



Open Horse Show Association

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MISSION

The Open Horse Show Association's (OHSA) mission is to provide the best national award and recognition program for the open horse show community.

VISION

OHSA will provide extensive national recognition for our annual overall year end champion and annual overall year end reserve champion and all other year end high point and reserve high point award winners. OHSA's unique, innovative award program creates an environment that allows open horse show competitors to . . . *show locally and achieve nationally.*

VALUES

Our commitment to providing high quality awards and national recognition will allow us to maintain a reputable and untarnished reputation within the horse show community. We value the competitive spirit while also demanding ethical treatment of our horses and sportsmanlike conduct to our fellow competitors and show officials. OHSA encourages seasoned competitors to contribute to the horse show world by mentoring novice competitors.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A member is considered to be in good standing when they have submitted the appropriate membership form, have paid the annual membership fee for the current year, their application has been accepted by the Association, and no outstanding fees, dues, or payments of any type are owed to the Association.

Section 2. Memberships are individual memberships. Regular and Youth memberships are good for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31). Points and awards can be earned by Regular or Youth members in good standing only.

Section 3. The membership year is a calendar year, beginning on January 1st and valid through December 31st of the same year. Members will be considered active and in good standing on the date dues are received by OHSA if dues are received after January 1.

Section 4. Each Regular member has full membership privileges including the right to hold chair positions and participate on committees. Each Regular membership includes one horse Participation Registration.

Section 5. Each Youth member has full membership privileges. Each Youth membership includes one Horse Participation Registration. Youth are defined as those eighteen (18) years of age and under as of January 1st of the current award year.

Section 6. Judge/Associate members are those members that are either OHSA carded open horse show judges or parties interested in OHSA but do not wish to compete for year-end awards. Judge/Associate memberships do not include a Horse Participation Registration. Judge/Associate memberships are a three-year calendar year membership. Judges may participate on committees and hold chair positions. If a Judge also wishes to participate as a regular member they may do so, however they must pay regular member dues to be eligible for awards as well as dues for their judge's card.

Section 7. Dues are payable in US funds only and payable by January 1st of each year membership is requested. Dues for the 2024 year are as follows:

Regular Membership dues \$25.00
Youth Membership dues \$20.00
Judge/Associate Membership dues (3-year term) \$25.00

Section 8. Competitors may submit a membership application and dues with their first Competition Form. In no instance will points earned from a show count toward awards if the membership application and dues are not submitted either prior to or with the first Competition Form submission. New members may submit shows that ended up to 60 days prior to joining OHSA (if the show is held within the membership year) based on the date of membership.

ARTICLE 2. HORSE PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION

Section 1. Each individual horse must have a Participation Registration with OHSA to earn points and awards.

Section 2. Each paid regular or youth membership includes one horse Participation Registration. Additional Horse Participation Registration fees are \$10.00 per horse per year.

Section 3. Horse Participation Registration is for a calendar year, beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st. Horse Participation Registration fees received after January 1 commence when payment is received by OHSA. Competitors may submit a Horse Participation Registration fee with their first Competition Form for that horse. In no instance will points earned from a show count toward awards if the Horse Participation Registration and fee are not submitted either prior to or with the first Competition Form submission for that horse.

Section 4. Horses also registered with a breed association applying for a Horse Participation Registration must use their breed association registered name. A copy of the horse's registration papers must be submitted with the Membership Application and/or Participation Registration form.

Section 5. Grade or non-registered horses may select a name but must use that name for the entire life with OHSA.

Section 6. All Competition Forms submitted to OHSA must have the horse's name listed as it appears on their Horse Participation Registration. Competition Forms with a name other than one on a valid Horse Participation Registration will not be accepted.

Section 7. Regular and Youth members within the same family may show all horses with Horse Participation Registrations that are registered to another member of the family. Family is defined as immediate family – wife, husband, father, mother, siblings (in the same household), and sons and daughters that qualify as youth members. This includes step children and foster children. Other family relationships may be approved on a case by case basis.

Section 8. Horse Participation Registration is non-transferable upon sale or lease of horse. In the event of the sale of a Participating horse, the new owner must complete a membership application and Horse Participation Registration and submit the appropriate fees. Points are earned on a horse/rider combination and therefore points do not carry forward to a new owner or leaser.

ARTICLE 3. CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section 1. Because of the nature of OHSA, the Association is primarily self-policed. It is up to OHSA members to observe and report actions they believe are cause for discipline. Regular, Youth, Judge, and Associate members are subject to these rules and may be subject to discipline for failing to uphold the OHSA ethical standards or for violating rules, regulations, terms and/or conditions of this rulebook.

