



## RULE BOOK – SECTION 2 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

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## COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

### COMPETITION APPLICATION/APPROVAL PROCESS:

The following rules apply to all OHA approved shows:

- The OHA annual competition year will be from February 15 to November 15.
- No competition dates will be annually reserved with the exception of the OHA produced “Gold Classic”.
- The words, “Oregon Horsemen’s Association” or “OHA,” are not to be used in the title of any show that is not produced by OHA.
- There is no limit to the number of approved shows held on the same date. Every effort will be made by OHA to inform all shows affected when other shows request the same date.
- A competition may request approval as a “multiple-judged show.” This show format consists of two or more judges adjudicating the same class. Each judge creates a separate competition with an entry fee, class result and awards given. Points will be given according to the number of judges turning in score cards.
- Application for approval must be made at least 60 days prior to the event. For maximum exposure in the Coming Events section of the OHA newsletter and website, 90 days are required. The required fee, (\$35 single judge, \$50 double judge, \$75 three or more judges) complete class list, and judge/steward names must accompany each request. Fee for Gymkhana events is \$10.
- All classes not restricted to a specific breed must be open to all equines for OHA points to be counted towards any year-end awards. The word “equine” should be substituted for the word “horse” in your class descriptions.
- The class list must contain the proper wording for each class and be consistent with the OHA year-end awards programs. Failure to meet these goals may eliminate some classes from the point system or cause half points to be awarded. Non-point classes must be marked on the class lists and entry forms so exhibitors are aware prior to entry. The OHA Show Approval Committee will meet to assist you in this endeavor. **No premium lists are to be printed, distributed or advertised until the OHA Show Approval Committee has approved the show.**
- All OHA-approved competitions, unless otherwise excluded, must select a judge from the OHA roster of judges.
- **EXCLUSIONS:** An all-breed competition, including those that have incidental open classes, may use a judge recognized by that breed association without further approval by OHA. An all-hunter/jumper event, all-driving event, all-dressage event, judged trail events, or an all-gymkhana event may use a judge recognized by the sponsoring organization without further approval by OHA. All USEF-approved events may use a USEF judge recognized for that event without further approval by OHA.

**The following judges are not eligible for the exclusions in the above paragraph:**

Any OHA judge, regardless of the breed or discipline cards held, that has not performed the OHA annual renewal requirements and has therefore become “not in good standing” with OHA as of the date of the show approval.

Any judge, regardless of the breed or discipline cards held, that has been penalized by suspension or cancellation of their OHA judge’s card and is “not in good standing” with OHA as of the date of the show approval.

- Judges only licensed for drill teams, or only high school equestrian teams, or only trail events must judge in their respective category. For example, a judge that is carded only in drill teams cannot judge an open OHA competition.
- If a show committee considers the use of a judge that has not previously been approved as an OHA judge, a \$50 fee for a guest card must be paid by the judge or the show management along with the show approval request. An OHA rule book will be provided to the judge as part of this fee. The judge must show proof of a judge’s card for a breed or discipline and must be approved by the Judge’s Committee prior to the event being sanctioned. This does not apply to OHA-approved breed shows offering open classes that are officiated by breed judges, or to the events excluded in prior paragraphs.
- All OHA-approved competitions must have an OHA steward to interpret, clarify and arbitrate competition rules. **Exceptions:** OHA-approved breed, or discipline-specific shows that do not offer open OHA classes do not require an OHA steward. See pg 1 “Exclusions for judges”.
- In the event of an emergency and a steward is unable to attend a show at the last moment, the show management as a committee can act as a steward.
- All entry forms must include the following: “I hereby certify that every equine is eligible as entered. I make these entries at my own risk and subject to the rules of this competition and of the Oregon Horsemen’s Association and I agree for myself and my representatives to be bound thereby.” If the competition is also approved by another organization(s) or is sponsored by a public facility, include the name(s) after the “Oregon Horsemen’s Association.”
- A change in competition dates will be considered a new request and subject to additional fees.
- All advertisements pertaining to the competition must list the name of the judge(s) and steward as well as a contact person.
- All forms needed for your application or needed on your show date are available on our website. If there is any problem downloading these forms please contact OHA immediately. For any questions, please call the Approval Chairman. We recommend you have a supply of forms for membership, points reporting, ROM application and registration for year end awards.
- No competition is permitted to start earlier than the time advertised.

- Competition management has the right to cancel or combine any unfilled class.
- Competition management has the right to approve or disapprove an apprentice working with a judge or steward. At no time can there be more than one judge’s apprentice in the arena, regardless of the number of judges officiating.

Following pages have classes correctly defined for OHA competitions. These are not all inclusive, but create minimum standards. Apply to the Show Approval Committee if a class is not on this list. See Awards and Point System for additional information that will assist in creating a successful competition.

Points will be awarded for any gymkhana event that is recognized in the OHA rule book or the WHO rulebook. If any question or conflict arises that is not addressed in the OHA rule book, the WHO rules will be the determining factor.

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## How to submit your show results

### CHECKLIST

This checklist should be used as a tool to help return all of the proper information to the Points Keeper.

In order to properly track the OHA Equine and Exhibitor points from any OHA-approved show, “copies or originals” of the following are required to be included in the show results packets that are sent to the OHA Points Keeper:

*To make things easier for Show Management, the information listed below may be submitted on paper copies, or in electronic form. Information may be scanned into JPG or PDF formats. Information may be submitted by email, or mailed on a thumb drive (memory stick or flash drive), CD disc (formatted and closed so that it can be read on any computer system), or 3.5” floppy disc.*

1. Show Master List: This list must include the Show Name, Date, Equine’s Registered Name, the Owner’s Name as shown on the equine’s breed registration papers, and exhibitor’s name(s) showing at this show.
2. Gate Sheets: These must have Class Titles and the entire class entries included on each.
3. Judge’s Cards: A copy from each judge. These can be photocopied onto the bottom of each gate sheet (to save paper) but be sure not to cover up any exhibitor or equine names that may be on the gate sheet.
4. Show Premium: For each set of show results submitted in the packet.
5. Contact Person: A person we may contact if there is a question over the show results. Must include name, phone number and/or email address.
6. All show results must be submitted to the OHA Points Keeper within 30 calendar days of the end of the competition. Management may be assessed a \$50 penalty for results submitted after 30 days

These results are to be sent to:

Pat Berger  
OHA Points Keeper  
15417 Union School Rd.  
Woodburn, OR 97071  
Phone: 503-981-6814  
Email: busyb@ipns.com

## COMPETITION OFFICIALS

**General:** A competition official is defined as any person performing the duties of a manager, secretary, ringmaster, gate person, judge, or steward.

### MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS

**Manager:** The manager is the person in charge, enforcing all rules referring to the competition, and is able to dismiss any exhibitor prior to or during judging. He/she must be present on the competition grounds for the duration of the competition. At all times the competition manager must extend every effort to ensure a smooth-running and organized event by designating and assigning personnel and handling all disputes. A manager or his/her immediate family may not serve as a judge, steward, technical delegate, or exhibitor of his/her own competition.

**Competition Secretary:** The Secretary accurately maintains and records entries and competition results, verifies exhibitor and equine eligibility, submits competition results to the OHA point secretary, and is responsible for entry fees. The competition secretary or designee signs the OHA points sheets for exhibitors.

**Ringmaster:** The ringmaster must be familiar with competition procedures, assemble the classes promptly, act as a liaison between the judge and exhibitors, and assist the judge, but not take part in any of the judging. Ringmasters shall be suitably attired. It is recommended that the ringmaster not officiate in any competition in which his/her family members are exhibiting. The ringmaster does not have the authority to determine when a timed gate should be opened or closed; the in-gate manager has that responsibility.

**Gate Managers:** The person in charge of the in-gate or out-gate of the arena. These individuals are responsible for keeping the classes moving in and out of the arena in a timely manner while opening and closing the gates. The in-gate manager calls reminders to the exhibitors if a PA system is available, assembles the next class in the warm-up area, checks off the exhibitors as they go into the arena, and records any last-minute entries or cancellations for the show secretary. The in-gate manager is responsible for any timed gate-holds.

### JUDGES AND STEWARDS

#### General Information

All Category 1 applicant OHA judges and stewards must be members in good standing for not less than one year before being eligible to apply for a judge and/or steward card. This rule does not apply to Category 2 Judges. See complete requirements for each category in following sections.

All OHA judges and stewards must possess a current OHA rule book. If they are officiating at a competition/event where USEF rules are applicable as stated in the OHA division rules, they must have a current USEF rule book. If they are officiating at a breed sponsored competition/event, the judge is required to have the applicable breed rule book(s). In open OHA-approved shows, OHA rules take precedence, unless the OHA rule book states in the rules of the specific division being judged, that USEF rules are applicable. See Obstacle Driving, Timed Cones, Sport Equine Division.

Judges and stewards must act in a professional manner at all times before, during and after the competition. The Judge & Steward Committee has the right to review the actions of their officials at any time. An OHA license is a privilege, not a right. All officials are licensed “at will” and must always be above reproach. Any compromise of these rules will be grounds for reprimand, termination, non-renewal, censure or demotion to any lower category by the Judge & Steward Committee. The designation as an OHA Judge, or an OHA Steward is revocable by the Judge & Steward Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing.

Judges and stewards must dress in appropriate and professional attire. Cell phone use, smoking, and drug/alcohol use are prohibited while officiating or in the show ring.

The Committees may designate mandatory clinics as fulfilling a portion of the eligibility requirements for apprentice work, upgrades, or applications from non-OHA-carded judges.

