer's barn or anyone else listed as the official trainer in the HIO record will not be included in an individual trainer's total points. Horses listed under a trainer's official barn name will not be included in the individual trainer's points. **The winner of this award will receive \$250.**

Horse and Rider of the Year Awards (Racking)

The ETWHA High Point program recognizes the following overall High Point awards based on participation in the **Racking classes** at any ETWHA affiliated show:

- **Racking Rider of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for youth, amateur or open High Point members showing in classes that qualify for **the seven (7) specified high point Racking categories** at any ETWHA affiliated show. Classes must have racking in the description. **The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify.**
- **Racking Horse of the Year** - based on total points accumulated for horses shown in youth, amateur or open racking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. May be awarded to a pleasure or performance horse based on the overall points accumulated for showing in classes that qualify for **the seven (7) specified high point Racking categories**. Classes must have racking in the description. **The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify.**



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Attachment -

ETWHA High Point Categories

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Two Year Old Walking Amateur2. Two Year Old Walking Open Specialty3. Three Year Old Walking Amateur4. Three Year Old Walking Open Specialty5. Four Year Old Walking Amateur6. Four Year Old Walking Open (Specialty or Canter)7. Amateur Specialty (Non-Canter)8. Ladies Amateur Specialty (18 & over)9. Men's Amateur Specialty (18 & over)10. Open Specialty11. Amateur Owned & Trained (Canter or Specialty)12. 15.2 & Under Open (Canter or Specialty)13. 15.2 & Under Amateur Specialty14. Weanlings / Yearlings15. Model16. ETWHA Members Only Specialty
(Membership required, points begin to accumulate one week after joining. Rider or immediate family must own horse)17. ETWHA Ladies Amateur Specialty (Ladies Auxiliary membership required)18. Youth 12-17 Walking Specialty19. Youth 11 & Under Walking Specialty20. Youth Lite Shod21. Youth Trail Pleasure22. Show Pleasure Amateur Specialty | <ol style="list-style-type: none">23. Show Pleasure Open Specialty24. Amateur Walking (Canter)25. 17 & Under Walking Pony Specialty26. Adult Amateur Walking Pony Specialty27. Amateur 50 & Over Specialty28. Trail Pleasure Walking (Canter & Specialty)29. Plantation Lite Shod Amateur Specialty30. Plantation Lite Shod Open (Canter & Specialty)31. Park Pleasure Amateur Specialty32. Park Pleasure Open (Canter & Specialty)33. Park Pleasure Youth Specialty34. Walking Horse Open (Stake/Championship)35. Park Performance Amateur36. Park Performance Open37. Pro-Am38. All Day Pleasure Amateur (Walking)39. Country Pleasure40. Youth Country Pleasure41. Trail Pleasure Racking42. Country Pleasure Racking43. Youth Racking44. Amateur Racking45. Jr. Racking (4 Yr Old & Under)46. Speed Racking Open47. Racking Horse Stake/Championship |
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Changes and Clarifications from 2023:

1. Kathy Bean & Callie Tipton were voted in as High Point Chairpersons for the 2024 show season.
2. Points will still be awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each affiliated show. It remains, affiliated shows with one judge will be a single point show, affiliated shows with three judges will be a double point show, and the ETWHA Fall Classic will also be a double point show.
3. Add Model class to the high point category list.

Changes and Clarifications from 2022:

1. Hayley Proffitt and Mary Samples were voted in as High Point Chairpersons for the 2023 show season.
2. Points will still be awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each affiliated show. It remains, affiliated shows with one judge will be a single point show, affiliated shows with three judges will be a double point show, and the ETWHA Fall Classic will also be a double point show.
3. Combine **Weanling & Yearling** high point categories.
4. High point categories Plantation Pleasure Amateur Specialty, Plantation Pleasure Open (Canter & Specialty), Plantation Pleasure Youth Specialty will now be referenced as **Park Pleasure Amateur Specialty, Park Pleasure Open (Canter & Specialty), Park Pleasure Youth Specialty**.
5. Add an **All Day Pleasure** class to the high point category. Class must say walking for points to be acquired.
6. Change Two, Three and Four Year Old Racking high point category to **Jr. Racking Horse (4 & Under)** high point category.
7. Add **Racking Speed** class to the high point categories.

Changes and Clarifications from 2021:

1. Jamie Ailshie and Michelle Daughtery were voted in as High Point Chairpersons for the 2022 show season.
2. Points will still be awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each affiliated show. It remains, affiliated shows with one judge will be a single point show, affiliated shows with three judges will be a double point show, and the ETWHA Fall Classic will also be a double point show.

