

Poway Valley Riders Association, Inc.

Year-End Show and Award Rules

High-Point Awards are intended to encourage the participation of PVRA riders in Club-sponsored events and to recognize those riders who compete at an exceptional level.

Show and Award Rules for Horse Shows

Any PVRA-sanctioned show may count for High-Point if:

1. The show premium states that the show will count toward High-Point and the show date appears on the PVRA website or in Horse Tales in advance¹.
2. There are enough shows to qualify for a division that year properly advertised and held on the PVRA grounds. The standard rule is that at least three (3) shows must be held in the calendar year to qualify for a division (2 shows for C.T.). The PVRA Board of Directors may alter this ruling on an ad hoc basis in unusual circumstances during the year. The Board of Directors may alter this rule on an ad hoc basis for unusual circumstances during the year. Board discretion is granted for, but not limited to, lowering the limit from three (3) shows to two (2) in order to encourage new division or because of bad weather cancellations.

Points will be collected from December 1 (of the prior year) through November 30 of the year for which awards are to be presented.

A PVRA-sanctioned show series qualifies for age/division/discipline year-end High-Point if there are at least 3 scheduled shows (2 shows for CT). A rider qualifies for High-Point contention only if the rider participates in 3 or more shows (2 shows for CT) in an age/division/discipline.²

Gymkhana shows will be conducted according to California Gymkhana Association rules, with PVRA rules overriding CGA.

Not all shows will qualify for High-Point accumulation. Specifically, "Fun Shows," breed shows and most rental shows will not count for High-Point.

Divisions

Each specific type of riding, which has the minimum number of, shows on the PVRA grounds as regular events may qualify for a High-Point Division. The shows should contribute to PVRA income and reflect the interests of PVRA riders. Current divisions include: Circuit Shows, Hunter/Jumper, Combined Tests, Dressage and Gymkhana.

Combined Training and Dressage will be held as separate divisions if enough shows warrant (2 for C.T., 3 for Dressage). If not, Combined Training and Dressage points will be combined into one division. Riders accumulate points in each separate division in which they compete and may not apply points from one division to another. Divisions lacking adequate participation to contribute to PVRA may be discontinued.

Age Groupings

High-Point age groups will be determined at each yearly review time to insure a roughly equal number of riders across age groups with the current club membership in mind. One division's age groups need not match those of another division. A rider's age for the competition year will be their age as of January 1 of that year. Shows judged on skill level (i.e., Dressage) shall still keep points by age levels. Riders may "ride up" in an older division if they wish and accumulate points in that division. However, points may not be added from one age group to another; the rider will accumulate separate totals.

Competitors Qualifying

Competitors must be PVRA members in good standing at the time they ride in a show to accumulate points, and must remain members in good standing to retain their accumulated points through the calendar year. Affiliate members may not qualify for points unless they are also regular members. Points accumulate in the rider's name in each division. Only one horse/rider combination will accumulate points per show, and rider must declare the point horse's name to count, in writing, at the beginning of the show. Competitors may ride more than one horse at any given show, but will qualify for points only on the horse that they specify when entering the show. Though a rider may accumulate points on only one horse per show, multiple riders may accumulate separate points on the same horse at a given show. This ruling allows multiple family members to compete without having to own multiple horses. Riders earn one point for participation in any show, even if they win no awards.

Classes Qualifying

Breed classes, color classes and other specially limited classes may not count for High-Point accumulation. Generally, classes should be 'open' except for age limitations, to qualify. Show managers may disqualify certain classes for High-

¹ Changed 2/08

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Point accumulation at their discretion.

Show Management

Points will be accumulated through 10th place, regardless of how many ribbons are awarded. Points beyond ribbon placement (i.e., 6th through 10th place) should be available to contestants to review at the entry booth. Points will be awarded on a 1-point scale for Gymkhana, Circuit and Hunter/Jumper classes, with first place equal to 10 points, second place equal to 9, etc. Dressage should be scored with a multiplier of 3 (first place = 3X10 points, or 30 points), C.T. should be scored with a multiplier of 6 (first place = 6X10 points, or 60 points). This differing point count is intended to 'even out' the scorekeeping for 'single ride' events versus many class events for Centaur Award scorekeeping.

Tiebreakers: should there be a point tie in year-end awards, the tie is awarded to the participant with the most first place finished during the year.

Show managers are required to split classes larger than 12 riders where all participants ride together. Show managers may not split classes with fewer than 6 contestants. Show manager to exercise discretion in classes with 7 to 12 contestants. Split classes must be split randomly and full points are awarded to each PVRA member who places in either split of the class (i.e., points are not split). No splits are required in one-at-a-time performance classes but may be done at the manager's discretion if the split is done randomly. Splits should not favor any particular group or individual.

Show managers should report all entries and placements to the High-Point keeper as soon as possible after each show. The point standings will be published periodically to the general membership. Disputes should be instigated by the competitor, investigated and resolved first by the Show manager (with notification to the High-Point Keeper) and if necessary, by appeal to the Board of Directors. Point disputes must be instigated in a timely manner, which means within 30 days of the points being posted on the web or in Horse Tales. Once a show's points have aged 30 days without dispute, the point count will be confirmed. No adjustments will be made after the 30 day period, whether for missing points, inflated points, show qualifications or any other reason.³

Show managers who violate PVRA Show and Award rules shall be subject to action by the Board of Directors. The Board shall decide any conflicts in interpretation and disposition of points in rule-violation situations and may solicit recommendations from a committee comprised of PVRA members charged with resolving the conflict. Recommendations from any such committee are not binding until voted on by the Board. Board action is limited to past situations and interpretive arguments, not ongoing rules.

Show Managers are required to submit a yearly budget for their shows, detailing expected income and expenses, to the Board of Directors, in time for the PVRA yearly budgeting process.

Show Managers have the authority to excuse any PVRA member or non-member from the PVRA grounds during the event, whose conduct is detrimental to PVRA's reputation in the horse community. Show Managers who invoke this authority must submit a report to the PVRA Board of Directors detailing the incident for their better information and record keeping.

Awards

Awards for each division/age group should be of roughly equal value, but need not be exact duplicates. The High Point Award budget should be approximately 10% of the net proceeds expected from High-Point qualifying horse shows during the calendar year.

Centaur award: The Centaur Award is presented each year to the horse/rider combination that has accumulated the most total points across divisions. Rider must nominate horse before any points are accrued. Horse/rider combination must compete in at least 3 English and 3 western types of shows to be eligible.

Leadline awards: Leadline-only groups may be held during the year, but they are 'honorary' in nature. The awards cannot be said to 'encourage participation' in the same way other High-Point awards do. Year-end ribbons will be awarded, but not year-end prizes. If the parent of the winner desires, they may provide a gift that will be awarded with the ribbon to their leadline High-Point winner at the annual awards presentation.

Daily High-Points

The value of show-day High-Points, awarded to encourage participation in a single show, should not exceed the average entry fee for one participant for the day (i.e., 4 classes times entry fee or one CT fee).

Notice

High-Point rules are part of PVRA Operating Rules. As Operating Rules, they are published and generally available for membership review. They may be amended at any time by a vote of the General Membership and must be reviewed yearly. Rule changes may not be made retroactive and should not penalize members who have competed in good faith.

³ Added 2/08