Section 2. Abuse of any horse on the grounds of an open or 4-H show by a member and for which that member submitted a Horse Participation Registration may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including revocation of membership. Abuse is considered to be cruel or inhumane treatment of a horse or other equine. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures would determine to be cruel, abusive and/or inhumane.

Section 3. Members are expected to conduct themselves with good sportsmanlike conduct. Instances of poor sportsmanship include being verbally or physically abusive including showing disrespect to any show official including a judge. Unsportsmanlike conduct is also defined as deceit or fraud, to any show, show official, or the Association (this includes failure to pay any fees, dues, or required payments or revoking/reversing prior payments that were due to the Association). Failure to adhere to the Association's conduct rules may be grounds for suspension or membership revocation.

Section 4. Court of law convictions for equine abuse will be cause for immediate permanent membership revocation from OHSA. Actions taken by other equine organizations pertaining to abuse of an equine may be accepted by OHSA and similar or same sanctions may be imposed by OHSA. The Association must rely on members to provide OHSA with conviction information on a member or judge.

Section 5. Falsifying Competition Forms is grounds for suspension and/or revocation of membership. Any member may alert OHSA to possible fraud. OHSA will then investigate the potential fraud and will take action as deemed appropriate per the outcome of the investigation. Any points awarded, and then found that they were submitted fraudulently, will be revoked along with any potential awards.

Section 6. Judges must complete their duties in a professional and ethical manner. Failure to uphold the highest ethical standards is cause for discipline. These standards include: Placing classes

to the best of their ability and knowledge; Seriously undertaking their judging duties including not abusing their power and treating all exhibitors, show management, and spectators equally and with respect.

Section 7. Additionally, judges must not perform their duties, including placing classes, in a discriminatory manner. This includes exhibitors race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion, or any other discriminatory category. Judges must also be above reproach.

ARTICLE 4. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Section 1. As a member or judge of the association you are consenting to, and agree to abide by, the rules and regulations set forth by the Association.

Section 2. Membership in the Association carries responsibilities as well as certain rights. Members and judges of the Association are subject to the rules, regulations, terms and conditions of this rulebook. Any member or judge of the Association may be disciplined, fined, suspended, or have their membership revoked by the Association. Non-members may be denied membership by the Association.

Section 3. Membership in the Association is required for the year in which any award is earned or bestowed on a member and their participating horse. Awards earned by any member not in good standing with the Association will be forfeited and awarded to the next member meeting all qualifications for the award.

Section 4. Every member, former member, and non-member covered by the rules and regulations of this rulebook agrees that they will not take any action against the Association in any courts other than those federal and state courts in Brevard County, Florida. If unsuccessful in any attempt to overturn any OHSAs decisions, actions, rules or regulations, agrees to reimburse OHSAs for its reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and other expenses in connection with the defense of such suit.

Section 5. When anyone believes that the conduct of a member or judge warrants disciplinary actions, or whenever any member believes they may have been harmed by a violation of the rules and regulations of this rulebook, they must file a protest within thirty (30) days of the actual incident and/or within thirty (30) days of having gained knowledge of the incident.

Section 6. All protests must be in writing to the main office of OHSAs and include the alleged rule violation, the parties involved, and any substantiating information. The protest must be signed by the person or persons submitting the protest. A \$100.00 protest fee must be included. If the protest is upheld by OHSAs the protest fee will be returned. Alerting OHSAs to possible fraudulent Competition Forms is not subject to the protest fee.

Section 7. Upon receipt of a protest, OHSAs will designate an OHSAs Investigation Committee and/or legal counsel to investigate the protest. If the protest is against another OHSAs member or judge, they will be notified in writing by OHSAs.

Section 8. During the investigative phase of a protest, any member alleged to have wrong doing will not be restricted from activity, though any Competition Forms submitted will be held until OHSAs makes a final determination of the protest.

Section 9. If the protest is upheld by OHSAs the member alleged to have wrong doing will be

subject to the penalty or sanction imposed by OHSA. If suspension is imposed it will start on the date of the incident. Any Competition Forms submitted for dates during the investigation and/or suspension will not count toward any awards.

If the member is cleared of any wrong doing they will continue to have all rights of the membership they held prior to the protest and any Competition Forms submitted during the investigation will count toward awards.

Section 10. In the event a protest is upheld the following penalties and sanctions may be imposed:

- First Offense – no less than 30 days suspension
- Second Offense – no less than 90 days suspension
- Third Offense – no less than one year suspension
- Fourth Offense – permanent suspension

The above penalties and sanctions are guidelines only. OHSA may impose any penalty or sanction deemed appropriate by the Association and the OHSA Investigation Committee. OHSA has full authority to impose sanctions and penalties. Membership may be revoked for life of any member found guilty of a serious infraction of the rules of OHSA or of abuse of a horse or other equine.