Changes and Clarifications from 2020:

1. Jamie Ailshie and Tami Triplett were voted in as High Point Chairpersons for the 2021 show season.
2. Points will still be awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each affiliated show. It remains, affiliated shows with one judge will be a single point show, affiliated shows with three judges will be a double point show, and the ETWHA Fall Classic will also be a double point show.

Changes and Clarifications from 2019:

1. Jamie Ailshie and Melissa Davis were voted in as High Point Chairpersons for the 2020 show season.
2. Points will still be awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each affiliated show. However, affiliated shows with one judge will be a single point show, affiliated shows with three judges will be a double point show, and the ETWHA Fall Classic will also be a double point show.

Changes & Clarifications from 2018:

1. Julia Livingston was voted in as the High Point Chairperson for the 2019 show season.



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- Points will still be awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each affiliated show. However, affiliated shows with one judge will be a single point show, affiliated shows with three judges (other than the ETWHA Fall Classic) will be a double point show, and the ETWHA Fall Classic will be a triple point show.
- Per Board of Directors vote, remove **Youth Trail Pleasure Racking** and **Youth Country Pleasure Racking** high point categories.

Changes & Clarifications from 2017:

- Hayley Baumgardner was voted in as the High Point Chairperson for the 2018 show season. Susan Harvey was voted to assist in verifying the results.
- The ETWHA Ladies Auxiliary show will be a double point show provided they use a three-judge system. If a three-judge system is not used, it will remain a single point show.

Changes & Clarifications from 2016:

- Jamie Ailshie was voted in as the High Point Chairperson for the 2017 show season. Teresa Strickler was voted to assist in verifying the results.
- Add a **Youth Trail Pleasure Racking** high point category.
- Add a **Youth Country Pleasure Racking** high point category.
- Combine Youth 12-14 Walking Specialty and Youth 15-17 Walking Specialty into a **Youth 12-17 Walking Specialty** high point category.
- Add a **Two Year Old Racking** high point category.
- Change the Junior Horse Racking (4 Years & Under) high point category to **Three & Four Year Old Racking** high point category.
- ETWHA will **no longer measure the Pony and 15.2 & Under classes** at ETWHA affiliated shows. Any protests should follow the procedures defined in the affiliated HIO rule book.
- A late fee of \$50 will be assessed to Highpoint membership applications received after the April 15th deadline.

Changes & Clarifications from 2015:

- Jamie Ailshie was voted in as the High Point Chairperson for the 2016 show season. The ETWHA Board of Directors voted that Teresa Strickler & Tami Triplett would assist in verifying the results.
- Remove **Youth 17 & Under Specialty** from the high point categories since most shows have both Youth 11 & Under Specialty and Youth 12-17 Specialty. High points will be awarded based on the age of the rider.
- Add a **Junior Horse Racking (4 Years & Under)** high point category.
- Change the **Racking Horse Open** high point category to **Racking Horse Stake/Championship**.
- Go As You Please** classes must specify Walking on the class sheet to qualify for the overall Walking special awards (rider, horse, or trainer of the year).
- Racking classes must be specific to the high point categories or points do not count. Racking classes are not factored into the overall Walking special awards (rider, horse, or trainer of the year).
- Add a **Racking Rider of the Year** (youth, amateur or open) and **Racking Horse of the Year** (pleasure or performance) as overall Racking special awards.
- Horses showing in all **Pony and 15.2 & Under classes** (youth, amateur or open) **will be measured** randomly at ETWHA affiliated shows provided an ETWHA official is present. If at any given time the horse does not measure according to the official HIO rulebook, high points will be forfeited for the year.



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Changes from 2014:

1. Shea Sproles & Teresa Strickler were voted in as the High Point Chairpersons for the 2015 show season. Any questions regarding high points should be directed to ETWHA President, Brad Patton (276) 870-0178.
2. Members must be in good standing **financially** with all affiliated ETWHA shows to receive ETWHA high points.
3. All ETWHA affiliated horse shows except for the East Tennessee Fall Classic will be single point shows. The East Tennessee Fall Classic will be the **only** show that will award multiple points and will be a triple point show. Points are calculated based on the ribbon placing times the show multiplier. For example, if you receive first place at a 10-ribbon show, you will receive 10 points; first place at a 5-ribbon show, you will receive 5 points. The ETWHA Fall Classic will receive 30 points (10 x 3) multiplier for first place, 27 points (9 x 3) multiplier for second, and so forth.
4. Trainer of the Year Awards - trainers will no longer receive credit for owners listed as trainer. Points are counted **only** when the trainer is listed in the official HIO show record as the trainer.
5. Horse, Trainer, and Rider of the Year Awards - flat shod classes are defined as any walking class without a pad/action device-trail pleasure, lite-shod, park pleasure or any pleasure class with **walking** in the description.