



**IQHYA SHOW & YEAR END AWARDS RULES**  
**Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association Point System**

**Section 1.** State points are awarded to first through ninth placing. The system (provided there are at least nine horses in the class) is: 1st place 9 points, 2nd place 8 points, 3rd place 7 points, 4th place 6 points, 5th place 5 points, 6th place 4 points, 7th place 3 points, 8th place 2 points, 9th place 1 point. If there are fewer than nine horses in the class, 1st place will receive the same number of points as the number of horses in the class. For example: 1st place 3 points, 2nd place 2 points, 3rd place 1 point. AQHA points will be added to state points. In a non-AQHA approved class, these points will be added when they are in an IQHA-approved class, i.e. IQHYA Youth 9 & Under Walk Trot classes). Only points earned at AQHA/IQHA-approved shows qualify for year end awards.

**IQHA STATE POINTS SCALE**

Number of Entries in Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
1	1								
2	2	1							
3	3	2	1						
4	4	3	2	1					
5	5	4	3	2	1				
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
9 or more	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

**AQHA NATIONAL POINTS SCALE**

Number of Entries in Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
3-4	½									
5-9	1	½								
10-14	2	1	½							
15-19	3	2	1	½						

20-24	4	3	2	1	½					
25-29	5	4	3	2	1	½				
30-34	6	5	4	3	2	1	½			
35-39	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	½		
40-44	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	½	
45 & more	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	½

State Grand and Reserve halter points will be awarded as follows: Grand Champion horse receives 2 state points and Reserve Champion horse receives 1 state point. No additional AQHA points will be added to Grand and Reserve Championships.

## Section 2. Year End Awards

(a) An exhibitor's IQHYA points will begin when their membership and sponsorship are paid. Only points earned at AQHA/IQHA approved shows qualify for year end awards.

- a) ***To be eligible for a state IQHYA year end class award or listed in the annual directory an exhibitor must show in that class under a minimum of 5 judges. If a class is offered less than 5 times they must show under a minimum of 3 judges. In addition, to be eligible to earn a year end award the youth member must attend (1) IQHYA meeting and participate in (1) IQHYA fundraiser during the year.***
- b) All awards are based on the compiled points of one horse, one youth combination.
- c) Awards will be given 1st through 4th place in each youth activity event, provided the exhibitor meets the eligibility requirements. A Youth competing in the 9 & under classes and the 13 & under classes may not earn more than one award per event (ie western pleasure). The youth must select which division they wish to receive their year end award when award selections are made.
- d) High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given in Youth 9 & Under, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Level 1 (Novice) Youth and Level 1 Walk Trot Youth Divisions.
  1. Youth 9 & Under: only the Youth 9 & Under Walk Trot classes will count.
  2. Youth 13 & Under and Youth 14-18: only AQHA-approved classes will count.
  3. Level 1 (Novice) Youth: only the Level 1 (Novice) Youth classes will count.
  4. Level 1 Walk Trot Youth: only the Level 1 Walk Trot Youth classes will count.
  5. Walk Trot classes will not count in the Youth 13/Under, Youth 14-18 or Level 1 (Novice) Youth High Point and Reserve High Point Awards.
  6. A Youth 9 & Under exhibitor is not eligible to earn a High Point/Reserve High Point Division Award in any other age division or Level 1/Level 1 Walk/Trot division.
- f) A Year End All Around Youth Award will be given to the youth who earns the most points with one horse in youth halter and performance classes. Points for the High Point All Around Youth Award must have been earned in at least two (2) AQHA performance categories and halter, with a minimum of five (5) points in a minimum of five (5) shows in each class included. Only AQHA Youth classes count toward High Point and Reserve High Point All Around Youth, High Point and Reserve High Point All Around Youth 13 and Under, and High Point and Reserve High Point All Around Youth 14-18 awards. Level 1 Youth classes and non-AQHA approved classes are not included.