Section 11. Any member interfering with or attempting to influence the outcome of a protest investigation may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including revocation of membership.

Section 12. No membership, registration, or other fees will be refunded due to suspension or revocation of membership.

ARTICLE 5. JUDGES

Section 1. OHSA requires that approved OHSA judges carry out their duties in a professional and ethical manner. OHSA judges must place classes fairly and objectively on the performance of the horse and/or rider. Judges should be knowledgeable, not just in general horse showing rules, but in general horse management and care. Judges must judge each horse or exhibitor fairly, without bias, without prejudice, without influence, and based solely upon the performance before the judge on that day, in that class. Judges may not participate in a show or class in which they are also the judge.

Section 2. OHSA approved judges must pass the OHSA judges open show test. Judges will be required to retest every three years. OHSA may also partner with various judging seminars and schools and permit those attending and/or passing tests at those seminars judge's status to become carded with OHSA as a Level 1 Judge upon payment of the current OHSA Judge's Membership Fee with no additional testing. OHSA does not recommend or require any show to hire an OHSA judge. However, the Association will promote OHSA carded judges as they see fit.

Section 3. OHSA does not perform background (criminal or civil) checks on OHSA judges or prospective OHSA judges. Individual shows should use their best judgement when hiring any judge.

Section 4. OHSA members are encouraged to submit Judge Evaluation forms for any approved

OHSA judge that officiates at a show where they are a participant or spectator. This feedback may be used to commend a judge for exceptional judging or it may be used when complaints are filed against a judge.

Section 5. OHSA approved judges and their contact information will be listed on the OHSA website. OHSA approved judges agree to allow OHSA use of their name and/or likeness to be used in promotional activities for the organization.

Section 6. Prospective judges not attending a partner school must test for a Level Card as Level 1 (entry level judge), Level 2 (mid level judge), or Level 3 (senior level judge). Current OHSA carded judges may test at any time for a more advanced Level test or a specialty card by submitting a request for the test, receiving a passing score on the test (as determined by OHSA), completing all other requirements, and submitting all dues required.

Section 7. Definitions and requirements for each Carded Judge Level:

- Level 1 – Entry level open horse show judge. Prospective judges must pass the OHSA Level 1 50 question test with a score of 75% or better or attend an OHSA approved partnership judging program.
- Level 2 – Mid level open horse show judge. Prospective judges must pass the OHSA Level 2 100 question judge test with a score of 80% or better. Additionally, they must provide 3 references from horse show managers of shows they have judged.
- Level 3 – Senior level open horse show judge. Prospective judges must pass the OHSA Level 3 100 question judge test with a score of 80% or better. Additionally, they must provide 5 references from horse show management of shows they have judged and 2 references from other judges (carded with OHSA or another national horse organization).

Section 8. Current OHSA carded judges may also test for a specialty discipline. OHSA specialty discipline specialties include Western, Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, Gaited, Ranch Horse, Driving, and Dressage. To add a specialty designation to their OHSA Judge's Card an OHSA judge must pass the OHSA 50 question discipline specific test with a score of 80% or better in their preferred discipline and pay any required dues.

Section 9. OHSA may impose additional tests for all Levels or specialty designation tests including live judging, video judging, and static photo judging.

Section 10. OHSA judges are held to a high professional standard and are subject to disciplinary measures for failing to uphold the rules of OHSA. Additionally, OHSA carded judges are expected to be exemplary examples of professional horsemanship. OHSA carded judges with convictions of equine abuse and/or disciplinary actions from other equine organizations for equine abuse may be subject to disciplinary actions by OHSA up to and including card and membership revocation. Should a judge's card be revoked the judge will forfeit any membership fees or dues paid to date.

Section 11. Fees for testing at a higher level are \$10 per test if taken after an initial Level test is taken. Additionally, a judge may take two Specialty Designation tests when first carded at no charge. Additional Specialty Designation tests or tests taken after first carded may be taken for \$10 per test.

ARTICLE 6. BASIC COMPETITION RULES

Section 1. Every active regular and youth member and horse with an active Horse Participation Registration may earn points to accumulate for year-end high point awards by competing in open and 4-H shows including both live and virtual shows.

Section 2. Year-end high point awards are presented annually and are based on the points earned during the prior calendar year. A calendar year is defined as January 1 through December 31 of the same year.

Section 3. Horses must be shown under the same name as on their Horse Participation Registration. Competition Forms submitted with a different name will not be accepted.

Section 4. Points accumulate on horse and rider combinations only.

ARTICLE 7. HORSE PARTICIPATION RULES

Section 1. Horses under the age of two (2) (i.e., horses born after 1/1/2022) may not earn points in any performance (ridden) class prior to July 1, of their two-year old year. However, they may earn points in any in-hand class including halter, showmanship, grooming and conditioning, color, in-hand trail, lunge line, or ground driving, or any driving class.

