

# GQHA

## RULES

**\*\*On 1/11/11, Rules printed herein were revised and approved. These printed rules supersede any previous edition(s) of GQHA rules.**

### **GQHA Show and Year End Awards Rules**

1. Owner(s), as shown on the horse's AQHA registration papers, must be a member in good standing before points earned by a horse count toward year end awards. Points will accumulate from the date of membership and will not be retroactive, except in the case of dues and application received by the GQHA Treasurer within 24 hours of the completion of a circuit. In such cases, points earned during that circuit/show will count.
2. The word owner as it is used on any occasion in these rules denotes the person(s), farm or organization whose name properly appears last on a horse's registration papers. If more than one name appears in the ownership, each owner must be a member in order for the horse to receive points. If a corporation, farm or partnership is the owner, then the corporation, farm or partnership must have a membership in that name in order for the horse to receive points. A horse may also accumulate points as an AQHA allowed leased horse. If leased, a copy of the lease must be filed with the GQHA points secretary.
3. All points will be accumulated on a one horse, one rider basis. *Only open* points are transferable to a new owner, provided the new owner is also a paid member in good standing of the GQHA. For *youth only*, if a horse dies or becomes permanently disabled for that calendar year, points totaled on a new horse will be totaled with points won by the dead or disabled horse. Death or disability must be certified in writing by a veterinarian and copies mailed to the GQHA Secretary and GQHYA Youth Advisor within 10 days of such incident. A youth may NOT transfer points in halter classes under any circumstance. Once the youth begins showing the second horse, no more points may be earned on the disabled horse for the remainder of the year. If there is no substitution, points earned on the dead/disabled horse will stand for year end awards.
4. The GQHA Board shall determine which shows will be approved to earn GQHA points each year and the number of shows which will be used to determine year-end winners.
5. A minimum of 10 GQHA points must be earned in an event to qualify for year-end awards.
6. For purpose of calculating the year end awards, the following point system will be used. A horse will receive one point for every horse in the class, with a maximum of 9 points possible. For example, in a 10 horse class points are to be awarded 9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1; in a 5 horse class points will be awarded 5,4,3,2,1; in a 1 horse class points will be awarded 1. A DQ is awarded no point value. For Halter Classes, The Grand Champion will receive at least one point more

than any other horse (yearling or older) in its sex division unless their's was the largest class, then there will be no additional points awarded above the class win points. The Reserve Champion will receive as many points as any other horse (yearling or older) in its sex division, except the Grand Champion.

7. Requirements for qualification as the All-Around and Reserve All-Around in each division are as follows:
  - \*GQHA points in 3 AQHA categories
  - \*20 GQHA points in 2 AQHA categories
  - \*10 GQHA points in 1 AQHA category
8. Requirements for qualification as the High Point and Reserve High Point Halter Horse in each division are as follows:
  - \*Horse must have stood Grand or Reserve Grand Champion at least twice during the show year.
9. Approved Classes For Year End Awards:
  - a. **Open**—Yearling, Two Year Old, Three Year Old, Aged, Performance Stallions; Yearling, Two Year Old, Three Year Old, Aged, Performance Mares; Yearling, Two Year Old, Three Year Old, Aged, Performance Geldings; Pleasure Driving; Green & Open Hunter-Under-Saddle; Walk-Trot; Green & Junior & Senior Western Pleasure; Green & Open Trail; Green & Open Western Riding; Reining; Pole Bending; Barrel Racing; Progressive & Open Working Hunter; Hunter Hack; Jumping.
    - \*When Junior and Senior classes are offered, GQHA points will be awarded for each class but counted only in the overall class.
  - b. **Novice Amateur**—Two and Under, Three and Over Mares; Two and Under, Three and Over Geldings; Showmanship; Hunter Under Saddle; Hunt Seat Equitation; Western Pleasure; Western Horsemanship; Trail; Western Riding; Working Hunter; Hunter Hack; Equitation Over Fences.
  - c. **Amateur**—Two and Under, Three and Over, Performance Stallions; Two and Under, Three and Over, Performance Mares; Two and Under, Three and Over, Performance Geldings; Showmanship; Pleasure Driving; Hunter Under Saddle; Hunt Seat Equitation; Western Pleasure; Western Horsemanship; Trail; Western Riding; Reining; Pole Bending; Barrel Racing; Working Hunter; Hunter Hack; Equitation Over Fences; Jumping.
  - d. **Select Amateur**—Showmanship; Hunter Under Saddle; Hunt Seat Equitation; Walk-Trot; Western Pleasure; Western Horsemanship; Trail; Western Riding.
  - e. **Novice Youth**--Two and Under, Three and Over Mares; Two and Under, Three and Over Geldings; Showmanship; Hunter Under Saddle; Hunt Seat Equitation; Western Pleasure; Western Horsemanship; Trail; Western Riding; Working Hunter; Hunter Hack; Equitation Over Fences.
  - f. **Youth**--Two and Under, Three and Over, Performance Mares; Two and Under, Three and Over, Performance Geldings; Small Fry Showmanship 10 and Under; Showmanship 13 and Under & 14-18; Hunter Under Saddle 13 and Under & 14-18; Hunt Seat Equitation 13 and Under & 14-18; Small Fry Walk-Trot 10 and Under; Western Pleasure 13 and Under & 14-18; Small Fry Horsemanship 10 and Under; Western Horsemanship 13 and Under & 14-18; Trail 13 and Under & 14-18; Western Riding; Reining; Pole Bending; Stake Race; Barrel Racing; Working Hunter; Hunter Hack; Equitation Over Fences; Jumping.
    - # For youth classes that are normally split 13 and under and 14-18 that are combined for all ages at a show, any GQHA points in a combined class will be awarded in the individual rider's age division.
    - ## A Small Fry Exhibitor cannot show in a lope/canter class for that show day.
    - ### There is no ownership requirement for a small fry exhibitor, but they must follow the one rider/one horse point accumulation rule.