The OHA Show Approval Committee verifies the status of every official hired prior to final approval of any proposed OHA competition/event. Refer to the OHA website for the current list of officials.

#### **Applicant Required Disclosures:**

Any person convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in state or federal prison, or a person who has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude can be refused a card.

Any person who is terminated from, or has been denied judging privileges in any other equine organization including breed, OHSET and 4-H can be refused a card.

Any person who unlawfully engaged in or has been convicted of possession, use, or sale of any narcotics, dangerous drugs, or marijuana can be refused a card.

Any person who misrepresents themselves on their application, or who fails to disclose any of the issues listed above prior to or during their tenure as an approved OHA official, will immediately have their judge or steward card terminated by the Judge & Steward Committee without provision for hearings or appeals.

## **OHA JUDGES**

**General:** Designation as an OHA-approved judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the OHA Judge Committee according to the individual’s equine expertise and personal character. At all times, a judge’s conduct must be exemplary. Abilities as a judge will be under constant review by the Committee and such designation is revocable by the Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing.

**Judges are required to attend an OHA-sponsored clinic a minimum of once every three years in order to remain current on OHA rules and to stay on the approved list. Non-attendance of a mandatory clinic/seminar due to an emergency may be approved by the Judge & Steward Committee, but the judge or steward must attend the next scheduled OHA judge & steward clinic.**

Licensed judges must annually pass a judge’s examination on OHA rules with a grade of 85% or better. Judges who fail to meet clinic/examination requirements will not have their license renewed.

**Attendance at an annual clinic is also required for all judges.** This may be a breed association seminar or a clinic/seminar conducted by a major discipline/performance event, an OHA sponsored event (including mandatory clinics) or another equine related event that will enhance the education of the judge. Apprentice work for another organization for a judge’s card can also be considered. **Proof of attendance must be furnished along with the judge’s test, membership fees and signed membership application when applying for renewal.** If there is a question on the qualifications of any seminar or clinic, it will be considered for approval by the judge’s or steward’s committees.

**Single Purpose Judges:** Judges licensed to judge only Drill Team or Trail events are exempt from these clinic and testing requirements. In the event a clinic is set up specifically for these specialties, the clinic may be mandatory. Judges only licensed for drill teams, or only high school equestrian teams, or only trail events must judge in their respective category. For example, a judge that is carded only in drill teams cannot judge an open OHA competition.

**For currently licensed judges, all fees, proof of annual seminar attendance and any required written tests with a minimum required score are due on or before December 30 for inclusion on the list of approved officials for the following year. Any judge or steward who does not have the fees, required materials, and test postmarked by this date will be subject to a penalty renewal payment of \$50 from December 31 thru March 31. As of April 1, the penalty renewal payment is \$100 through the end of the approval year. All renewals are good only for that competition year.**

All OHA-approved competitions/events, unless otherwise excluded, must select a judge from the OHA roster of judges.

**Exclusions:** An all-breed competition/event, including those that have incidental open classes, may use a judge recognized by that breed association without further approval by OHA. An all-hunter/jumper event, all-driving event, all-dressage event, a judged trail event, or an all-gymkhana event may use a judge recognized by the sponsoring organization without further approval by OHA. All USEF-approved events may use a USEF judge recognized for that event without further approval by OHA.

**The following judges are not eligible for the exclusions in the above paragraph:**

Any OHA judge, regardless of the breed or discipline cards held, that has not performed the OHA annual renewal requirements and has therefore become “not in good standing” with OHA as of the date of the show approval.

Any judge, regardless of the breed or discipline cards held, that has been penalized by termination or non-renewal, of their OHA judge’s card and is “not in good standing” with OHA as of the date of the show approval.

**Judge's Obligations:** A judge must fulfill all judging commitments, or if this is impossible, contact the competition/event manager immediately to allow reasonable time to find a replacement. Additionally, the judge shall without delay submit a written explanation to the OHA Judge Committee. Failure of a judge to attend a competition/event to which he is committed, to perform his duties and officiate in the events to which he is assigned, shall constitute cause for disciplinary action under OHA rules, except in cases of extreme emergency.

A judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with the rules and specifications of that class as outlined in the current OHA rule book, or USEF and/or breed rulebooks if they apply to the event they have been hired to judge. In open OHA-approved shows, OHA rules take precedence, unless the OHA rule book states in the rules of the specific division being judged, that USEF rules are applicable. See Obstacle Driving, Timed Cones, Sport Equine Division.

Good judging depends upon a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of the best equines for the purpose described by conditions of the class. A judge serves three interests: his own conscience, exhibitors and spectators. He should make it clear that the best equines win.

Judges shall indicate at least five placings and a reserve in each class. Management may require additional placings.

**Depending on whether the situation can be easily remedied between classes or performances, a judge must excuse any person or equine from the arena, or from the competition/event, for bad conduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, or unsafe equipment or practices.**

**Judge's decision is final.** When the judge has turned in the class card, there shall be no changes. The judge shall be responsible for tallying the number of exhibitors in each class he/she judges.

**Exception:** In the event of a violation of rules or an ineligible entry, it is recommended that the judge change the class card and initial or sign the authorized change.

**Breed Classes or Events:** For all breed classes or events, the following rules will apply:

All breed classes at open OHA shows will be judged according to OHA rules in the respective OHA divisions. Extended gaits are at the discretion of the judge per the OHA rules. Chaps are optional per OHA rules. (See exceptions below)

**Exceptions:**

Breed classes at an **OHA approved all-breed show** will be judged by breed rules.

OHA breed association sponsored open shows will have the **sponsor's breed classes** judged under the sponsor's breed rules.

**Cautions for judges at a competition/event:**

Neither the judge nor members of their family nor their clients shall exhibit an equine in any competition/event at which he/she is officiating. No equine can be shown under a judge if that judge has been owner, trainer or agent in any capacity within the previous 30 days. No exhibitor can exhibit under a judge by whom he has been instructed, coached or tutored within 30 days of the day of the competition. The conducting of clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching or tutoring.

A judge may not adjudicate in a competition/event in which a family member is serving as steward.

A judge may not, during a competition/event at which he/she is judging, be a houseguest of a person who is exhibiting at such competition, or whose family member is competing at such competition/event.

A judge may not discuss with an exhibitor the purchase, sale, or lease of any equine during a competition/event at which he/she is officiating.

Prior to the judging, or during the competition/event, judges may not visit the stall area, nor visit with owners, trainers, exhibitors, or owners' representatives, nor discuss or inspect any equine entered in the competition/event.

Self promotion by wearing advertising logos and disbursing business cards or advertising and promotion pieces is not allowed until the judge has completed all duties as a judge at that competition/event.

**Categories of Judges:**

**Application for all categories:** The Judge Committee will act upon every completed application for enrollment, annual renewal or promotion. The committee will issue licenses to each approved applicant. Licenses are valid for the current competition year only. Renewals will be based on the continued fulfillment of paid fees, educational requirements, judge's performance, and any other obligations determined by the Judge Committee. The Committee may, at its discretion, refuse to renew a judge's card at its expiration, with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing. In such instances, the fee will be refunded to the applicant.

Newly-approved judges must donate their time to one OHA-sponsored competition/event within two years of being approved.

**Category 1 Judges** are those who are applying for their OHA judge's card and do not qualify as a Category 2 Judge due to lack of previous qualifying experience. This category includes all steps to Senior Judge.

### **Requirements for Category 1 Judges:**

Those who aspire to be a recognized OHA judge must be at least 25 years of age, be a **member in good standing with OHA for not less than one year**, and have a working experience with equines (e.g., showing, breeding, training, or judging).

**Applicant Judges:** Those who are in the application process and have not yet received approval to become an Apprentice Judge. An apprentice judge packet can be obtained through the OHA Judges Committee for a non-refundable fee. Applications must be made on the appropriate official enrollment form, which will include the complete and correct addresses of 15 recommendations or references, eight of which must be from licensed judges and/or stewards. The Judge's Committee may send out inquiries. When 10 favorable references are returned, the applicant will receive an apprentice judge form with instructions. The names of judge applicants may appear in the OHA newsletter for two months requesting comments from OHA members.

**Apprentice Judges:** An Apprentice Judge does not have the authority to officiate alone at any OHA approved competition/event. They must apprentice with a 5 different senior judges at 5 approved OHA competition/events. Letters of recommendation must be received from all judges with whom the applicant officiated as an apprentice judge.

Competition management has the right to approve or disapprove an apprentice working with a judge at their competition/event. At no time can there be more than one judge's apprentice in the arena regardless of the number of judges officiating. The apprentice must also get the permission from the judge and the OHA show approval committee prior to the competition/event in order to avoid conflicts with multiple judged events.

An apprentice judge becomes licensed as a probationary OHA judge when he/she has successfully completed the requirements set forth by the Judge Committee. The Committee may require any apprentice to do additional apprentice work or educational activities to prepare for advancement to a Probationary Judge.

**Probationary Judges:** Probationary judges can officiate at any approved OHA competition/event. They are responsible to see that show management fills out and sends in the judge's evaluation form for each competition/event. They must have at least three favorable reviews within three years from different show managers of OHA approved competitions/events and have been approved by the judge's committee to be advanced to the status of Junior Judge.

The Judge Committee can cancel the licensing status of a probationary judge at any time during this probationary licensing period if it is deemed to be in the best interest of OHA. The Committee's decision is final.