ARTICLE 8. COMPETITION FORMS

Section 1. Points will only be earned when a completed Competition Form is received by OHSA. Members are required to submit the following information for points at an open or 4-H show to accumulate for awards: Competition Form properly completed and signed by member and the open or 4-H show official; and a Copy of Show Schedule or Show Class list. The Show Schedule or Show Class list must include the name of the show and/or the name of the organization hosting the show, the show date, judge, and all classes listed. In lieu of a show official signature and schedule/class list, a member may submit a valid working website that has show information and results posted. Members may be required to provide additional information or verification of show upon request of the Association.

Members competing in virtual (online) shows must submit a link to the show along with their Competition Form. It is HIGHLY advised that members verify with the virtual show that they will allow access for OHSA to view the show and results; shows that do not allow OHSA access to their site to view results will not receive points.

Section 2. Competition Forms submitted with missing or incomplete information will not be accepted and will be returned to the member for completion.

Section 3. Competition Forms must be submitted within 60 days of the date of the show. Members are urged to submit Competition Forms as soon as possible, particularly for shows near the end of the year. Competition Forms will NOT be accepted for a show beyond January 31st of the following year. For example, for the 2024 show year all forms must be received by OHSA no later than January 31, 2025.

Section 4. OHSA will audit Competition Forms on a random basis. If a Competition Form is audited the show secretary or manager will be contacted to verify the information submitted by the OHSA member. Falsifying Competition Forms is grounds for disciplinary action. See Article 3; Section 5. OHSA encourages members to provide links to the show's website or facebook page should the show post results. This assists OHSA greatly in performing audits.

ARTICLE 9. ACCEPTABLE SHOWS

Section 1. Regular and Youth members may earn points at any open show or 4-H show. Open shows are defined as any show that is open to any breed and that is not restricted to members of another national organization other than 4-H. Also acceptable are open shows that may restrict the type of horse (such as gaited or miniature) but do not award points on a national level.

Section 2. Shows that offer classes for one or more registered breeds such as horses registered with the American Quarter Horse Association or the Jockey Club, are not considered open classes for OHSA and members will not earn points for those classes. This includes classes for the Thoroughbred Incentive Program and other similar national programs. However, if the class is open to a single breed or type of horse such as miniatures or Quarter Horses without requiring registration with a national breed organization, those classes will count for OHSA points. For example, if a show offers a class titled "AQHA" then that infers that the class is only open to those horse registered with the American Quarter Horse Association, and therefore is not considered an open class. However a class titled Quarter Horse or Stock Breed, would be considered open as long as the show does not require registration status in another organization.

Section 3. Shows that are sanctioned by any national equine organization or association are not considered open or 4-H shows within the OHSA guidelines. For example, National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) sanctioned shows are open to any breed of horse, however the NRHA is a national equine organization, they sanction classes, and they have a yearend award program within their organization. Therefore, classes shown in at NRHA sanctioned shows are not eligible for OHSA points (exception is noted in Article 9, Section 4).

Section 4. Shows sanctioned by a national equine organization or association may include non-sanctioned classes on their show schedule and those classes may qualify for points in OHSA. For example, a regional Paint Horse Association is an affiliate of the APHA. Most classes offered at an APHA show would not qualify for OHSA points. However, if the affiliate offers an all-breed class that is not a nationally sanctioned class by the APHA, that class would qualify for points in OHSA.

Section 5. 4-H shows may be either closed to 4-H members only or open to any competitor. Points from either type of 4-H show will be accepted.

Section 6. All entry fees, show fees, and associated costs are solely the responsibility of the member. OHSA does not reimburse or pay for any show costs.

Section 7. OHSA does not assume responsibility for the safety of any member or horse,

show personnel or volunteers, or any spectator, entrant, competitor, or others involved with an open show. All liability remains with the individual and/or the show.

ARTICLE 10. EARNING POINTS

Section 1. All points are earned on a horse and rider combination. If more than one rider shows a horse and submits a Competition Form, each rider must have a Regular or Youth membership and the horse must have a Horse Performance Registration on file with OHSA prior to the date of the show. Membership and Horse Performance Registration may be submitted with a member's first Competition Form but all forms and payment must be submitted within 60 days of the date of the show.

Section 2. Horses that are disqualified from a class are considered an entry but will not receive points for that class. However, because they were an entry in the class other horses in that class can earn points under OHSA. Horses who are considered non-entries in a class (such as a horse entered as an audit) will not receive points for that class and are not counted as an entry for other horses entered to earn OHSA points. In scored classes (such as reining), members who score a 0 for the class may still earn points for that class as long as they were not disqualified from the class.