#### Novice Youth and Youth points shall only count for shows on Saturday and Sunday where any GQHYA member is attending regular school sessions.  
#####In the event that a Select Amateur class is offered and is subsequently combined by show management, the points will count toward the select class for the select exhibitor and the amateur for the amateur exhibitor.

10. **Approved All Around and High Point Divisions For Year End Awards:**
  - a. **Open**—All Around and Reserve All Around; High Point and Reserve High Point Halter Stallion; High Point and Reserve High Point Halter Mare; High Point and Reserve High Point Halter Gelding.
  - b. **Novice Amateur**—All Around and Reserve All Around.
  - c. **Amateur**—All Around and Reserve All Around.
  - d. **Select Amateur**—All Around and Reserve All Around.
  - e. **Novice Youth**—All Around and Reserve All Around.
  - f. **Youth**—Small Fry 10 and Under Champion and Reserve Champion; Youth 13 and Under All Around and Reserve All Around; Youth 14-18 All Around and Reserve All Around.
11. All Year End Class and Reserve Class winners will be award a Year End Award. Additional placing awards may be given at the discretion of the GQHA Board of Directors on a yearly basis. The final decision regarding values of awards given shall be made by the GQHA Board of Directors; however, awards will be of equal value between divisions.
12. **Amateur of The Year Award:** presented at the Annual Awards Banquet to the youth who has best displayed admirable sportsmanship and leadership qualities.
  - a. Nominations will be from any GQHA member.
  - b. Nominations will be in writing and explain the reason for deserving the award.
  - c. Nominations will be sealed and delivered to the President of GQHA.
  - d. The President of GQHA will select a secret committee of 3-5 members of GQHA.
  - e. The committee will select the recipient from the letters of nomination based on sportsmanship and competitive spirit throughout the year, contribution of effort to the organization and leadership.
13. **Roland Stacey Sportsmanship Award:** presented at the Annual Awards Banquet to the youth who has best displayed admirable sportsmanship and leadership qualities.
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  - c. Nominations will be sealed and delivered to the President of GQHA.
  - d. The President of GQHA will select a secret committee of 3-5 members of GQHA. The GQHYA advisor should be considered to be one of the members of the committee unless there is a conflict of interest.
  - e. The committee will select the recipient from the letters of nomination based on sportsmanship and competitive spirit throughout the year, contribution of effort to the organization and leadership.
14. **Randy Wilson Professional Horseman Award:** presented at the Annual Awards Banquet to the Professional Horseman who has best displayed high character, professional leadership and high moral standing in their effects to better the GQHA and AQHA. Randy Wilson was a dominate figure in GQHA and AQHA for many years. This award is to celebrate his achievements and dedication to the breed and the organization.
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15. **Fred “Ham” Phillips Special Achievement Award:** presented at the Annual Awards Banquet to the GQHA member who best displays leadership and devotion to the AQHA and GQHA above the call of duty. This award reflects the many years of devotion that “Ham” Phillips gave to the AQHA as a Director, Judge and Breeder in the industry, as well as, his drive to continually better the state organizations for which he so deeply cared.

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