**Junior Judges:** Junior judges continue to provide the Judge Committee with recommendations, evaluation forms and proof of clinics attended. Further advancement is based on judging experience, seminars attended and annual review and approval by the OHA Judge Committee. There is no set time for advancement.

**Senior Judges:** The highest category of OHA judges. Only Senior Judges are allowed to have Apprentices.

**Inactive OHA Judges:** A licensed Junior or Senior Judge may ask the Judge Committee to put their card on Inactive Status for a period of up to five years. This request should be made in writing and is subject to:

1. The official is currently "In Good Standing" with OHA and the Judge Committee.
2. The official remains an OHA member during the period of time the license remains inactive.
3. The Judge Committee approves the request.

The reinstatement process will begin when the official makes a written request to the Judge Committee. Subject to the approval of the judge's committee, the license may be placed in active status upon receipt of the current year's official's fee and passing the current test before December 30 prior to the year of reactivation. A reinstated judge must attend the next available OHA judge's clinic. If other clinics are attended during the inactive period, proof of attendance should be provided so their file can be kept up to date and complete. All rules regarding annual renewals will apply to a reactivation including the late penalty fees.

**Category 2 Judges** are Guest Judges, USEF judges and those multiple carded judges who will be considered under the Category 2 application and qualification rules.

### **Requirements for Category 2 Judges:**

**Guest Judges:** If a show committee considers the use of a judge that has not previously been approved as an OHA judge, a \$50 fee for a guest card must be paid by the judge or the show management along with the show approval request. An OHA rule book will be provided to the judge as part of this fee. A guest judge applicant must pass a written test on OHA rules with a score of at least 85% and is responsible to review the rule book and any memos provided by the OHA Judge & Steward Committee.

The judge must show proof of a judge's card for a breed or discipline and must be approved by the Judge Committee prior to the event being sanctioned. This does not apply to OHA approved breed competitions/events offering open classes that are officiated by breed judges, or to the competitions/events excluded in prior paragraphs. (See OHA Judges, General, Exclusions) The guest card will be issued only for that one competition/event. There is no late payment fee.

### **Multiple Carded or USEF Carded Judges:**

The OHA Judge's Committee will consider, on a case by case basis, approval for USEF judges or other multiple carded judges who can provide a minimum of 5 positive show management reports from shows they have judged in the last three years. A copy of current judge's cards must be provided along with contacts for each organization for verification or recommendation by that organization as may be required. Verification of all seminars attended in the last three years shall be provided.

Applicant judges must submit all fees with their application including a membership fee. Licenses are valid for the current competition year only.

The Judge Committee shall review each case according to background and qualifications, and the committee shall have the final say on approval.

Upon approval for an OHA judge's card, all requirements of the OHA judge's card renewal shall apply. **Exception:** USEF judges may substitute a USEF required seminar for the mandatory OHA seminar.

## STEWARDS

**General:** Designation as an OHA-approved steward is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the OHA Steward Committee according to the individual's equine expertise and personal character. At all times, a steward's conduct must be exemplary. Abilities as a steward will be under constant review by the Committee and such designation is revocable by the Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing.

**For currently licensed stewards, all fees, and any required written tests with a minimum required score are due on or before December 30 for inclusion on the list of approved officials for the following year. Any steward who does not have the fees, required materials, and test postmarked by this date will be subject to a penalty renewal payment of \$50 from December 31 thru March 31. As of April 1, the penalty renewal payment is \$100 through the end of the approval year. All renewals are good only for that competition year.**

Stewards are required to attend an OHA-sponsored clinic a minimum of once every three years in order to remain current on OHA rules and to stay on the approved list. Non-attendance of a mandatory clinic/seminar due to an emergency may be approved by the Judge & Steward Committee, but the steward must attend the next scheduled OHA judge & steward clinic. Stewards are not required to attend an annual clinic or seminar. If they do attend an educational event, they may provide proof of attendance to the Committee to be added to their file.

Licensed stewards must pass an annual steward's examination on OHA rules with a grade of 90% or better. Stewards who fail to meet clinic/examination requirements will not have their license renewed for a year and will be placed on inactive status. Inactive stewards can apply for reactivation for the following year by complying with the rules cited below.

**Steward's Obligations:** All OHA-approved competitions/events must have an OHA steward to interpret, clarify and arbitrate competition rules. **Exceptions:** OHA-approved breed, or discipline-specific shows that do not offer open OHA classes do not require an OHA steward. (Examples: all driving, all gymkhana, all hunter/jumper, all dressage, all trail)

In the event of an emergency and a steward is unable to attend a show at the last moment, the show management as a committee can act as a steward.

A steward should always be available to judges, exhibitors, and management to clarify the application of the OHA rules and to investigate any situation where OHA rules are not upheld.

The steward should have current copies of the OHA rule book at every competition/event. If the USEF rules apply to that competition/event, the steward is required to also have a current USEF rule book.

A steward should clearly understand that he has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition/event, but should point out in a diplomatic manner any instances where OHA rules are not enforced. Nor does the steward have any authority in connection with breed classes at breed-sponsored shows.

Stewards should not dictate to the judge, management or exhibitor, but should immediately report to the appropriate official any violations of the OHA rules that might invalidate a class. Stewards shall investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations without waiting for a protest. Show management must be notified immediately of any violations of the Code of Ethics for Exhibitors and must be involved in the enforcement of any rules that are not under the direct jurisdiction of the judge.

### Quote from the "Code of Ethics for Exhibitors:

"Judges, stewards and show management shall have the right to excuse exhibitors who violate this Code of Ethics from the class(es) or from the show grounds".

A steward shall supervise and record a time-out in the event of an equine casting a shoe or equipment breaking, if an official timer or judge is not available.

The OHA competition steward shall be professionally attired. It is recommended that the steward wear a badge to be easily recognizable.

Stewards shall make routine inspections of the stable, warm-up arena and gate area.

A steward must furnish a detailed written report within 10 days after completion of the competition/event. This report should include any offenses or violations of the rules by the competition, or any exhibitors, or other acts that required investigation, or were noted for potential future problems, possible referrals to the Exhibitor Advocate, or may be used for educational purposes. Stewards who do not furnish completed reports in a timely manner may be subject to censure by the Steward Committee.

A steward may not officiate in a competition/event in which a family member is serving as a judge.

**Application:** The Judge & Steward Committee will act upon every completed application for enrollment, annual renewal or promotion. The committee will issue licenses to each approved applicant. Licenses are valid for the current competition year only. Renewals will be based on the continued fulfillment of paid fees, educational requirements, steward's performance, and any other obligations determined by the Judge & Steward Committee. The Committee may, at its discretion, refuse to renew a steward's card at its expiration with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing. In such instances, the fee will be refunded to the applicant.

Applicants must be at least 25 years old.

Applications must be made on the appropriate official enrollment form, which will include the complete and correct addresses of 15 recommendations or references. The Steward Committee may send out inquiries of its own if it so chooses. The enrollment form must be signed by the applicant and accompanied by the required non-refundable fee. The names of steward applicants may appear in the OHA newsletter for two months requesting comments from OHA members. When at least 10 favorable references are returned, 5 of which must be from OHA members, the applicant will be given a written examination on current OHA rules. This must be completed and returned to the secretary of the Judge & Steward Committee.

Applicants will then be provided with an apprentice steward packet and will be licensed after all requirements have been completed and the Judge & Steward Committee has given final approval. A minimum of one competition/event must be attended as an apprentice steward. Letters of recommendation must be received from all stewards with whom the applicant officiated as an apprentice steward. The Committee may require any apprentice to do additional apprentice work or educational activities to prepare for advancement to a licensed Steward.

Competition management has the right to approve or disapprove an apprentice working with a steward at their competition/event. The steward must give their permission and the OHA Show Approval Committee must be notified.

**Inactive Status:** Stewards who are no longer in the Apprentice program can apply to the Steward committee to put their license on inactive status for a period of up to five years. This request should be made in writing and is subject to:

1. The official is currently "In Good Standing" with OHA and the Judge & Steward Committee.
2. The official remains an OHA member during the period of time the license remains inactive.
3. The Judge & Steward Committee approves the request.

The reinstatement process will begin when the official makes a written request to the Judge & Steward Committee. Subject to the approval of the Judge & Steward Committee, the license shall be placed in active status upon receipt of the current year's official's fee and passing the current official test by December 30 prior to the year of reactivation. A reinstated steward must attend the next available OHA judge/steward clinic and provide proof of any other clinics attended during the inactive period. All rules regarding annual renewals will apply to a reactivation including the late penalty fees.

## **Complaints, Violations, Protests, Reprimands, Censures, Demotion, Non-Renewal or Termination of Judges, Stewards or Other Licensed Officials:**

**General:** All licensed officials serve the Oregon Horsemen's Association "at will" based on their conduct at all times and their continued compliance with the OHA rules. **An official OHA judge or a steward license is a "privilege, not a right".**

For the purpose of any proceeding involving OHA officials, it is expressly understood that the OHA Exhibitor Advocate can represent and/or present confidential information on behalf of any exhibitor to the Judge & Steward Committee, or any other governing or judicial body. The policies and procedures of the Exhibitor Advocate are listed in the following section.

**Complaints, Protests or Violations:** The Judge & Steward Committee will investigate and/or review all written and oral complaints, protests or alleged violations of the OHA rules, including those brought forth by the Exhibitor Advocate that involve an OHA Judge or Steward. This may take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting and can include additional oral or written testimony from all parties to the complaint, protest or violation.