ARTICLE 11. POINTS

Section 1. Points are earned based on the number of horses in a class and the placing of the horse within that class. OHSA recognizes that shows have various methods of placing classes. OHSA will recognize up to six (6) placings per class. Horses placing 7th or below will not earn points, regardless of the number of horses shown in the class.

Section 2. Points per class will be determined on a sliding scale as outlined below:

- 1 to 9 horses in class – maximum of 6 points
- 10 to 14 horses in a class – maximum of 7 points
- 15 to 19 horses in a class – maximum of 8 points
- 20 to 24 horses in a class – maximum of 9 points
- 25 or more horses in a class – maximum of 10 points

Section 3. Points are earned by placing in a class. A horse earns one point for placing and one point for every horse beaten in the class up to six (6) placings. Additional points are awarded based on the table below.

Section 4. A horse entered in a class, that enters the arena, and is then disqualified or scores 0 will be considered an entry into the class and will be included in the number of horses in the class to tabulate the number of points earned.

Section 5. Two (2) additional points are awarded for grand halter championship and one (1) additional point is awarded for reserve halter championship. Championship halter classes do not qualify for any other points regardless of the number of horses entered into the championship class. Any other type or form of high point award either for the day or based on any other method such as a circuit or year-end will not earn additional points. Additionally, if high points are earned at a show for any other class such as western pleasure or barrel racing, no additional points are earned under OHSA.

Section 6. Points will accumulate in the appropriate Class, Discipline and will also accumulate toward the year-end overall high point.

Points Awarded						
Number of horses in class	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place	6 th place
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6-9	6	5	4	3	2	1
10-14	7	6	5	4	3	2
15-19	8	7	6	5	4	3
20-24	9	8	7	6	5	4
25+	10	9	8	7	6	5

Section 7. There are sixteen (16) Disciplines. Each Discipline has multiple Classes eligible to accumulate points for awards. OHSa recognizes that open shows may use names other than those designated by OHSa. If a Class qualifies based on the description of the Class (as identified below) then points will accumulate for that Class. Not all classes at open shows are eligible for points under OHSa; only those classes listed below will qualify for OHSa points.

In-Hand Discipline

Grooming and Conditioning – judged on grooming and conditioning of horse.

Weanlings at Halter – judged on conformation of horse.

Yearlings at Halter – judged on conformation of horse.

Stallions 2 and over at Halter – judged on conformation of horse.

Mares 2 and over at Halter – judged on conformation of horse.

Geldings 2 and over at Halter – judged on conformation of horse.

Showmanship at Halter – judged on handler’s ability to show a horse in-hand. Usually involves a pattern.

Color Class – judged on horse’s color, open to horses of “color” only.

Lunge Line – usually restricted to yearlings and/or two year olds. Horses judged on performance on lunge line and on conformation. Points may be earned by an older horse at any show that allows horses over the age of 2 to enter this class.

In Hand Trail – horses judged on completing a trail pattern in hand. Though usually this class is for weanlings, yearlings, and sometimes 2 year olds, points may be earned by an older horse at any show that allows horses over the age of 2 to enter this class.

In Hand Over Fences – judged on the horse’s representation of a working hunter in the hunt field. Manners, jumping ability, quality of jumps, pace, and overall quality.

Western Discipline

Western Pleasure – judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, frame, and quality of movement.

Western Horsemanship – judged on rider’s ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used (may also be called Western Equitation).

Reining – judged on horse and rider working prescribed reining pattern. Includes spins,

sliding stops, large and small circles, rollbacks, and change of leads.

Western Riding – judged on lead changes at lope, quality of gaits, and responsiveness to rider working a prescribed western riding pattern.

Western Trail – judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement. Ground Pole classes ridden western will not count for points under the Trail class or any other class.

Western Discipline/Obedience – can be either judged or placed by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including additional maneuvers such as sidepasses or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Western Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship.

Walk Jog Western Discipline

Walk Jog Western Pleasure – judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, frame, and quality of movement performed at a walk and jog only.

Walk Jog Western Horsemanship - judged on rider’s ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used (may also be called Western Equitation) performed at a walk and jog only.

Walk Jog Trail - judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement performed at a walk and jog only. Ground Pole classes ridden western will not count for points under the Trail class or any other class.

Walk Jog Reining –judged on horse and rider working prescribed reining pattern. Includes spins, sliding stops, large and small circles, rollbacks, and change of speed.

Walk Jog Discipline/Obedience – can be either judged or place by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including additional maneuvers such as sidepasses or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Walk Jog Western Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship at a walk and jog only.

Walk Jog ONLY Western Discipline

(restricted to those members that show only in walk/jog or walk/trot classes.

