

# American Hackney Horse Society Open Competition Program Rules

Approved by to the American Hackney Horse Society at the March 2003 Board of Directors Meeting. Program will be run by a committee of volunteers and the final results submitted to the American Hackney Horse Society.

The purpose of the AHHS Open Competition High-Point Award program is to acknowledge and honor the achievements of Hackney horses and ponies who compete in events against all breeds.

## AHHS Open Competition High-Point Rules

### General

1. Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible a horse or pony must be a registered Hackney Horse or Pony. Both the owner and all riders/drivers must be current AHHS members. Both the event (show) and the class entered must be open to all breeds. **Hackney shows and classes do not count.**
2. Shows may be rated or unrated (4-H, Pony Club and schooling shows are eligible), but shows and classes must be open to all breeds, must follow the rules of the governing body for the particular discipline, and be judged by a judge rated for that discipline. Championship classes will count double. Overall show championship awards, which are based on an accumulation of points, will receive five points for champion and three points for reserve champion **IF they are specific to a division.**
3. Accumulation of Points or Miles: Please refer to corresponding section for each discipline. Points accumulated in the Open Competition Program must be submitted before November 30 each year. **Points for the year will NOT be accepted after that date.**
4. Application: Application must be made on the proper form, be complete in every respect, and be accompanied an application fee of \$25. A copy of each prize list or program for each show entered must be submitted on the Show Results Form. Please attach each prize list to the Show Results Form. Incomplete forms will be returned. Verified and signed competition results for the appropriate award must accompany show results (see Verification of Results).
5. Verification of Results: At the time of application for the award, it is the responsibility of the applicant to submit, in total, official competition results, verified and signed by the official secretary or other authorized person. The results must be verified and signed by the official competition secretary or other authorized person. The AHHS may check with show committees for accuracy.
6. Drug and Other Rule Violations: If an owner or his agent has been found to have been in violation of the Drugs and Medication Rule at a specific horse show or event, no points will be earned by the horse in question for that event; no points will be earned by the horse in question for the entire horse show. Any other violations will be considered on an individual basis as adjudicated by the governing body of each discipline.
7. Each division offers a championship, reserve championship and four honorable mentions. Multiple awards may be won by the same horse/pony competing in separate divisional or disciplinary categories; for example, a horse/pony could earn a carriage driving award and a combined driving award. A separate application must be submitted for each award.
8. Recognition: The AHHS will publish an Open Competition section annually in the American Hackney Horse Society Newsletter where award winners will be appropriately honored. Plaques are awarded to the champion and reserve champion of each division. Certificates are awarded for third through sixth place.
9. Duplicate Award Certificates: Additional award certificates will be issued for \$10 each.

## AHHS Open Competition High-Point Award Divisions

### Section I. In-Hand

1. Includes fitting and showmanship, in-hand for any of the english pleasure divisions listed in section II, sport horse (dressage) and carriage (potential driving horse/pony).
2. Points will be awarded according to Table A.

### Section II. English Pleasure

1. Includes saddle seat and hunter pleasure, road hack, bridle path hack, and hunter hack.
2. Points will be awarded according to Table A.

### **Section III. Hunter/Jumper**

1. Classes must be over fences.
2. Points will be awarded according to Table A.

### **Section IV. Dressage**

1. All levels recognized by the USDF and/or USA Equestrian are eligible.
2. Points are earned by achieving the required percentage score at any given level of competition.

#### Point Values:

55.00% - 59.99%	2 points
60.00% - 64.99%	4 points
65.00% - 69.99%	6 points
70.00% - 74.99%	8 points
75.00% - 79.99%	10 points
80.00% and over	12 points

3. At recognized dressage competitions, the Dressage Award may be earned in any the following levels: Training Level, First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, Prix St. Georges, Intermediate 1, Intermediate II, Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special, and Musical Freestyle.

### **Section V. Combined Training**

1. Points are earned toward any Combined Training Award level by placing first through completion of the event in any recognized competition. All divisions of Combined Training Events (see Divisions Eligible for Points) recognized by the USCTA and/or USA Equestrian are eligible for points.
2. Points will be awarded according to Table B.
3. Divisions Eligible for Points: At recognized combined training competitions, the Combined Training Award for Combined Training may be earned in any of the following divisions:  
Three-Day Events: Four Star, Three Star, One Star;  
Two-Day Events: Intermediate, Preliminary;  
Horse Trials: Advanced, Intermediate, Preliminary Training, Novice.

