



AWARDS PROGRAM.

1. The NCQHA monitors the AQHA Rule Book and aligns its program with AQHA award practices.
2. The NCQHA Points Secretary is responsible to maintain up to date and accurate records of points earned by eligible horses and/exhibitors and owners as official show results are received from each approved show.
3. The NCQHA awards double points to exhibitors who participate in the Tar Heel Triple Classic and the Tar Heel Fall Classic. NCQHA does not recognize double points accumulated at NCQHA approved horse shows for year-end awards.
4. In order to qualify for any Year End Award, horses must have shown in a minimum of ten (10) NCQHA sponsored or approved shows and accumulate a minimum of thirty (30) NCQHA points.
 - a. The two (2) qualified horses/exhibitors earning the greatest number of points will be named NCQHA Champion and Reserve Champion for the year.
 - b. No Bling Circuit High Point Award, Small Fry Awards and Equestrians with Disabilities Awards are exempt from this rule. (See Sections 8, 9 and 10).
5. All-Around Awards. The American Quarter Horse is the world's most versatile breed of horse due to their ability to excel in multiple events. The NCQHA All-Around Award is presented to two horses in the open division, amateurs in the amateur division, and select amateurs in select amateur classes, or youth in the youth division.
 - a. All-around winners:
 - i. earned a minimum of twelve (12) halter points, and, a minimum of fifteen (15) points in each of three AQHA performance categories , and
 - ii. earned the most points within the pool of qualified exhibitors.
 - b. Only Select classes count for earning a Select All-around award. Should the Select class be combined with the amateur all-age class, points earned by the exhibitor will count toward their Select all-around eligibility.
 - i. If a Select exhibitor participates in halter, ranch riding, team penning, ranch sorting or jumping, those classes will count toward Select All-around eligibility even though they are not offered as a Select class.
 - c. Youth all-around awards are recognized in two age groups: youth 14-18 years, and youth 13 years and under.
 - d. In the case of a tie, the horse in the open, amateur, or youth divisions or amateur select classes which:
 - i. earned points in the greatest number of classes,
 - ii. won over the greatest number of horses,
 - iii. earned the most points in performance classes,will be declared the all-around winner.
6. High Point Class Awards. Presented to two horses in the open division, amateur and amateur select exhibitors, youth exhibitors: ages 14-18 years, and 13 years and under; Level 1 amateur and youth exhibitors, Rookie amateur and youth exhibitors.

Awards are given for each halter and performance class offered at NCQHA sponsored or approved shows.

- a. The points from each class of qualifying exhibitors are tallied. The two qualified horses/exhibitors with the most NCQHA points in a given class will receive the award.

- b. In the case of a tie, the horse in the open, amateur, or youth divisions or amateur select classes which:
 - i. earned points in the greatest number of classes,
 - ii. won over the greatest number of horses,
 - iii. earned the most points in performance classes,will be declared the High Point Class winner.
7. Level 1 and Rookie High Point Awards. Presented to the two qualified Level 1 amateur and youth, and two qualified Rookie amateur and youth exhibitors who earned the greatest number of points.
 - a. Exhibitors must compete in a minimum of three different classes.
8. No Bling Circuit High Point Awards. Presented to the two exhibitors earning the highest number of Level 1 amateur and youth points and Rookie amateur and youth points at the NCQHA No Bling Circuit.
 - a. Must compete in the complete series of No Bling shows offered during the calendar year
 - b. Level 1 and Rookie points earned at other NCQHA sponsored and approved shows are not included in the tally of points.
9. Small Fry Awards. During calendar year 2017, in order to be considered for a Small Fry Year End Award, exhibitors must have shown in a minimum of 7 NCQHA sponsored or approved shows and accumulate a minimum of 30 points. (To be re-evaluated for 2018).

Small Fry High Point Class Award. Presented to the two qualified exhibitors earning the highest number of points in small fry classes at NCQHA sponsored and approved shows.

Small Fry Champion. Awarded to the qualified exhibitor who earns the greatest number of points in all small fry classes.

- a. A Small Fry is a youth exhibitor 10 years old or younger.
 - b. Small Fry exhibitors cannot show in loping classes.
 - c. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor which:
 - i. earned points in the greatest number of classes,
 - ii. won over the greatest number of horses,
 - iii. earned the most points in performance classes,will be declared the winner.
10. Equestrians with Disabilities (EWD). During calendar year 2017, in order to be considered for an EWD Year End Award, horses must have shown in a minimum of 7 NCQHA sponsored or approved shows and accumulate a minimum of 30 points. (To be re-evaluated for 2018).

EWD High Point Class Award. Presented to the two qualified exhibitors earning the highest number of points in EWD classes at NCQHA sponsored and approved shows.

EWD Champion. Awarded to the qualified exhibitor who earns the greatest number of points in all EWD classes.

In the case of a tie, the horse which:

- i. earned points in the greatest number of classes,
 - ii. won over the greatest number of horses,
 - iii. earned the most points in performance classes,
- will be declared the winner.