### **Potential Penalties:**

Judges and stewards must act in a professional manner at all times before, during and after the competition/event. The Judge & Steward Committee have the right to review the actions of their officials at any time. An OHA license is a privilege, not a right. All officials are licensed "at will" and must always be above reproach. Any compromise of these rules will be grounds for reprimand, termination, non-renewal, censure or demotion to any lower category by the Judge & Steward Committee. The designation as an OHA Judge, or an OHA Steward is revocable by the Judge & Steward Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing.

The Judge & Steward Committee can issue a blanket "informational" letter to all officials regarding infractions or, issue an individual reprimand or censure. A conference with the committee to discuss problems may be required of any official. The Committee can demote a judge to any lower category at any time if it is in the best interest of OHA. The Committee's decision is final.

The Judge & Steward Committee have the option to not renew or to terminate a license if it is deemed in the best interest of OHA. A notification of non-renewal or termination will be done in writing and sent by first class mail to the last known address of the official. The date of postmark will be considered the date mailed for all correspondence in this section.

If a review is requested by the Official that is not being renewed or is being terminated, it must be done in writing and mailed by first class mail to the Judge & Steward Committee within 15 days of the postmark of the letter of termination or non-renewal from the Judge & Steward Committee. Included in the mailing must be a non-refundable check for \$300 payable to the Oregon Horsemen's Association. The review shall be by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing. It can be done at the next regularly



scheduled meeting or at a special meeting, or by a committee formed by the Board of Directors to specifically review the information. All confidential submissions received by the Committee shall be maintained as confidential. The Exhibitor Advocate is specifically authorized to represent any exhibitor wishing to maintain absolute confidentiality.

The decision by the Board of Directors or their appointees is final.

The official card holder may choose to relinquish or not renew their card at any time for any reason without any stigma attached. The OHA Judge & Steward Committee may issue letters of recommendation for any Officials that relinquish their cards and are in good standing.

## **EXHIBITOR ADVOCATE**

**Purpose:** To give a completely confidential representation for exhibitors when problems with judges arise.

### **Qualifications of the Exhibitor Advocate**

1. Must be an OHA Steward.
2. Must not hold any breed or open judging cards.
3. Must keep a log of all conversations or discussions directed to the Exhibitor Advocate that involve judging of any events by OHA licensed judges and keep this log absolutely confidential.
4. May also take information of other infractions as applied to the judge's section of the OHA rule book.
5. Must report to the Judge & Steward Committee any infractions that may have consequence to an individual judge.
6. Must report to the Judge & Steward Committee any infractions that appear to be a trend of multiple judges not understanding rules, procedures or policies of the judge's committee or the official OHA rule book.
7. Appointment of this position by the President of the Association must be ratified by the Board of Directors.

### **Procedures:**

#### **Exhibitor contacting advocate:**

Contact with the Exhibitor Advocate should be concise and to the point. It should describe the following:

- Acknowledgment that this conversation is directed to the Exhibitor Advocate.
- Date of event.
- Location of the event including contact information if not an OHA event.
- A copy of the Premium list if available (non-OHA events).
- Class name and problem in the class with the names of any other exhibitor involved who can verify the incident and is willing to speak to the Exhibitor Advocate.

All names will be kept confidential and will not be presented in any reports.

Exhibitors should be ready discuss the situation with the advocate and determine if this is a misunderstanding of the rules of the event, or an actual problem. Many of these cases can be resolved in the first call as a misunderstanding of the rules.

### **Advocate contacting Exhibitor:**

Exhibitor must be willing to have an open dialog with the advocate if additional information or clarity of points presented need to be verified.

The exhibitor advocate will contact the exhibitor to let them know the information has been presented to the judge's committee. Decisions by the judge's committee will be kept confidential within the committee.

### **Advocate contacting Judge's Committee:**

Exhibitor contacts that have resulted in resolution during the phone call, such as a rule misunderstanding or other issue that is not a violation by the judge should be logged, but does not need to be reported to the judge's committee.

All others should be reported in person to the committee, or if circumstances prevent a report in person, a report in writing at the next available judge's committee meeting. Except in extreme circumstances, e-mail is not an acceptable route of report.

The report should not contain any specific references that would allow any member of the committee to "guess" or "speculate" on the exhibitor involved. It should consist of the following:

1. Name of the judge
2. Did this occur outside of an event?
3. Did this occur as part of an event?
4. What is the allegation?
5. Is this an individual problem or is it an indicator of a general problem all judges need to be made aware of?
6. The advocate's recommendations for solution.

### **Advocate representing exhibitor:**

It is expressly understood that the advocate may speak for the exhibitor at all times, including any hearings or other proceedings that are instituted by OHA or outside parties.

This does not preclude the exhibitor voluntarily deciding to present their own information during hearings or proceedings.

### **Conflicts of interest and other issues:**

In the event of a conflict of interest within the judge's committee or with the exhibitor advocate, the judge's committee and/or the exhibitor advocate will present the issue to the next scheduled board of director's meeting for resolution. The decision of the board of directors will be final.

**Implementation:** The Exhibitor Advocate will be come part of the 2009 Oregon Horsemen's Association rule book and will be effective as of January 1, 2009.

## **AWARD SYSTEM** *(See end of this section for current Awards)*

**General:** All year-end awards, whether OHA-sponsored, Area Awards, or Privately Sponsored, must be presented no later than November 1. The OHA Board of Directors will approve or disapprove of the award and the specifications for the award at the November Board of Directors meeting. This timetable is required in order to insure that the competitions being scheduled for the following year have the information they need to schedule a profitable event and appropriate classes for the location and type of event being offered.

This list will be placed on the OHA website and will be published in the show approval packages and in the official OHA newsletter. Updates to this Section of the official OHA Rule Book will be provided when possible. Exhibitors are to be aware the lists in this book may change from year to year.

**OHA assumes no liability for outdated award lists that may be in this manual, or for any privately sponsored award that the sponsor does not provide as contracted.**

**Privately Sponsored Awards:** All privately sponsored awards must be furnished by the sponsor at least 30 days prior to the annual awards banquet, which is held in February. The awards must be memorialized with the year of competition, the title of the award and the letters "OHA" or "Oregon Horsemen's Association." The privately sponsored awards should fall into a budget range of \$125 to \$175, which covers Champion and Reserve Champion awards, and Top 5 memorabilia consisting of at least a certificate or a ribbon. OHA will no longer collect funds and furnish these awards.

Donors of a minimum of \$100 will receive a business card ad on the OHA website with a link to the donor's website if available. Donors of a minimum of \$200 will include an ad on the website if furnished to OHA plus a one year membership in a category of choice.

All Award Donors must complete the Donation Form prior to November 1 for the following year's awards. Forms are on our website [www.oregonhorsemen.com](http://www.oregonhorsemen.com)

**Replacement of Incapacitated Equine or Exhibitor:** Points awarded will be based on a one-equine, one-exhibitor team. In the event the equine member of the team becomes incapacitated, the equine can be replaced, with proof of such incapacity from a veterinarian, or if at a show, the show steward. This letter of proof is to be filed with the Points Chairman. (See Application for Year-End Awards form for instructions.)

If an exhibitor is incapacitated to the degree they will be unable to complete the show year, they may petition the points chairman and the board of directors for a substitution of a new exhibitor for that equine to complete that show year. Only one change of exhibitor per show year will be considered.

The petition must provide sufficient information, including a note from a physician, that gives the basics for that request. The substitute exhibitor shall be named and must be an OHA member in good standing. Tabulation of all awards will continue in the petitioner's name and will be awarded under the petitioner's name.

In the event an OHA approved show takes place during the waiting time for an approval of this request, the points will be retroactive upon the petition approval.

## **POINT COMPUTATION**

**General:** The Oregon Horsemen's Association offers annual high-point championship awards under the regulations set forth on the following pages. The purpose of these awards is to encourage participation at OHA-recognized competitions. OHA sponsors an annual awards banquet to honor its members and their accomplishments.

**Both the owners and the exhibitors of all equines competing for awards must be current OHA members in good standing prior to the accumulation of points. Dues may be paid at the first competition.**

The OHA point season is February 15 through November 15 of each year.

**To be eligible for an annual high-point award exhibitors must attend a minimum of three approved competitions offering the class during the point year (exception: drill team competitions). Exhibitors must earn a total of five points in at least three competitions (or under three judges) to receive a Top 5 award.**

The illegal entry of an equine shall nullify all accumulated points to and including the date of the violation. Any question or dispute in connection with the scoring or computation of points shall be referred in writing to the OHA Points Keeper.

Ownership of an equine may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's scores. The award will be made to the owner as shown in the OHA recording files at the time the equine wins its final points in competition.

An equine may only receive points under one name during a current competition season. **Exception:** At the time of purchase the new owner may elect to change the name of an equine by written notice to the OHA Points Keeper. However, this will in no way change the ruling regarding novice, green, etc.

**Eligibility for Awards:** In order for the Points Keeper to properly allocate the points for any of the awards, owners must supply the following documents to the Points Keeper:

- For breed awards, a copy of the registration papers.
- Completed Application for Year-End Awards Form for each equine being shown
- Copies of the official OHA Points Reporting Form for each event with the classes entered and the placings earned. (This reporting form is also sent to the ROM chairman for ROM enrolled equines)
- In the event of death or incapacity of an equine enrolled in the Youth or Amateur Divisions, a report of equine substitution. (See Application for Year-End Award Form for instructions).

**Results:** Results of all eligible equines will be kept in the OHA records. The exhibitor supplied Points Reporting Form cross-checked with the official competition report sheets from recognized competitions shall furnish the basis on which scores are figured. The OHA tally thus derived shall be the final authority in determining the winners.

