

2026 NWCC YEAR END AWARD RULES for approved APHA shows

GENERAL RULES AND POINTS TABULATION: ALL DIVISIONS

1. All horses must be registered with APHA, exception: weanlings may have work order or registration # **(exception deadline)**.
2. All APHA rules will be observed, unless otherwise stipulated.
3. All owners/lessees of above horses must be in good standing with APHA and all NWCC member clubs **(exception deadline)**. Any owner/lessee who has any show fees outstanding with any NWCC member club (or the Zone One show) at the end of the point challenge period shall be ineligible for NWCC year end awards.
4. All horses must be owned or leased by a member of an NWCC Member Club, **exception deadline** (see rule 8). This includes all youth and amateur riders/exhibitors (per APHA rules). NOTE: If the horse is owned by a family member, both the exhibitor and the owner MUST be a member of an NWCC member club. The NWCC club membership for the owner/lessor MUST be the same as on the registration papers/lease. Example: if the horse is owned by John & Mary Doe then there must be a club membership for BOTH John & Mary Doe. NO EXCEPTIONS! A youth may be part of a Family Membership but must be listed on the membership list. Adult children (19 years and over) do not qualify under a Family club membership for NWCC. Membership to a youth only club does not constitute membership for NWCC purposes. An Amateur exhibitor may be part of an Adult Family membership (eg: husband & wife or adult with kids under 18).
5. A current membership in an NWCC club is required. Exhibitors have up to 10 days following an NWCC approved show to join an NWCC member club for points earned at that show to count towards NWCC year end awards. **Exception deadline** – see rule 8.
6. One horse / One rider combination in all Youth & Amateur classes (**exception Deadline**: points will accumulate on the rider only regardless of the horse they ride).
7. It shall be the responsibility of each NWCC Member Club Secretary to provide the NWCC Pointskeeper and NWCC Secretary with accurate membership lists, including dates joined, for point tabulation. Club membership lists must be emailed to NWCC Pointskeeper and NWCC Secretary by March 1st of each year and updated immediately as new members join or information changes. All Family, Ranch & Company memberships to be listed with exact names of members.
8. An individual's NWCC points will not be tracked until the NWCC Pointskeeper has received a completed declaration form with an attached copy of the horse's APHA papers **or show lease**. Declaration forms and a copy of horse's registration papers / lease must be RECEIVED by the Pointskeeper before the first show or within 10 days of the show you want to count for year-end awards. **LEADLINE RULES:** a declaration form is not required nor is membership in an NWCC club. All leadline points will be tabulated and all participants, regardless of number of points, will receive a certificate of recognition at the NWCC banquet.
9. The show season will last from November 1st through October 31st each year.
10. Your best 50% +1 of all available NWCC judges (in that particular class) count for yearend awards (for example, if there are 40 available NWCC judges, only your best 21 judges will count). No duplicate judges to be counted unless an emergency approval is granted by the NWCC Board. Such approval needs to be submitted to the NWCC Secretary within 7 days of the show.
11. Awards to be given in all qualified classes. A horse (open classes) or horse/rider (youth & amateur classes) must accumulate a minimum of 25 NWCC Points (exception weanling halter & Youth Walk/Trot) in a class for an award to be given. For weanling halter & Youth Walk/Trot classes - a minimum of 10 NWCC points must be accumulated. Points will be calculated using the chart at the end of the rules. **CLARIFICATION – grand & reserve points in halter do not count towards the individual class awards – only towards the high point halter horse.**

12. TIES: Ties will be broken in the following manner: The horse and/or exhibitor accumulating equal points but showing the least number of times will receive the award. If this is equal, the horse that places over the other horse the greatest number of times will be declared the winner.
13. Points will be given in All Age & Combined Classes according to APHA Rules with the NWCC Point system. For combined classes, the NWCC points will usually track to either the Jr. or Sr. division where appropriate (eg: western riding or pleasure). If 2-year-old & 3-year-old performance classes are combined into a Jr. class, NWCC points will be awarded points in the Jr. class.

ADDITIONAL RULES: YOUTH, NOVICE AND AMATEUR

1. All of the above rules apply.
2. Youth's age is determined by the age at the first (1st) of January of the show year.
3. Points will be tabulated on one horse / one rider combination (**exception Leadline** – see above rules). The same horse may be used by more than one youth, novice or amateur but not in conflict with APHA rule YP-080.F or AM-085.E.
4. Ownership by Youth, Novice & Amateur is required as per APHA Rules (**exception Leadline**).
5. CLARIFICATION – If an amateur class is combined (or if a show does not offer split amateur classes for the core classes), Masters exhibitors will have those points go to whichever division they showed in their other classes and regularly exhibit. If a Masters exhibitor chooses to show in both amateur divisions at that show, combined classes will need to be declared to the pointskeeper as to how those points should be counted.

HIGH POINT TABULATION:

High Point Awards will be issued in the following divisions: Jr., Sr., Green, Amateur, Masters Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 18 & Under, Novice Youth, Walk/Trot 5-10, Walk/Trot 11-18, Walk/Trot Amateur, Halter Mares, Halter Geldings, & Halter Stallions.

All Performance High Point divisions require points to be earned in a minimum of three (3) performance classes of two (2) different APHA Categories, with a minimum of 5 NWCC points earned in each of the different APHA categories (NOTE: halter is not counted for Jr., Sr., nor Green).

High Point All-Around and Reserve All-Around must earn a minimum of ten (10) NWCC open halter points, a minimum of ten (10) NWCC points in three (3) open performance classes in two (2) APHA Categories, plus a minimum of five (5) NWCC points in an additional open APHA category to qualify. No Youth or Amateur classes to count. The High Point All Around winners are also featured on the cover of the NWCC directory.

For the Overall High Point Halter Champion in each sex division, must earn a minimum of twenty-five (25) points. No youth or amateur classes to count. Grand Champion will receive 2 points plus the difference in the number of points between their class and the winner of the largest class in their sex division. Reserve Champion will receive 1 point plus the difference in the number of points between their class and the winner of the largest class in their sex division. These points will be combined with the individual class placing. (This rule follows APHA rules but uses NWCC point system).

POINT SYSTEM

1. Both Performance and Halter Points will be awarded according to the following chart.
2. Stallions that are gelded during the show year will not carry the points to the Gelding Division

	NUMBER OF RIDERS OR EXHIBITORS IN A CLASS									
PLACING	1	2	3	4	5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-17	18+
First	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12
Second		1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10
Third			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fourth				1	2	3	3	4	5	6
Fifth					1	2	2	2	3	4
Sixth						1	1	1	1	2
Seventh	No Points Awarded For Seventh Place									

NOTE: CURRENT YEAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID & DECLARATION FORM RECEIVED BEFORE POINTS CAN BE ACCUMULATED. If you do not receive an email response confirming receipt within a week of submitting, it is your responsibility to follow up with the pointskeeper.

Challenges to or questions about the NWCC points must be made to the NWCC Board no later than 14 days after the final points are posted at the end of the year (if you notice an error after a show, it's best to contact the pointskeeper immediately). **WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO KNOW WHEN RESULTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE WEBSITE TO BE POSTED.**

The NWCC Board reserves the right to decide all challenges or questions.

ALL NWCC AWARDS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE BANQUET UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE – SHIPPING AWARDS WILL BE A \$50 FEE PLUS THE ACTUAL COST OF POSTAGE. FORFEITED AWARDS WILL BE REUSED OR DONATED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NWCC BOARD.