



CSHA REGION

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ENGLISH WESTERN HIGH POINT PROGRAM 2017 PROGRAM RULES

SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

- A. The purpose of this program is to encourage participation in equestrian activities, to develop horsemastership, sportsmanship and to establish the regional champions of the show season for the current year.
- B. This program is open to residents of Region 5 (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties), members of a Region 5 member club (regardless of where they live), or any person with an approved transfer to Region 5, who are members in good standing with the California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA).
- C. The show year runs from January 1st thru September 15th and only points acquired from CSHA approved shows during that time period will count for the purposes of qualifying the competitors for the Show of Champions (SOC) and the Region 5 High Point awards recipients.
- D. An English/Western (E/W) program chair, under the direction of the Region president, will administer the program. The chair's duties are as follows:
 - 1. Enlist participants into the program and ensure their compliance.
 - 2. Communicate with the State E/W chair on all issues regarding the program.
 - 3. Enforce the Region rules.
 - 4. Compile the point standings of the participants for publication on the website and in the newsletter.
 - 5. Report to the Region 5 Board of Directors (BOD) at the Region meetings.
 - 6. Attend the CSHA BOD quarterly meetings and the State annual convention.
 - 7. Prepare a budget for the Region program and organize fund raising activities to support the program.
 - 8. Order year-end awards for the Region champions.
 - 9. Plan and manage the annual Spring Stampede Horse Show.
- E. These rules apply to the Region 5 English/Western Program, which are in addition and subject to the CSHA Bylaws/Rule Book, the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book and Region 5 protocol.

SECTION 2. CONTESTANTS

- A. Any person living in the Region 5 area or any person with an approved transfer to Region 5 may enter the program, compete and earn points. Program participants must be current CSHA members to be eligible to compete in the high point program and/or the SOC. A CSHA member is defined as any individual, life, senior, family, commercial member of CSHA, or a member of a CSHA Region 5 club in good standing. Unless you are a life member, all memberships must be renewed annually on January 1st.

- B. Any person, who is a Region 5 member, may compete in the current year's program by submitting an application and paying the appropriate fees. Points will not count until a Region 5 official, CSHA state secretary (if sent directly to the state office) or Region 5 E/W chair has received and accepted all program forms and fees. Make sure that you have the most current forms.
- C. Participants who have not reached their 18th birthday will be entered as a junior and participants 18 years and older will be entered as an amateur adult (with proof of current amateur status). The participant's age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year and will show in the corresponding age division during the show year.
- D. Juniors may not exhibit stallions.
- E. The horse's age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year and will show in the corresponding age division during the show year.
- F. Definition of Amateur: Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for competition who, after his/her 18th birthday, has NOT ENGAGED in any of the following activities: rides, drives, shows in Halter, schools, trains, assists in training or gives instruction for remuneration, accepts prize money for showing in Showmanship or Equitation, or gives instruction to any person or rides or shows where another person in his or her family will receive remuneration.
- G. Each participant who has entered the amateur adult division must obtain a current CSHA Amateur Card or provide proof of a current amateur card from AQHA, APHA, USEF, or any nationally recognized breed or association. A 60 day grace period is allowed for those who have just applied for their card.
- H. Participants in the open division do not need to have an amateur card and may be of any age. Participants who do not qualify for an amateur card may only show in the open division.
- I. Participants will sign up as a horse and rider/handler combination and earn points only for that combination. A participant may sign up in multiple categories using the same combination. If a different combination is used, a separate application and fees are required.
- J. If a horse dies or becomes disabled during the show year, the participant may substitute a new horse. The substitute horse and rider/handler will be considered a new combination. A veterinarian's certificate of death or disability will be required. No additional fees will be charged to register the substitute horse and points from the previous combination and the new combination will be combined.
- K. If a participant wishes to switch horses for any other reason other than death or disability, he/she may do so. The participant must submit a new registration form and fees. Points will not be combined and the switch must occur with at least 3 approved shows remaining in the show season.
- L. Participants must be registered in the Region 5 E/W Program and pay the following fees in order to receive points, be eligible for the SOC, and compete for the year-end high point awards.
 - 1. There shall be a State entry fee of \$25.00 per horse & rider/handler combination
 - 2. There shall be a Region entry fee of \$25.00 per horse & rider/handler combination.
 - 3. There shall be a Region entry fee of \$22 per age division.