OHA will use every care to achieve accuracy in compiling the score from documents provided by the exhibitor/owner and the proper authorities of each competition, but shall not be liable for:

- Failure of an exhibitor/owner to file the official OHA Points Reporting Form
- Failure of a competition to file properly marked results
- Errors or omissions in the competition's marking thereof
- Failure of owner or exhibitor to settle any non-negotiable fees with any approved competition.

For current point standings, refer to the OHA website: <http://www.oregonhorsemen.com>

**Point Allocation:** All open or complementary classes (example: ladies to ride and gentlemen to ride) will be awarded 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 8 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 for 5<sup>th</sup>. Non-placers will receive one point for participation.

Limited classes or classes without any accompanying complementary class shall be awarded 5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 for 5<sup>th</sup> with a half-point for participation for non-placers. (Maiden, Novice, Limit, and Green, unless there is a privately sponsored award offered, are all half-point classes.)

One-entry classes shall receive 10 points.

Halter championships: the champion shall receive 2 points; the reserve champion shall receive 1 point.

Points earned in Youth classes count only for the Youth Awards. Points earned in Amateur classes count only for the Amateur Awards. Youth and Amateur are one equine one rider divisions. More than one equine can be shown by an exhibitor annually for the Youth or Amateur Division awards. Each rider/equine team/pair/combination has its own set of points for an award. At no time are the points combined, including when one of the equines is replaced due to incapacity per current OHA rules.

Points earned in Leadline, Superstar, Showmanship, Equitation and Reinsmanship classes go to the exhibitor. In all other classes, the points are awarded to the equine.

All points earned in 4-H labeled classes will go toward an overall 4-H annual award if privately sponsored that year. (See 4-H Division in Miscellaneous.)

Points won in breed-specific classes do not count toward any Open or Area Awards. Privately Sponsored Breed Awards may include all open classes if the award description so indicates.

**To maximize fairness and facilitate good horsemanship and good sportsmanship, points for year end awards are allocated on a one equine/one exhibitor basis. Exception: Halter Division**

Remember – if you want to sponsor an annual award, it must be submitted in writing to the OHA board for approval prior to November 1 of each year.

## Show Entry Helpers for Exhibitors & Show Management

This is a compilation of important show entry helpers that are located throughout the rule book in their respective divisions. It is furnished here for clarity and ease of location.

**Show Secretaries:** Please be careful to follow these helpers as you post the entries. Let the pre-entrants know as soon as possible that they have made a mistake on their entry form so they can be corrected prior to their arrival. Some may choose to move into a new category to show in more classes than would be allowed in the category they entered. Monitor your day entries to avoid issues during the show with exhibitors in the wrong classes.

**Exhibitors:** Please be sure to follow these simple rules to avoid confusion in the show office on the day of the show. They are standard throughout the equine industry.

**Classes where you do individual work** such as Trail, Reinsmanship, Patterns. Each exhibitor may show as many equines as show management will allow. **You CANNOT show the same equine more than once in the class using more than one exhibitor.** Exception is Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences and the Superstar Division.

**There is absolutely no cross entry into any other show division for: “Youth Lead Line, 7 and Under” or “Youth 10 & Under”**

These two divisions are developed to give young exhibitors a venue to achieve experience, sportsmanship and skills to advance into the next level. If at any age their competency exceeds the offering of these divisions, they are encouraged and welcome to advance to other divisions where more opportunity awaits.

**Privately Sponsored Awards:** These awards are set up by the sponsors to give specific opportunities to exhibitors that would not be available without the generous support of the sponsors. There may be specific requirements to show in these privately sponsored classes. The rules in the following Private Sponsor Charts supersede OHA rules if there is a conflict. If you compete for breed awards, be sure a copy of your registration papers is sent to the Points Chairman each year.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with these rules and check to see if the award will be available that year. Availability is based on the generosity of the sponsor.

**Show management has been instructed to mark non-point classes, but OHA cannot be responsible if show management does not call your attention to these classes.**

# Year End Award Charts

**General:** OHA assumes no liability for outdated award lists that may be in this manual, or for any privately sponsored award that the sponsor does not provide as contracted.

All awards on the following pages are subject to annual change. Refer to the OHA website and the official OHA newsletter for updates.

## OHA SPONSORED ALL-AROUND AWARDS

All points must be generated at an OHA Approved Event/Competition

**All divisions except Halter are “one equine/one exhibitor combination”**

- All-Around Halter – all non-breed halter classes. If classes are divided per exhibitor age, the class must be designated as “Junior Exhibitor (age group)” or “Senior Exhibitor (age group)” to differentiate them from Youth or Amateur classes.
- All-Around Western – all classes where the equine is judged and shown in Western equipment. If classes are divided per exhibitor age, the class must be designated as “Junior Exhibitor (age group)” or “Senior Exhibitor (age group)” to differentiate them from Youth or Amateur classes. Excludes Trail Classes.
- All-Around English - all classes where the equine is judged and shown in Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat equipment. If classes are divided per exhibitor age, the class must be designated as “Junior Exhibitor (age group)” or “Senior Exhibitor (age group)” to differentiate them from Youth or Amateur classes. Excludes Trail Classes.
- All-Around Driving – all driving events where the equine is judged. If classes are divided per exhibitor age, the class must be designated as “Junior Exhibitor (age group)” or “Senior Exhibitor (age group)” to differentiate them from Youth or Amateur classes.
- All-Around Trail – all trail classes in-hand and under saddle where the equine is judged. Includes Extreme Trail & Mountain Trail events if OHA approved. . If classes are divided per exhibitor age, the class must be designated as “Junior Exhibitor (age group)” or “Senior Exhibitor (age group)” to differentiate them from Youth or Amateur classes.
- All-Around Youth – points do not count for any other division – in case of incapacity or death of the equine, it may be replaced. See

Application for Year End Awards Form for instructions. All classes must have “Youth” in the title.

- All-Around Amateur – points do not count for any other division – in case of incapacity or death of the equine, it may be replaced. See Application for Year End Awards Form for instructions. All classes must have “Amateur” in the title.

NOTE: More than one equine can be shown by an exhibitor annually for the Youth or Amateur Division awards. Each rider/equine team/pair/combination has its own set of points for an award. At no time are the points combined, including when one of the equines is replaced due to incapacity per current OHA rules.

**To maximize fairness and facilitate good horsemanship and good sportsmanship, points for year end awards are allocated on a one equine/one exhibitor basis. Exception: Halter Division**

**It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware of the annual changes in privately sponsored and area awards.**

**Approved Class Wording for Open Competition Divisions**

**State Awards are open to all Equines in OHA approved events. If the grouped complementary classes are not all offered, only ½ points awarded.**

**Show Managers – Please check the Area Award Section and the Privately Sponsored Awards section for special performance and breed classes to offer in your event.** If you have other classes you wish to use, contact the Show Approval Committee or the Equine Show Governing Committee for assistance in approval.

Breed classes do not count towards any of these annual awards, but may count towards privately sponsored breed and ROM awards.

<p><b>Annual Award:</b> <b>All-Around Halter Division</b></p> <p>Open</p> <p>Weanling/Yearling (can be combined) Mares 2 and Over Geldings 2 and Over Stallions 2 and Over (Use this grouping to qualify for full points)</p> <p>Junior Equine/Senior Equine Junior Exhibitor/Senior Exhibitor Colored Equine/Solid Equine</p> <p>Saddle/Pleasure / Stock/Hunter <i>No cross entry in above two classes.</i></p> <p>Over 14.2H / 14.2H and under</p> <p>Miniature Equines 38” and Under / Equines Over 38” and 14.2H and Under / Over 14.2H.</p> <p>Breed Specific Classes – See Privately Sponsored</p>	<p><b>Do Not Use:</b></p> <p>Youth Halter. Amateur Halter “17 &amp; Under” (use Junior Exhibitor) “18 &amp; Over” (use Senior Exhibitor)</p> <p>Do not designate “breeds” eligible for Saddle/Pleasure or Stock/Hunter.</p> <p>Do not write classes “Pleasure” or “Stock” as it limits the entries, eliminating “Saddle” and “Hunter” type equines.</p> <p>Do not designate classes with “horse” or “pony.” These limit the classes and eliminate donkeys and mules. Use size designations. We have special awards beginning in 2005 for 14.2H and Under equines. If miniature classes are included, there will be three size designations used in open events.</p>
<p><b>Annual Award:</b> <b>All-Around Western Division</b></p> <p>Open Mares / Stallions / Geldings Junior Equine / Senior Equine Junior Exhibitor / Senior Exhibitor Ladies to Ride / Gentlemen to Ride Colored Equine / Solid Equine Maiden / Novice / Limit Classes ½ points</p> <p>Saddle/Pleasure / Stock/Hunter <i>No cross entry in above two classes</i></p>	<p><b>Do Not Use:</b></p> <p>Youth Western Pleasure – see All Around Youth Award</p> <p>Amateur Western Pleasure – See All Around Amateur Award</p> <p>“17 &amp; Under” (use Junior Exhibitor 17 &amp; under or 13 &amp; Under, 14 thru 17 to designate these classes for the All Around Western Award)</p>