Members recording points in the WJ Only Discipline may not earn points in Western, Hunt Seat, or any three gait classes. All points earned will be awarded under this discipline only and will not be recorded in the Walk Jog Western Discipline.)

Walk Jog Western Pleasure – judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, frame, and quality of movement performed at a walk and jog only.

Walk Jog Western Horsemanship - judged on rider’s ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used (may also be called Western Equitation) performed at a walk and jog only.

Walk Jog Trail - judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement performed at a walk and jog only. Ground Pole classes ridden western will not count for points under the Trail class or any other class.

Walk Jog Reining –judged on horse and rider working prescribed reining pattern. Includes spins, sliding stops, large and small circles, rollbacks, and change of speed.

Walk Jog Discipline/Obedience – can be either judged or place by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including additional maneuvers such as sidepasses or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Walk Jog Western Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship at a walk and jog only.

Hunt Seat Discipline

Hunter Under Saddle – judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and quality of movement (may also be called English Pleasure or Road Hack but hunt seat saddle must be used).

Hunt Seat Equitation – judged on rider’s ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used.

Hunter Hack – judged on horse’s way of going, manners, and style of jumping over a course of two to four jumps with a maximum jump height of three feet. Flat work may also be required.

Ground Poles – judged on horses’ way of going, manners, and suitability for jumping. May also be judged on rider’s ability to negotiate a jump course and work in 2 point position. This class is a preparatory class for over fences, therefore, the course must be a full course of jumps.

Hunter over Fences – judged on horse’s way of going, manners, and style of jumping over a course.

Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences – judged on rider’s ability to ride a course of fences, their form, and equitation.

Open Jumping – a timed event over a course of jumps with a maximum starting jump height of eighteen inches.

Hunt Seat Discipline/Obedience – can be either judged or place by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including additional maneuvers such as sidepasses or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Hunt Seat Trail – judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement.

Hunt Seat Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship.

Walk Trot Hunt Seat Discipline

Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle - judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and quality of movement (may also be called English Pleasure or Road Hack but hunt seat saddle must be used) performed at walk and trot only.

Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation - judged on rider’s ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used performed at a walk and trot only.

Walk Trot Hunt Seat Trail - judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement performed at a walk and trot only.

Walk Trot Discipline/Obedience – can be either judged or place by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including

additional maneuvers such as sidepasses or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Walk Trot Hunter Hack - judged on horse's way of going, manners, and style of jumping over a course of two to four jumps with a maximum jump height of three feet. Flat work may also be required performed at a walk and trot only.

Walk Trot Ground Poles – judged on horses' way of going, manners, and suitability for jumping. May also be judged on rider's ability to negotiate a jump course and work in 2 point position. This class is a preparatory class for over fences, therefore, the course must be a full course of jumps.

Walk Trot Over Fences – judged on a horse's way of going, manners, and jumping ability.

Walk Trot Equitation Over Fences - judged on a rider's ability to negotiate a jump course and perform with correct equitation.

Walk Trot Hunt Seat Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship.

Walk Trot ONLY Hunt Seat Discipline

(restricted to those members that show only in walk/jog or walk/trot classes.

Members recording points in the WT Only Discipline may not earn points in Western, Hunt Seat, or any three gait classes. All points earned will be awarded under this discipline only and will not be recorded in the Walk Trot Hunt Seat Discipline.)

Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle - judged on horse's way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and quality of movement (may also be called English Pleasure or Road Hack but hunt seat saddle must be used) performed at walk and trot only.

Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation - judged on rider's ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used performed at a walk and trot only.

Walk Trot Hunt Seat Trail - judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement performed at a walk and jog only.

Walk Trot Discipline/Obedience – can be either judged or place by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including additional maneuvers such as sidepasses or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Walk Trot Hunter Hack - judged on horse's way of going, manners, and style of jumping over a course of two to four jumps with a maximum jump height of three feet. Flat work may also be required performed at a walk and trot only.

Walk Trot Ground Poles – judged on horses' way of going, manners, and suitability for jumping. May also be judged on rider's ability to negotiate a jump course and work in 2 point position. This class is a preparatory class for over fences, therefore, the course must be a full course of jumps.

Walk Trot Over Fences – judged on a horse's way of going, manners, and jumping ability.

Walk Trot Equitation Over Fences - judged on a rider's ability to negotiate a jump course and perform with correct equitation.

Walk Trot Hunt Seat Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship at a walk and trot only.

Saddle Seat Discipline

(*note this discipline combines walk/trot, 3 gait, and 5 gait competitors)

Saddle Seat Pleasure – judged on horse's way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and

quality of movement. This is a 3 gait class (walk, trot, and canter).

Saddle Seat Equitation – judged on rider’s ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used.