4. Each participant is required to work, or find a substitute to work, a minimum of 4 hours at a Region 5 sponsored show, a Region 5 member club sponsored show, a Region 5 show related activity, a Region 5 fund-raiser, or any other activity approved by the Region 5 E/W chair.

NOTE: **WORK HOUR BUY OUT OPTION** A \$50.00 buy-out option is available for all 4 hours of work required. No partial breakdown is permitted.

- M. Participants must be registered into the State E/W Program prior to competing in any CSHA approved shows in order to be eligible to compete at the SOC. The Region enrollment form will serve as registration into the State program.
- N. Participants must compete in at least 3 CSHA approved shows and place in the top 10 of their age division in order to qualify for year-end awards and to compete at the SOC representing the Region as an individual and as a team competitor. If a participant elects not to go to SOC, the remaining participants in that age division will move up solely for SOC eligibility.
- O. Only the highest scores of 7 approved shows will be used to place the top 10 participants in each age division.
- P. Region points are not awarded for the Show of Champions (SOC).
- Q. Upon the close of the show season, the Region 5 E/W chair will audit the participants of the program to ensure that all fees have been paid and all the requirements of the program have been completed. Those participants that have not paid all of their fees or completed all of their requirements will have until the end of the audit period (as set forth by the Region 5 E/W chair) to do so.
- R. A participant is not in good standing if a bad check (account closed/NSF) has been submitted to CSHA, Region 5 or to anyone holding an approved show, by either the participant or by any other person on behalf of the participant.
- S. After written notification has been sent to the participant (with a copy to the Region 5 E/W chair), all points will be suspended and no further points will be earned until the check and returned check fees have been made good. If the check and return check fees are not made good within 30 days of notification, all points and fees will be considered forfeit and the participant is not eligible for year-end awards and/or SOC participation. The participant will not be eligible to compete in future seasons until the matter has been resolved.

SECTION 3. DIVISION AND CATEGORIES

- A. Age Divisions: The rider/handler's age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year and will show in the corresponding age division during the show year.
 1. Leadline 6 & Under: Any rider who is 6 years old and younger.
 2. 10 & Under (Walk/Trot or Jog): Any rider who is 10 years old or younger, who has not shown or been judged at the canter/lope in any discipline (including Gymkhana). Once a rider has shown and been judged at the canter/lope, he/she must enter the 13 & under division.
 3. 13 & under: Any rider who is 13 years old and younger.
 4. 14 – 17: Any rider who is 14 through 17 years old.
 5. 18 – 34 Amateur Adult (AA): Any amateur adult rider who is 18 through 34 years old.
 6. 35 & Over Amateur Adult (AA): Any amateur adult rider who is 35 years old or older.

7. Open: Any age rider/handler, youth, junior, amateur adult, senior, non-amateur adult or trainer.
- B. Participants may not cross over in age divisions. Participants can compete in their corresponding age division and the open division. Participants must declare at the time of application which category and age division they will compete in for the show year.
- C. If a change of category or division is desired, the combination must re-register and pay new fees. Any points that have been acquired in the original category or division will not be transferred to the new category or division.
- D. High Point Categories: Points will be awarded for the categories in the following classes.
1. English: Pleasure, Equitation/Horsemanship, Hunter, Jumper, Showmanship
 2. Western: Pleasure, Equitation/Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding, Showmanship,.
 3. Halter: Jr. Horse (horses 5 years & younger) Sr. Horse (horses 6 years & older), Open
 4. Reining: Junior (17 & under), Senior (18 & over Amateur Adult), Open.
 5. Ranch: Pleasure, Equitation/Horsemanship, Trail, Riding, Showmanship
Junior (17 & under), Senior (18 & over A/A), Open.
 6. English Over Fences: Hunter Hack, Hunter Over Fences, Equitation Over Fences, Jumpers.
Junior (17 & under), Senior (18 & over A/A), Open. **(This is a Region 5 only category)**
 7. Trail: Western – Overall. **(This is a Region 5 only category)**
 8. Showmanship: Western, English – Overall. **(This is a Region 5 only category)**

SECTION 4. POINTS

- A. Points are not retroactive. A participant must be registered in the program prior to showing in the first class of any show for points to count.
- B. To fairly represent the performance/accomplishment of each participant, points will be awarded on a sliding scale based on the number of horses in the class. Points will be calculated as follows:

Horses/ Placing	6	5	4	3	2	1
1 st	6	5	4	3	2	1
2 nd	5	4	3	2	1	0
3 rd	4	3	2	1	0	0
4 th	3	2	1	0	0	0
5 th	2	1	0	0	0	0
6 th	1	0	0	0	0	0

- C. Points will only count for the classes listed above in the age division you are signed up for.
- D. Open classes shall never count for age division classes.

