



CSHA REGION

5

ENGLISH WESTERN HIGH POINT PROGRAM 2023 PROGRAM RULES

SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

- A. The purpose of this program is to encourage participation in equestrian activities, develop horsemastership, sportsmanship and foster competition in order to establish the Region 5 high point champions and the eligible competitors for the State Championship Show (SCS).
- 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 to establish the Region 5 high point awards recipients and for qualifying the competitors for the State Championship Show.
- D. An English Western (EW) 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 EW chair on all issues regarding the program.
 - 3. Update and enforce the Region EW rules.
 - 4. Compile the point standings of the participants for publication on the website and/or in the newsletter.
 - 5. Report to the Region 5 Board of Directors at the Region meetings.
 - 6. Attend the CSHA quarterly board/committee 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 high point 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. PARTICIPANTS

- A. Any current CSHA member who is living in Region 5, or is a member of a Region 5 member club, or with an approved transfer to Region 5 is eligible to compete in the high point program. 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. A Region 5 member becomes a participant and competes 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 the Region 5 EW 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 a senior or 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: An exhibitor is 18 years of age or older and has not received remuneration, monetary or otherwise either directly or indirectly for the previous 3 years for training, riding instruction, showing, or judging horses.
- G. Each participant who has entered an 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 are not required 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 EW Program and pay the following fees in order to receive points to compete for the high point awards and to be eligible for the SCS.
 - 1. There shall be a State registration fee of \$25 per horse & rider/handler combination
 - 2. There shall be a Region registration fee of \$30 per horse & rider/handler combination.
 - 3. There shall be a Region category fee of \$25 per age division.

- M. Participants must be registered into the State EW Program prior to competing in any CSHA approved shows in order to be eligible to compete at the SCS. The Region enrollment form will serve as registration into the State program.
- N. Participants must compete in at least 3 CSHA approved shows in order to qualify for region high point awards and to compete at the SCS representing the Region as an individual and as a team competitor.
- O. Only the highest scores of 7 approved shows will be used to place the participants in each age division for region high point.
- P. Region points are not awarded for the State Championship Show.
- Q. Upon the close of the show season, the Region 5 EW 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 EW 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, 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 forfeited and the participant is not eligible for high point awards and/or SCS participation. The participant will not be eligible to compete in future seasons until the matter has been resolved.

SECTION 3. CATEGORIES AND AGE DIVISIONS

- A. High Point Categories: Points will be awarded for the categories in the following classes.
 1. Halter: Any Jr. Horse class (horses 5 years & younger), Any Sr. Horse Class (horses 6 years & older), Any Open Horse class (any age horse).
 2. Reining: Any Junior Reining class (17 & under), Any Senior Reining class (18 & over Amateur Adult), & Any Open Reining class (any age).
 3. English: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Pleasure, Equitation, Hunter, Jumper.
 4. Western: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Pleasure, Equitation, Riding, Trail.
 5. Ranch: Ranch Conformation, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining, Ranch Trail.
 6. Trail: Western, English – Overall. **(This is a Region 5 only category)**
 7. Showmanship: Western, English – Overall. **(This is a Region 5 only category)**
 8. English Over Fences: Hunter Hack, Hunter Over Fences, Equitation Over Fences, Jumpers. **(This is a Region 5 only category)**
- B. Age Divisions: The following age divisions for English and Western will be offered for competition:
 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, amateur, non-amateur or trainer.

C. Age Divisions: The following age divisions for Ranch will be offered for competition:

1. 10 & Under (Walk/Trot): 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 17 & under division.
2. Youth: Any rider who is 17 years and younger.
3. Amateur Adult: Any amateur adult rider who is 18 years and older.
4. Open: Any age rider, amateur, non-amateur or trainer.

D. Age Divisions: The following age divisions for Reining will be offered for competition:

1. Youth: Any rider who is 17 years and younger.
2. Amateur Adult: Any amateur adult rider who is 18 years and older.
3. Open: Any age rider, amateur, non-amateur or trainer.

E. Age Divisions: The following age divisions for Halter will be offered for competition:

1. Junior Horse: Any horse 5 years and younger.
2. Senior Horse: Any horse 6 years and older.
3. Open Horse: Any age horse.

F. Participants may not compete for high point awards as a cross over in age divisions. A cross over is defined as the exhibition of the same horse in more than one age division. 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.

G. If a change of category or age division is desired, the change is considered as a new application and the combination must re-register and pay new fees. Any points that have been acquired in the original category or age division will not be transferred to the new category or age division.

SECTION 4. SHOWING AND 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	7	6	5	4	3	2
2 nd	6	5	4	3	2	0
3 rd	5	4	3	2	0	0
4 th	4	3	2	0	0	0
5 th	3	2	0	0	0	0
6 th	2	0	0	0	0	0
Did Not Place	1	1	1	1	1	1

- C. Points will only count for the classes listed in the age division you are signed up for. It is the participant's responsibility to verify that they are entering the correct class.
- D. Age division classes will never count for open division classes.
- E. Open division classes shall never count for age division classes.
- F. 17 & under, 18 & under, junior or youth classes may count for the age division you are signed up for only if there is no corresponding class offered in your age division.
- G. 18 & over, 19 & over, senior or amateur adult classes may count for the age division you are signed up for only if there is no corresponding class offered in your age division.
- H. If there is a tie when final points are tabulated for the high point awards, the tie will be broken by the participant with the most first places. If the tie remains, then the tie will be broken by the participant with the most second places. If the tie remains, then the participants shall share the title.
- I. 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 or deliver their point sheet to the Region 5 EW chair, postmarked no later than 5 days after the date of the show. Point sheets must be turned in for the show to count towards your 3 show minimum requirement. If possible, use a separate form for each age division. Record only the classes you are qualified to compete in on your point sheet.
- J. 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 and reserve champion in the designated age divisions. Top 10 finalist awards may be presented in the designated age divisions if funds are available. Further awards may 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 not only the show premiums for local show rules but also of the Region 5 English Western program rules, the West Coast Horse Show rulebook and the State English Western program rules. By your participation in a horse show and in the Region 5 high point program it is implied that you have read and understand these rules.
- B. The State Championship Show qualification criteria are found in the CSHA By-Laws/Rules, State English Western Program. Copies can be downloaded from the CSHA website.
- C. The West Coast Horse Show (WCHS) rulebook governs all CSHA approved shows. Each participant is responsible for making themselves aware of all judging criteria applicable to competition. A copy of the WCHS rulebook can be downloaded from the CSHA website or purchased through the CSHA state office.
- D. Fund-raisers and benefit horse shows take place throughout the show season. The proceeds go towards the program's overhead costs, SCS intent fees and year-end awards. Participants 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 normally be held within the boundaries of Alameda or Contra Costa Counties.
- E. Ethics Code: We are all here to show our horses and compete in a safe and friendly environment. Competition should be enjoyable for everyone concerned. Rudeness, abusiveness, poor sportsmanship and/or foul language do 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 EW 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.