Saddle Seat Discipline/Obedience – can be either judged or place by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including additional maneuvers such as sidepass or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Saddle Seat Trail – judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement.

Saddle Seat Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship.

Gaited Judged Discipline

Gaited Pleasure – judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and quality of movement.

Gaited Equitation – judged on rider’s ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used.

Gaited Trail – judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement.

Gaited Discipline/Obedience - can be either judged or place by elimination. Generally horses must perform various gaits called at various times including additional maneuvers such as sidepasses or changes of lead. May be called Discipline, Obedience, or Simon Says.

Gaited Bareback – this class will include bareback pleasure and equitation/horsemanship.

Driving Discipline

Pleasure Driving – judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, frame, obedience, willingness and manners, and quality of movement

Reinsmanship - judged on driver’s ability including reinsmanship and ability to drive a prescribed pattern if one is used

Obstacles - judged over obstacles on a prescribed pattern with emphasis on responsiveness, manners, and quality of movement.

Cones – judged on a horse and driver’s ability to negotiate a course through cones.

Ranch Horse Discipline

Ranch Horse Pleasure - judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and a pleasure to ride. Gaits are generally ground covering and correct. Hand gallop may be called. This class is not a pattern class. The distinction between Ranch Horse Pleasure and Ranch Riding is the use of a pattern.

Walk Jog Ranch Horse Pleasure - judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and a pleasure to ride. Gaits are generally ground covering and correct. This class is not a pattern class. The distinction between Ranch Horse Pleasure and Ranch Riding is the use of a pattern.

Ranch Riding – judged on horse’s way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and a pleasure to ride. Gaits are generally ground covering and correct. Hand gallop may be called. This class is a pattern class.

Walk Jog Ranch Riding - judged on horse's way of going, form, trueness of gaits, and a pleasure to ride. Gaits are generally ground covering and correct. This class is a pattern class.

Ranchmanship – judged on a rider and horse's ability to negotiate a pattern with elements of ranch riding, pleasure, horsemanship, and ranch trail.

Walk Jog Ranchmanship – judged on a rider and horse's ability to negotiate a pattern with elements of ranch riding, pleasure, horsemanship, and ranch trail.

Ranch Horsemanship – judged on rider's ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used (may also be called Ranch Equitation).

Walk Jog Ranch Horsemanship – judged on rider's ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used (may also be called Ranch Equitation). Walk and jog only.

Ranch Reining - judged on horse and rider working prescribed ranch reining pattern. Includes spins, sliding stops, large and small circles, rollbacks, and change of leads.

Ranch Trail – judged on a horse and rider's ability to work various obstacles and may include working a gate, patterns to show handiness, small jumps, walk, jog, or lope overs, backing in or around obstacles, dragging or moving an object(s), loading and unloading from a trailer, roping a stationary object, and/or other obstacles.

Walk Jog Ranch Trail - judged on a horse and rider's ability to work various obstacles and may include working a gate, patterns to show handiness, small jumps, walk or jog overs, backing in or around obstacles, dragging or moving an object(s), loading and unloading from a trailer, roping a stationary object, and/or other obstacles.

Timed Discipline

(*note – only timed event classes as described below are recognized. If a class entered does not match a description below then no points will be awarded. This will be STRICTLY enforced and no events may earn points if they do not meet our pattern requirements.)

Barrel Racing – timed event where horse completes prescribed standard cloverleaf three barrel pattern.

Pole Bending – timed event where horse completes prescribed standard pole bending six pole pattern.

Keyhole Race – timed event where horse completes a keyhole pattern. The keyhole may be either chalk drawn or be run through two barrels/poles and around a third barrel/pole.

Arena Race – timed event where horse completes a single run around the arena. May be performed with barrels or poles as markers at the end of the arena but no turns around the barrel will be performed.

Stake Race – timed event where horse completes the stake race pattern. The stake race generally is run from the middle of the arena, around one pole, crossing the start/stop line and around a second pole, finishing by passing the start/stop line.

Flag Race – timed event where horse and rider run around perimeter of arena, picking up a flag or marker from a bucket after crossing start line and placing the flag in another bucket before completing pattern and crossing the finish line. A flag or other object (ball, stake, etc) may be used.

Roll Back – timed event where horse runs to end of arena and performs a rollback around a barrel or pole rather than running directly around the barrel.

Figure Eight – timed event where horse and rider complete a single or double figure eight around barrels or poles. May also be called Bowtie or Double Bowtie.

Dressage

In Hand Dressage – judged on the horse performing a dressage pattern in hand.

Dressage Suitability – judged on form to function as it relates to performing a dressage test showing suitability in the dressage arena.

Dressage Equitation - judged on rider's ability including equitation and ability to ride a prescribed pattern if one is used with an emphasis on a dressage seat.