<p>Breed Specific Classes – See Privately Sponsored</p> <p><b>Combine the following classes with any of the above descriptions:</b> Western Pleasure Western Pleasure Walk Trot Judge’s Command, Judge’s Choice Sidesaddle – Western attire Gaited (2 or 3 Gaits) Working Pattern Class Reining Working Cow Cutting, Penning Western Riding Over 14.2H / 14.2H and Under (or other height combinations)</p> <p><b>NOTES:</b> Junior Exhibitor/Senior Exhibitor may be further broken into age groups.</p> <p><b>It is important to retain the above wording so the point’s keepers know the class is to be counted for the All-Around Western award and NOT the Youth and Amateur awards. See those sections for approved classes.</b></p>	<p><i>(Western Division Cont’d)</i> “18 &amp; Over” (use Senior Exhibitor or Sr. Exhibitor 18 and over to designate these classes for the All Around Western Award)</p> <p>Do not designate “breeds” eligible for Saddle/Pleasure or Stock/Hunter.</p> <p>Do not write classes “Pleasure” or “Stock” as it limits the entries, eliminating “Saddle” and “Hunter” type equines.</p> <p>Do not designate classes with “horse” or “pony.” These limit the classes and eliminate donkeys and mules. Use size designations. We have special awards beginning in 2005 for 14.2H and Under equines. If miniature classes are included, there will be three size designations used in open events.</p> <p>Gaited classes MUST BE designated as 2-Gait, or 3-Gait so the breeds know if they can participate in the class. Not all gaited equines canter. If gaited equines are in the open classes, OHA requests the announcer call “trot/intermediate gait” or “jog/intermediate gait” instead of “jog” or “trot” to accommodate the gaited equines.</p>
<p><b>Annual Award:</b> <b>All-Around English Division</b></p> <p>Open Saddle Seat / Hunt Seat Mares / Stallions / Geldings Junior Equine / Senior Equine Junior Exhibitor / Senior Exhibitor Ladies to Ride / Gentlemen to Ride Colored Equine / Solid Equine Maiden / Novice / Limit Classes ½ points</p> <p>Saddle/Pleasure / Stock/Hunter <i>No cross entry in above two classes</i> Breed Specific Classes – See Privately Sponsored</p> <p><b>Combine the following classes with any of the above descriptions:</b></p>	<p><b>Do Not Use:</b> Youth English Pleasure – see All Around Youth Award Amateur English Pleasure – See All Around Amateur Award</p> <p>“17 &amp; Under” (use Junior Exhibitor 17 &amp; under or 13 &amp; Under, 14 thru 17 to designate these classes for the All Around English Awards)</p> <p>“18 &amp; Over” (use Senior Exhibitor or Sr. Exhibitor 18 and over to designate these classes for the All Around English Awards)</p> <p>Do not designate “breeds” eligible for Saddle/Pleasure or Stock/Hunter.</p>

<p>English Pleasure Walk Trot Sidesaddle – English attire Gaited (2, 3 or 5 gaits) Working Pattern Class Show Hack Hunter Hack Dressage Suitability Over 14.2H / 14.2H and Under Judge’s Command, Judge’s Choice</p> <p><b>NOTES:</b> Junior Exhibitor/Senior Exhibitor may be further broken into age groups</p> <p><b>It is important to retain the above wording so the points keepers know the class is to be counted for the All-Around English awards and NOT the Youth and Amateur awards. See those sections for approved classes</b></p>	<p><i>English Division Cont’d</i></p> <p>Do not write classes “Pleasure” or “Stock” as it limits the entries, eliminating “Saddle” and “Hunter” type equines.</p> <p>Do not designate classes with “horse” or “pony.” These limit the classes and eliminate donkeys and mules. Use size designations. We have special awards beginning in 2005 for 14.2H and Under equines. If miniature classes are included, there will be three size designations used in open events.</p> <p>Gaited classes MUST BE designated as 2-Gait, or 3-Gait so the breeds know if they can participate in the class. Not all gaited equines canter. If gaited equines are in the open classes, OHA requests the announcer call “trot/intermediate gait” or “jog/intermediate gait” instead of “jog” or “trot” to accommodate the gaited equines.</p>
<p><b>Annual Award: All-Around Driving Division</b></p> <p>Open Mares / Stallions / Geldings Junior Equine / Senior Equine Junior Exhibitor / Senior Exhibitor Ladies to Drive / Gentlemen to Drive Colored Equine / Solid Equine Maiden / Novice / Limit Classes ½ points</p> <p>Saddle/Pleasure / Stock/Hunter <i>No cross entry in above two classes</i></p> <p><b>Combine the following classes with any of the above descriptions:</b></p> <p>Over 14.2H / 14.2H and Under Miniature Equine 38” and Under / Equines Over 38” and 14.2H and Under / Over 14.2H</p> <p>Open Pleasure Driving Pleasure Driving Working</p>	<p><b>Do Not Use:</b> Youth Pleasure Driving – see All Around Youth Award Amateur Pleasure Driving – See All Around Amateur Award</p> <p>17 &amp; Under” (use Junior Exhibitor 17 &amp; under or 13 &amp; Under, 14 thru 17 to designate these classes for the All Around Driving Awards) <i>Driving Division Cont’d</i></p> <p>“18 &amp; Over” (use Senior Exhibitor or Sr. Exhibitor 18 and over to designate these classes for the All Around English Awards)</p> <p>Do not designate “breeds” eligible for Saddle/Pleasure or Stock/Hunter.</p> <p>Do not write classes “Pleasure” or “Stock” as it limits the entries, eliminating “Saddle” and “Hunter” type equines.</p>

<p>Pleasure Driving Turnout Pleasure Driving Picnic Pleasure Driving Antique or Replica Country Pleasure – OHA Rules Only, no breed rules, 2 or 4 wheel OK, overcheck optional Judge’s Command, Judge’s Choice Combined Driving Timed Cones Class, Cones &amp; Rails Class Obstacle driving Driven Gymkhana Driven Trail</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Junior Exhibitor/Senior Exhibitor may be further broken into age groups</p> <p><b>It is important to retain the above wording so the points keepers know the class is to be counted for the All-Around Driving Award and NOT the Youth and Amateur awards. See those sections for approved classes</b></p>	<p><i>Driving cont.</i></p> <p>Do not designate classes with “horse” or “pony.” These limit the classes and eliminate donkeys and mules. Use size designations. We have special awards beginning in 2005 for 14.2H and Under equines. If miniature classes are included, there will be three size designations used in open events.</p> <p>For safety concerns, miniature and other small equines, especially with Junior drivers, should not be judged in the same class with large equines unless all drivers agree prior to the class.</p> <p><b>Breed rules do not govern any of these classes. Must conform to OHA, unless referred to ADS</b></p>
<p><b>Annual Award: All Around Youth</b></p> <p><b>All of these classes must contain the word “YOUTH” to separate them from the open division classes.</b></p> <p>Youth 17 and Under, or 13 and Under, 14 thru 17</p> <p>Youth Lead line, 7 and Under Youth Walk/Trot 10 &amp; Under No cross entry is allowed with any other age division for the above two classes.</p> <p><b>Combine the following classes with any of the above age breaks that are appropriate for the ability of exhibitors:</b></p> <p>English Equitation Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Western Equitation Showmanship Western Pleasure English Pleasure</p> <p>Over 14.2H / 14.2H and Under In Hand or ridden Trail Any other class written for Youth 17 &amp; Under</p>	<p><b>Do Not Use:</b></p> <p>“Junior Exhibitor” designated classes if you want the classes to count for the Youth Award</p> <p>“17 &amp; Under” without Youth preceding the age breakdown.</p> <p>Please provide 14.2H and Under opportunities when possible.</p> <p>If gaited equines are in the Youth classes, OHA requests the announcer call “trot/intermediate gait” or “jog/intermediate gait” instead of “jog” or “trot” to accommodate the gaited equines.</p>

<p><b>Annual Award:</b> <b>All-Around Amateur</b></p> <p><b>All of these classes must contain the word “Amateur” to separate them from the open division classes.</b></p> <p>Amateur, 18 and Over or Amateur, 18 thru 38 Amateur, 39 and Over or Any other age break for Amateur Exhibitors.</p> <p>Check with your Area awards to see if these standard age breaks are required for points.</p> <p><b>Combine the following classes with any of the above descriptions:</b> English Equitation – Hunt or Saddle Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Western Equitation – Stock Seat Showmanship Western Pleasure English Pleasure     Hunt Seat     Saddle Seat Trail Any other class written for Amateurs</p>	<p><b>Do Not Use:</b> “Senior Exhibitor” designated classes if you want the classes to count for the Amateur Award</p> <p>“18 &amp; Over” without Amateur preceding the age breakdown</p> <p>If gaited equines are in the Amateur classes, OHA requests the announcer call “trot/intermediate gait” or “jog/intermediate gait” instead of “jog” or “trot” to accommodate the gaited equines.</p>
<p><b>Annual Award:</b> <b>All-Around Trail</b></p> <p>Open Mares / Stallions / Geldings Junior Equine / Senior Equine Junior Exhibitor / Senior Exhibitor Ladies to Ride / Gentlemen to Ride Colored Equine / Solid Equine Saddle/Pleasure / Stock Hunter Maiden / Novice / Limit Classes ½ points 14.2H &amp; Under/Over 14.2H</p>	<p>Includes In Hand &amp; Under Saddle classes. OHA approved trail events in an arena or outside “extreme or mountain style”.</p> <p>Can be shown in English or Western equipment if so stated in the show class list. Classes designated for Youth or Amateur will count only for the Youth or Amateur awards.</p>

**New Open Versatility Awards  
for members of the Oregon Horsemen’s Association**

**All Open Shows Count!!!**

**(Schooling, 4-H, OHSET, Breed Classes are not open classes and do not count)  
All awards are based on one equine/one exhibitor. Open to all equines.**

All competitors and the owners of equines used in competition must be OHA members prior to the event that earns their first points. A declaration of entry for these awards together with the required annual fee of \$20 for each category must be sent to OHA prior to the first point earning event.