### **Section VI. Carriage Driving**

1. Classes operated under American Driving Society (ADS) or USA Equestrian rules are eligible for points. Includes classes such as turnout, working, reinsmanship, obstacle driving, dressage driving, timed marathon, pleasure marathon and concours d' elegance, which are open to all breeds.
2. Points will be awarded according to Table A.
3. Awards will be presented in 3 categories: single horse/pony, pair/tandem and four-in-hand/unicorn.
4. A hitch will be treated as a unit in determining high-point awards. Once members of a hitch are established, substitutions will not be permitted. If a substitution is made, the unit will be considered changed and points will be accumulated as a separate entry. If a hitch is separated, each horse/pony will retain the points earned in the hitch. A separate entry fee must be paid for each member of the unit.

### **Section VII. Combined Driving Events**

1. Events operated under American Driving Society (ADS) or USA Equestrian rules are eligible for the Combined Driving Award.
2. Points will be awarded according to Table D.
3. Awards will be presented in 3 categories: single horse/pony, pair/tandem and four-in-hand/unicorn for each of the following recognized levels: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced levels.
4. A hitch will be treated as a unit in determining high-point awards. Once members of a hitch are established, substitutions will not be permitted. If a substitution is made, the unit will be considered changed and points will be accumulated as a separate entry. If a hitch is separated, each horse/pony will retain the points earned in the hitch. A separate entry fee must be paid for each member of the

### **Section VIII. Competitive Trail Riding/Driving**

1. A horse/pony must be at least five (5) years old (by birth date) for mileage to count toward the Competitive Trail Award.
2. Competitive Trail Rides are defined as those sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Association (NATRC),

Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (ECTRA), Great Lakes Distance Riding Association (GLDRA), Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC), and Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Association (UMECRA) and/or other competitive trail rides/drives approved by the AHHS. Example of other competitions include Hunter/Paces.

- Points will be awarded according to Table C. The horse/pony must fulfill all requirements of individual ride/drives entered, ie: time, veterinarian, parameters, etc.
- The ride/drive secretary, ride/drive manager, judge, sanctioning body secretary or other authorized person must sign to the Distance Record Sheet, confirming that all requirements for the ride/drive were fulfilled and that the official mileage of the ride is accurate. Ride/drive name, location, sanctioning body, judge, placing or finish must also be included.

### Section IX. Junior Exhibitor

- A junior exhibitor is an individual who has not reached his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.
- A championship plaque will be awarded for the high-point junior exhibitor in English Pleasure, Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Combined Training, Carriage Driving and Competitive Trail Riding/Driving.
- There is no limit to the number of divisions a junior exhibitor may compete.
- If the horse/pony has multiple riders/drivers, the results must be reported on separate sheets (one for each junior exhibitor).

No in class	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Participation
3-4	3	2	1						
5-9	5	4	3	2	1				
10-14	6	5	4	3	2	1			
15-19	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
20-24	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
25-29	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
30+	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

\* If classes are awarded through sixth place, seventh place points will be awarded for participating.

Division	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Completion
Pre-Novice	4	3	2	1			
Novice	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
Training	16	12	10	8	6	4	2
Preliminary	32	24	20	16	12	8	4
Intermediate	64	48	40	32	24	16	8
Advanced	128	96	80	64	48	32	16

Number of Starting Riders/Drivers (in any section)										
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1 <sup>st</sup> – 100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%		
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%			
4 <sup>th</sup> – 70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%				
5 <sup>th</sup> – 60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%					
6 <sup>th</sup> – 50%	40%	30%	20%	10%						
7 <sup>th</sup> – 40%	30%	20%	10%							
8 <sup>th</sup> – 30%	20%	10%								
9 <sup>th</sup> – 20%	10%									
10 <sup>th</sup> – 10%										

Horses/ponies receive points according to the number of miles of the ride/drive, plus additional points for placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, depending on the number of entries. For example, if you placed 3<sup>rd</sup> on a 40 mile ride or drive and there were more than 10 starting entries, you would receive 40 points for the ride/drive plus 80% of the 40 (32) for a total of 72 points.

**Table D**  
**Combined Driving Point Chart**

Division	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Completion
Training	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
Preliminary	16	12	10	8	6	4	2
Intermediate	32	24	20	16	12	8	4
Advanced	64	48	40	32	24	16	8