- E. 17 & under or junior classes will count for the age division you are signed up for only if there is no class offered in your age division.
- F. 18 & over or senior classes will count for the age division you are signed up for only if there is no class offered in your age division.
- G. If you are a participant (unable to qualify as an amateur) signed up for the open division, and there is no open class offered at a show, you may ride in the 18 & over class provided it is not restricted to amateurs.
- H. You may sign up for an age division and the open division with the same combination and qualify to earn year-end awards and compete at SOC in both divisions.
- I. If there is a tie when final points are tabulated, the tie will be broken by the prevailing participant with the most first places. If the tie remains, then the participant who earned the most first places with the highest numerical score from the sliding scale will prevail. If the tie remains, then the participants shall share the title.
- J. Participants must record their classes and placing on the Region 5 Point Sheet for every CSHA approved show they attend. The sheet must be signed by the show manager or show secretary. Participants must mail their point sheet to the Region 5 E/W chair, postmarked no later than 5 days after the date of the show. Point sheets should be turned in, even if you did not place, as the show will count towards your 3 show minimum requirement. Use a separate form for each age division. Record only the classes you are qualified to compete in on your point sheet.
- K. Points will not be awarded for these classes.
 - 1. Classes restricted to club members only or a special interest group.
 - 2. Classes based on the number of years showing or awards won, e.g.: Green Limit, Maiden, Novice
 - 3. Classes based on age breaks that bar a part of the CSHA age divisions, e.g.: 12 & under, 15 & under, etc.
 - 4. Warm-up, Training or Gimmick classes.
 - 5. Championship classes.
 - 6. Restrictive medal classes.

SECTION 5. AWARDS

- A. Awards will be presented to the Champion, Reserve Champion and (if funds are available) 3rd place in the designated age divisions and open. Further awards will be made based on participation and available funds. No awards will be given to any participant who has not completed the minimum requirements for the Region program.

SECTION 6. GENERAL AND SPECIAL RULES

- A. Each participant is responsible for making themselves aware of the Show of Champions qualification. The criteria are located in the CSHA By-Laws/Rule-Book – English/Western Rules and SOC Rules. Copies can be downloaded from the CSHA website or can be purchased through the CSHA state office.

- B. The West Coast Horse Show (WCHS) Rule-Book governs all CSHA approved shows. Each participant is responsible for make themselves aware of all judging criteria applicable to competition. A copy of the WCHS Rule-Book can be purchased through the CSHA state office.
- C. The rules set forth for Region 5 competition are separate from the rules set forth for the Show of Champions competition within the guidelines permitted by SOC. See the CSHA By-Laws/Rule-Book
- D. Fund-raisers and benefit horse shows take place throughout the show season. The proceeds shall go towards the program's overhead costs, SOC intent fee and year-end awards. Participants and their representatives should feel obligated to participate in these fund-raisers and benefit shows. The Region 5 benefit shows will always be double point earning shows. These shows will be held within the boundaries of Alameda or Contra Costa Counties.
- E. It is the participant's responsibility to verify that they are entering the correct class for their division at any and all horse shows and to know and understand the rules under which they show. Know your rules. Read the Region rules and show premiums thoroughly. Keep your rules close at hand. Also know the WCHS rules and the CSHA By-Laws/Rules as they pertain to you.
- F. Ethics Code:
We are all here to show our horses and compete. Competition should be enjoyable for everyone concerned. Rudeness, abusiveness and/or foul language does not belong at the shows. Any person who has a complaint about the conduct of another person during a show may submit their concerns to CSHA in writing. The Region 5 E/W chair will review the complaint and submit it to the Region 5 President if deemed necessary. Appropriate course of action for violations of the Ethic Codes will be determined by the Region 5 President. The CSHA Code of Conduct will be adhered to at any CSHA function.