Points will be accrued according to the standard OHA rules regarding points. All points must be submitted on the OHA form or on printouts from the show secretary. Show forms must be signed by the show secretary and a **show premium must be included** for points to count. Contact information for the show secretary must be included.

For the award to be offered, competitors must submit evidence of attendance at a minimum of three events in the chosen category and must have earned at least 5 points in at least two events to receive a Top 5 award.

Points earned in non OHA approved events will not count for any other awards in the OHA award system unless specifically stated in our rules.

**The following categories are offered in 2015** – Additional events within any category may be submitted for consideration to the OHA board. November 30 of each year is the deadline for making any changes for the following year.

**Western Versatility:** Reining, Cutting, Roping, Working Cow, Western Riding, Working Pattern Class, Judged Ranch Events, Western or Cowboy Dressage. No pleasure or equitation classes count.

**English Versatility:** Hunter, Jumper, Dressage, Sport Horse designated classes, Hunter Hack, Working Pattern Class, Three Day Events, and Equitation over fences classes count. Hunter Under Saddle classes at Hunter/Jumper venues to count, but no English pleasure or other equitation classes to count.

**Trail Versatility:** Mountain Trail Events (beginner to advanced courses), Judged Trail Events of many varieties, including smaller venues that test the equine’s skill over real trail conditions. In-hand and under saddle, western or English equipment or a mixture of each. Show trail does not count.

**Driving Versatility:** Driven Dressage, Driven Games, Driven Trail or Obstacle Driving of any type, Cones, Combined Driving Events, Pulling Contests, Super Reinsmanship, one day combination events usually done inside in winter. Arena Pleasure Driving and regular Reinsmanship do not count.

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Sign up forms and point reporting forms are available on our website:  
[www.oregonhorsemen.com](http://www.oregonhorsemen.com)

Managers or show secretaries who wish to advertise their events on our website should submit a pdf file at least 30 days prior to the event. These will be kept separate from the OHA approved events, but will help draw exhibitors competing for these awards.

To post events on our website send to: [busyb@ipns.com](mailto:busyb@ipns.com)

**Would you like to make your event eligible for all our awards? Contact OHA to see if your event will qualify.**

Show Approval and ROM Chairman:  
Beverly Harper, [bhr\\_group@msn.com](mailto:bhr_group@msn.com) - 541-998-6595 for more information

## AREA AWARDS PROGRAM

**General:** Areas are encouraged to promote the state OHA program in their area and may name a representative from each county in the area to work with the Area Chairman on activities, awards, events, and other promotional ideas in that area.

Areas are urged to produce OHA-approved equine competitions. Free approval will be given to any area-sponsored competition that uses the profits for the OHA Area Awards or contributes the proceeds to OHA.

All competitions must follow the rules for approval listed previously in this section. All points will be counted per the Award System on previous pages in this section.

All exhibitors and owners competing for area awards must be individual members in good standing for the year in which points are awarded. **Beginning in 2008, any member can choose their Area of competition, regardless of where they reside** This must be declared prior to the first show on the Application for Year-End Awards form. Once submitted the Area cannot be changed for that year unless they comply with the existing area rules regarding change of location. (Points start over when the Area is changed)

If the exhibitor moves from one Area to another during the show year, the exhibitor will have the option of completing the year in the original Area, or begin point accumulation anew in the Area to which they have moved. (Use the Application for Year-End Awards form to notify the OHA Points Keeper.)

At no time shall any exhibitor or equine be eligible for Area awards in more than one Area.

Only OHA events within each Area will count for points for the Year-End Area Awards. **EXCEPTION:** Points from OHA-produced competitions will be counted in all Areas. (Gold Classic)

No breed classes will count for Year-End Area Awards, unless the Area has elected to offer an award for a specific breed.

### Replacement of Incapacitated Equine or Exhibitor

Points awarded will be based on a one equine, one exhibitor team. In the event the equine member of the team becomes incapacitated, the equine member can be replaced with proof of such incapacity from a veterinarian, or, if at a show, the show steward. This letter of proof is to be filed with the Points Chairman. See Application for Year End Awards form for instructions.

If an exhibitor is incapacitated to the degree they will be unable to complete the show year, they may petition the points chairman and the board of directors for a substitution of a new exhibitor for that equine to complete that show year. Only one change of exhibitor per show year will be considered.

The petition must provide sufficient information, including a note from a physician, that gives the basics for that request. The substitute exhibitor shall be named and must be an OHA member in good standing. Tabulation of all awards will continue in the petitioner's name and will be awarded under the petitioner's name.



In the event an OHA approved show takes place during the waiting time for an approval of this request, the points will be retroactive upon the petition approval.

Publication of the awards available for each Area shall be in the newsletter, on the OHA website, and in any updates to this rule book.

OHA will fund the Area awards an amount to be determined annually in the OHA budget process. Area chairmen, coordinating with the Awards Chairman on year end awards, may supply any additional donations to offer awards specific to that area and to promote vendors in that area.

Area award recipients are urged to have their Area Awards presented at the OHA annual awards banquet, but may elect to have their awards presented at an Area function instead. The OHA board can elect to “stack” all OHA sponsored awards to give uniform awards of better quality than possible with individual awards. In this case all awards will be presented at the annual OHA awards banquet.

Currently all awards are being “stacked”.

Rules of limitation in the Area Awards Program do not limit any Statewide Open Awards or Breed Awards offered by OHA, nor do they limit in any way the accumulation of points for the ROM program.

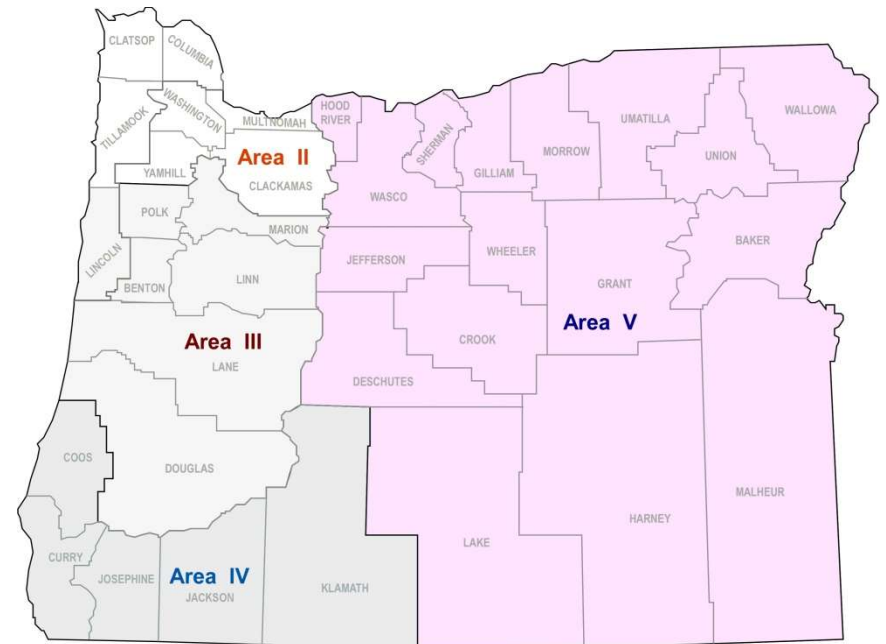
**Required Categories for Area Awards:**

- Halter – All non-breed Halter Classes
- All-Around English – All classes where the equine is judged and shown in English Equipment. Does not include Youth or Amateur
- All-Around Western – All classes where the equine is judged and shown in Western equipment. Does not include Youth or Amateur.
- All-Around Youth – 17 and under – All Youth classes for any age group 17 and under. *These classes do not count for any other Area awards.*
- One optional category to be decided at the annual meeting.
- One privately sponsored award that must be committed to by the sponsor and approved by the board of directors at the annual meeting. The board has the final say on the wording and requirements of the privately sponsored award.

There will be no changes in awards for that year after submission. **See awards list at the end of this section.**

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**Exception: Halter Division**



OHA AREA MAP

Area 1 – Inactive	Area 2 – Metro	Area 3 –Central West
	Clackamas	Benton
	Multnomah	Lane
	Washington	Linn
	Yamhill	Marion
	Clatsop	Polk
	Columbia	Douglas
	Tillamook	Lincoln
Area 4 – SW	Area 5 – Inactive	
Coos	Hood River	Baker
Curry	Gilliam	Crook
Jackson	Morrow	Deschutes
Josephine	Sherman	Grant
Klamath	Umatilla	Jefferson
	Union	Wheeler
	Wallowa	Lake
	Wasco	Harney
	Malheur	

### OHA-Sponsored Area Year-End Awards

(See notes at end of chart for points keeping methods)