- g) Year end awards will not cost more than: Each class: First \$50; Second \$40; Third \$30; Fourth \$20. High Point Youth 14-18 \$100; Reserve High Point Youth 14-18 \$50; High Point 13 & under \$100; Reserve High Point 13 & under \$50; High Point Youth 9 & Under Walk Trot \$70; Reserve High Point Youth 9 & Under Walk Trot \$40; High Point Level 1 Youth \$100; Reserve High Point Level 1 Youth \$50; High Point Level 1 Walk Trot Youth \$100; Reserve High Point Level 1 Walk Trot Youth \$50; High Point All-Around Youth \$200; Reserve All-Around Youth \$100.
- h) Award choices shall be left to the discretion of the Awards Vice President.
- i) Tie-breakers for year-end high point awards will be as follows: first - national AQHYA points, second - most wins, third - least amount of shows.
- j) Class award values may be combined to order from the IQHYA Year End Awards Catalog (if used). Award orders must be placed with the Awards Vice President by order deadline. Cash amounts will not be paid out as awards. High Point/Reserve High Point Division Awards may not be added to class award values but may be ordered as separate awards, by the award order deadline, using their values stated in (h).

### **Show and Contest Rules**

**Section 1.** Please refer to AQHA Handbook.

**Section 2.** Walk Trot Division 9 & Under is **not** AQHA-approved.

- (a) Rider must be 9 years or under as of January 1 of the current year.
- (b) Youth showing in this division do not have to meet AQHA ownership requirements;
- (c) Competitors must pay IQHYA membership dues and sponsorship in order to be eligible for year end awards.
- (d) Points earned in Walk Trot 9 & under classes only will count towards the High Point 9 & Under Exhibitor Awards.
- (e) 9 & Under Exhibitors are eligible to show in all AQHA-approved Youth Classes, where they must meet AQHA ownership requirements.
- (f) Youth Walk Trot 9 & Under classes do not count toward Youth World Show or Congress NYATT team qualifying.
- (g) A Youth 9 & Under exhibitor is not eligible to earn a High Point/Reserve High Point Division Award in any other age division or Level 1/Level 1 Walk Trot division.
- (h) IQHYA approved Youth 9 & Under Walk Trot classes include: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Trail, Ranch Riding and Working Western Rail.

**Section 3.** Youth Leadline

- (a) Youth Rider may be any age.
- (b) The exhibitor does not need to own the horse they are exhibiting, but they must show a Quarter Horse.
- (c) To earn an IQHYA Year End Award, the exhibitor must be an IQHYA member, but the sponsorship fee is not required for Leadline only. IQHYA meeting and fundraiser participation not required for leadline riders to earn year end award.
- (d) If an exhibitor shows in Leadline, they are not eligible to show in any under saddle riding class in the same show.

**Section 4.** Level 1 (Novice) Youth Exhibitors – AQHA ownership requirements of horses will be followed by IQHYA.

**Section 5. AQHA VRH Versatility Ranch Horse Division.**

- (a) The criteria are the same for all AQHA VRH divisions: Youth, Limited Youth and Rookie Youth.
- (b) At each show, the 1 horse/1 rider Youth, Limited Youth, Rookie Youth combination must enter and show in at least one VRH cattle class (ranch cow work/ranch cutting), VRH conformation, and one additional VRH class from the remaining category (ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch reining).
- (c) All-Around Versatility Ranch Horse year end awards will be presented in Youth, Limited Youth and Rookie Youth as long as the youth participant meets Section 2 Year End Award eligibility requirements.
- (d) The 1 horse/1 rider combination may only be awarded one All Around Champion award for Youth, Limited Youth or Rookie Youth with the award given in the division where the most points were earned.
- (e) All Around Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd place and 4th place will be awarded by the all around results in each division with the following award values: Champion \$200, Reserve Champion \$100, 3rd place \$75, 4th place \$50. Ties will be broken by the highest placing horse in the VRH cow work class in the division being shown. Year end awards will not be awarded in the individual VRH classes.

*These rules are subject to change and interpretation by the IQHYA Board of Directors.*

*Updated January 2025, **changes indicated in red.***