

Explanation of point system for MnQHA

MnQHA members earn points by placing in the top nine in classes held at MnQHA-approved shows. As you compete throughout the year, you accumulate points. When the shows are over for the year, Grand and Reserve high point champions are awarded for all qualifying classes.

How Points are earned

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER of MnQHA. No points will be tallied for you until your membership is paid. Points begin tabulating for you and your horse once dues are paid – they are not retroactive. **YOUR HORSE** must be owned by a member of MnQHA

MnQHA points are based on a nine-point system, which differs from national AQHA points. You get a point for each horse you beat up to 9 points. **EXAMPLE:** If there are 15 horses in a class, first place gets 9; second gets 8; third gets 7....etc. If there are three horses in a class, first place gets 3 points, second place gets 2 points, and third place gets 1 point. If there is just one horse in a class, that rider gets one point, unless they are disqualified.

Split/Combine Classes

If similar classes in a division have few entries, they may be combined. This usually helps everyone earn more points, and keeps the show moving quickly. However, points earned in combined classes will be split into the correct age category for MnQHA year-end awards. **EXAMPLE:** if there are three in amateur trail and two in select trail, if exhibitors are in agreement, show management will combine those classes into one class. Points earned are then tallied into the correct category of either amateur or select.

Grand and Reserve Halter

Additional points are awarded to those halter horses earning grand and reserve titles in their sex division. A grand champion halter horse receives one more point than the horse winning the biggest class in that sex division. Reserve earns one less than that. Points earned in the champion and reserve champion's age class are not added to that score. **EXAMPLE:** There are 3 horses in a two-year-old mare class. The biggest class in the mare division is 12 horses in the aged mare class. First place two year old gets grand. Instead of getting three points for winning her class, she gets 10 points for grand because the largest class in that sex division is 12 in the aged mares, and the first place aged mare got 9 points, so the grand gets 10. Reserve gets one less than that – 9, regardless of what class they were in. **EXAMPLE:** A three-year-old gelding gets grand champion gelding. There were 7 in his class. He was in the largest gelding halter class. He gets 8 points, reserve gets 7.

Year-End Class High-point Requirements

Year end awards placing grand and reserve in qualifying classes will receive awards. The decision to recognize places three through six will be made each year depending on budget.

You must have 10 points to qualify. If a class does not have anyone who has earned 10 points, there will not be any awards for that class.

MnQHA recognizes all classes at approved shows but does not offer highpoints for any walk-trot or leadline classes. Currently MnQHA does award high-points for rookie and green classes.