<b>Area 1 Awards</b> Area is currently Inactive	<i>No breed classes count for Area Awards</i> <b>Classes that Count for These Awards</b>
<b>Area 2 Awards</b> Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook	<i>No Breed Classes Count for Area Awards</i> <b>Classes that count for this award</b>
All-Around Halter	All non-breed Halter Classes
All-Around English	All classes where the equine is judged and shown in English equipment. Youth and Amateur classes do not count.
All-Around Western	All classes where the equine is judged and shown in Western equipment. Youth and Amateur classes do not count.
All-Around Youth	All Youth classes for exhibitors 17 and under. These classes do not count for other area awards.
All-Around Driving	All driving classes where the equine is judged
<b>Your area chairmen:</b> <b>Tami Platt</b> <b>Pam Wiechern</b>	e-mail address: <a href="mailto:tamiplatt@comcast.net">tamiplatt@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:pwiechern1@gmail.com">pwiechern1@gmail.com</a>
<b>Area 3 Awards</b> Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk, Douglas, Lincoln	<i>No breed classes count for Area Awards</i> <b>Classes that count for this award</b>
All-Around Halter	All non-breed Halter Classes
All-Around English	All classes where the equine is judged and shown in English equipment. Youth and Amateur classes do not count.
All-Around Western	All classes where the equine is judged and shown in Western equipment. Youth and Amateur classes do not count.
All-Around Youth	All Youth classes for exhibitors 17 and under. These classes do not count for other area awards.
All-Around Driving	All classes where the equine is judged
<b>Your area chairmen</b> <b>Beverly Harper</b> <b>Valerie DiBlasi</b>	e-mail address: <a href="mailto:bhr_group@msn.com">bhr_group@msn.com</a> <a href="mailto:italriv@cablespeed.com">italriv@cablespeed.com</a>

<b>Area 4 Awards</b> Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath	<i>No Breed Classes Count for Area Awards</i> <b>Classes that count for this award</b>
All-Around Halter	All non-breed Halter Classes
All-Around English	All classes where the equine is judged and shown in English equipment. Youth and Amateur classes do not count.
All-Around Western	All classes where the equine is judged and shown in Western equipment. Youth and Amateur classes do not count.
All-Around Youth	All Youth classes for exhibitors 17 and under. These classes do not count for other area awards.
All-Around Driving	All OHA driving classes where the points accrue to the equine. Reinsmanship points accrue to driver and do not count.
<b>Your Area Chairman</b> <b>Rusty Alto</b>	e-mail address <a href="mailto:rahayco.alto@g.mail.com">rahayco.alto@g.mail.com</a>
<b>Area 4 General Award Sponsor</b>	Triple B Ranches Rebecca Broomell <a href="mailto:triplebhay@yahoo.com">triplebhay@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Area 5 Awards</b> Area is currently Inactive	<i>No Breed Classes Count for Area Awards</i> <b>Classes that count for this award</b>

#### Reminders for Area Points Keeping:

1. The Main Divisions of Halter, Western, English, Driving, Trail, Gymkhana, Sport Horse, or any sub category of these Divisions will be based on the equine. Except for Halter, these are one equine/one exhibitor combinations.
2. The Main Divisions of Youth or Amateur and any sub category of these divisions will be based on the exhibitor. These are one equine/one exhibitor combinations.
3. No points will be subtracted from ANY All-Around Points for any subcategory or optional category points in that area. This would unfairly penalize exhibitors who are riding for the All-Around Awards.
4. OHA members may declare on the Registration Form for Year-End Awards, the intention to show in any Area in the State for that chosen Area's awards.

## 2017 OHA Privately Sponsored Statewide Awards

Private Awards and Their Sponsors	Classes That Count for These Awards
<b>All-Around Appaloosa</b> Sponsored and provided by: Pam Wiechern Pwiechern1@gmail.com	All OHA approved Open or Appaloosa Classes to count. Registration papers must be on file with the OHA Points Keeper to qualify for an award.
<b>Halter Geldings – all equines</b> Sponsored and provided by: Elaine Sink Albany, OR 97321	All OHA halter classes that a gelding is eligible for except breed classes
<b>Halter Stallions – all equines</b> Sponsored and provided by: Elaine Sink Albany, OR 97321	All OHA halter classes that a stallion is eligible for except breed classes
<b>All-Around Morgan</b> Sponsored by and provided by: Morgan Horse Club irmprof@aol.com	All OHA approved Open or Morgan Classes to count. Registration papers must be on file with the OHA Points Keeper to qualify for an award.

To maximize fairness and facilitate good horsemanship and good sportsmanship, points for Privately Sponsored year end awards are allocated on a one equine/one exhibitor basis. Exception: Halter Division

Classes where you do individual work such as Trail, Reinsmanship, Patterns:  
Each exhibitor may show as many equines as show management will allow. You CANNOT show the same equine more than once in the class using more than one exhibitor. Exception is Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences and Superstar.

## REGISTER OF MERIT AWARDS PROGRAM

Both the owners and the exhibitors of all equines competing for awards must be current OHA members in good standing prior to the accumulation of points. Dues may be paid at the first competition.

Effective 2014 certain open non-OHA approved events will count towards the ROM points. They are the same as the allowed events for the Open Versatility Awards. Schooling, 4-H, & OHSET do not count because they are not open events. Breed classes do not count unless they are part of an OHA approved show/competition. At least 10 days prior to close of entries, contact your ROM Chairman to verify if the competition you are attending will qualify for points. See Versatility Awards in this section Page 29

**General:** The Register of Merit (ROM) Program is open to all equines. ROM offers recognition of superior performance and versatility in OHA-approved competitions, and allows the unregistered equine an opportunity to prove its ability, creating added value. **Halter** includes all approved Open and Breed conformation classes. (Longe-line classes do not count toward any ROM award.)

**English** includes all Approved classes or events in which the equine and rider are attired in Saddle type, Hunt type, English Sidesaddle or Dressage equipment. These classes shall include but not be limited to Pleasure, English Disciplined Rail, Park, 3-Gaited, 5-Gaited, Gaited, Roadster Under Saddle, Dressage, Hunter, Jumper, English Pattern Classes, etc. Any versatility class (i.e., English to Driving) shall have the points earned divided 50/50 between the two ROM divisions. ROM points earned in Trail classes ridden in English attire shall be allocated to Trail.

**Western** includes all Approved classes or events in which the equine and rider are attired in Western or Western Sidesaddle equipment. These classes shall include but not be limited to Pleasure, Reining, Stock Horse, Working Equine classes, Western Riding, Pattern Classes and Cattle classes (roping, cutting etc.). Any versatility class (i.e., Western to Driving) shall have the points earned divided 50/50 between the two ROM divisions. Does not include Trail.

**Trail** includes all OHA classes or events in which the equine is being judged on its ability to negotiate obstacles. This will include but not be limited to classes judged with English attire, Sidesaddle attire, or Western attire and includes, In-Hand Trail, Judged Trail Events & Judged Trail Rides (Trials). It also includes any non-approved judged trail trials or other judged trail competitions/events such as Oregon Horse Center Mountain Trail events. This last category counts only for ROM points and not for any other Area or Open awards in the OHA system.

**Driving** includes all Approved classes or events for single hitched equines, in two- or four-wheel vehicles, including but not limited to Pleasure, Roadster, Fine Harness, Obstacle and Disciplined Rail Driving. Versatility classes will have the points earned divided 50/50 between Driving and the respective under saddle division. Exhibitors may have the option of including driving gymkhana classes in the Driving ROM or compete for a Gymkhana ROM with their driving gymkhana points.

**Drill** For a single rider/equine combination. Five points will be awarded for attendance at the practice of a recognized team. Signed documentation is required from the Coach or Drill Master of the team to verify. Rider/Equine combination will be awarded 10 points for every competition the team enters and points per the actual placing of the rider's team in the competition. (10 for first, 8 for second, etc. Double points will be received if the drill competition is OHA-approved. All competition points must be documented by a

signed statement from the competition secretary on the approved OHA form supplied with sign-up, and sent to the OHA Points Keeper. This ROM award is completely separate from any “Drill Team” award the team may receive.

**Gymkhana** classes in all events will include but not be limited to Cloverleaf Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Keyhole Race, Flag Race, and Stake Race. English or Western attire may be acceptable at the option of show management. Exhibitors may have the option of including driving gymkhana classes in the Driving ROM or compete for a Gymkhana ROM with their driving gymkhana points. Points may be accrued from competitions sponsored by any Associate Member of OHA, State & County Fairs, Rodeos, or OHA-approved competitions.

**Point Computation:**

All competition points must be documented by a signed statement from the competition secretary on the approved OHA Points Form, and sent to the ROM Points Keeper within 30 days of the event. Included must be the show results, name of equine, show, date and a copy of the show premium list. The results from the last show of the year must be returned not later than 11/30.

**ROM Chairman: Beverly Harper, 95746 Howard Lane, Junction City, OR 97448  
bhr\_group@msn.com**

**The form will also be used for submitting your OHA points to the Points Keeper for the year-end awards. There will be no other way of computing the ROM points. For the benefit of your equine and your ROM achievements, it is important that you, the exhibitor, take the responsibility for accurate point reporting.**

**Fees: \$25.00 for each Division**, good for the lifetime of the equine. Fees with the proper paperwork are to be sent directly to Beverly Harper. Checks to be made out to “OHA”. Your receipt will be a permanent record of the divisions entered and the dates paid, and can be transferred with the sale of the equine. Please notify the ROM chairman if ownership is transferred.

**Awards:**

Upon winning the first award in any division, a certificate and a memorial plaque with the equine’s name engraved and the award received will be presented at the annual OHA banquet. As each additional award is achieved, an appropriate certificate and addition to this plaque will be issued as a permanent record of achievement. Other awards of multiple achievements will be presented as appropriate.

The three levels are based on points earned per divisions as follows:

Register of Merit

250 Points: Halter, Driving and Trail

500 Points: English, Western, Drill and Gymkhana

Register of Honor

750 Points: Halter, Driving and Trail

1500 Points: English, Western, Drill and Gymkhana

Register of Supreme

1500 Points: Halter, Driving and Trail

3000 Points: English, Western, Drill and Gymkhana