Western Dressage – judged on a horse's movement while performing a dressage test. The test may be a standard dressage test or a modified test as defined by the show management. Performed under western tack and attire.

Walk Jog Western Dressage – judged on a horse's movement while performing a dressage test. The test may be a standard dressage test or a modified test as defined by the show management. Performed under western tack and attire.

Dressage – judged on a horse's movement while performing a dressage test. The test may be a standard dressage test or a modified test as defined by the show management. Performed under hunt seat or dressage tack and attire.

Walk Trot Dressage – judged on a horse's movement while performing a dressage test. The test may be a standard dressage test or a modified test as defined by the show management. Performed under hunt seat or dressage tack and attire.

Saddle Seat Dressage – judged on a horse's movement while performing a dressage test. The test may be a standard dressage test or a modified test as defined by the show management. Performed under saddle seat tack and attire.

Gaited Dressage - judged on a horse's movement while performing a dressage test. The test may be a standard dressage test or a modified test as defined by the show management. Performed under hunt seat, saddle seat, or dressage tack and attire.

Driven Dressage - judged on a horse's movement while performing a dressage test. The test may be a standard dressage test or a modified test as defined by the show management. Performed while being driven.

Walk Discipline

Riders may not earn points in the Walk Discipline or any Walk Only class and any other discipline including Leadline. (see Article 13 for additional information)

Walk Pleasure – judged on a walk both ways of the ring and a back up.

Walk Equitation/Horsemanship – judged on the rider's equitation and ability to perform a prescribed pattern (if one is used).

Walk Dressage – judged on completing a walk only dressage pattern.

Walk Trail – judged on the horse and rider completing a trail pattern with various obstacles.

Leadline Discipline

Riders may not earn points in the Leadline Discipline or any Leadline class and any other discipline including Walk Only. (see Article 14 for additional information)

Leadline Pleasure – judged on a walk both ways of the ring and a back up.

Leadline Equitation/Horsemanship – judged on the rider's equitation and ability to perform a prescribed pattern (if one is used).

Leadline Dressage – judged on completing a walk only/leadline dressage pattern.

Leadline Trail – judged on the horse and rider completing a trail pattern with various obstacles.

Exceptional Competitor Discipline

see Article 12 for additional information.

Members may enter any OHSA qualified class as an exceptional rider and earn points.

Section 8. If a show holds 3D and/or 4-D Timed classes members must break out how many horses were in the D they placed in as well as how many horses the member placed above. For example, if a show holds a 4D barrel race and a member places 3rd in the 3D portion, even if there were 100 horses in the class, if there were only 20 horses in the 3 and 4D sections then the points will be based on 20 horses in the class.

Section 9. Additional disciplines and classes may be added. Members must request in writing the class name and provide the description to the Association. The Association will then decide on adding the discipline or class. All members will be notified when a new class or discipline is added. The effective date of a new discipline or class will be January 1 of the next competition year.

Section 10. Year End award categories may change with the approval of the Association. Annual awards may include the following:

Overall High Point Champion
Reserve Overall High Point Champion.

Additional awards may be provided. Traditionally OHSA provides awards for Disciplines and Classes up to the top 10 in each class and discipline.

Section 11. A member showing in OHSA ONLY classes and earning points under an ONLY discipline may not cross enter into any 3 gait class. If a member does enter 3 gait classes, ether at an OHSA show or another open or 4-H show, then any points accumulated as an ONLY rider will be reclassified in the regular Walk Jog or Walk Trot discipline.

Section 12. Member and horse teams will be awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards based on the following criteria:

Certificate of Ability – awarded after a member/horse team earn 250 points in any recognized class

Certificate of Superior Ability – awarded after a member/horse team earn 500 points in any recognized class

Certificate of Expert Ability – awarded after a member/horse team earn 1,000 points in any recognized class

Certificate of Versatility – awarded after a member/horse team earn 250 points in each of three different disciplines

Certificate of Supreme Mastery – awarded after a member/horse team earn 250 points in each of five different disciplines

These awards will be calculated and awarded after the end of each calendar year. Members may only receive the highest level of certificate per category each year. For example, if a member/horse team earns 300 points in Showmanship in a given year they will receive the Certificate of Superior Ability award that year.

Section 13. Members may earn points in online video horse shows. The show must be judged by a recognized judge carded by OHSA, a carded judge with another national organization or recognized

as a judge by the organization hosting the show. The class must meet the conventional class description by OHSA. OHSA will make any and all determination as to whether the class qualifies for points under OHSA rules. The class must also not qualify the member for other national awards under any other organization or association. Classes may NOT be judged on a static photo only – only classes judged via video will count for points. Members submitting a Competition Form for an online class must include a link to the show.

Section 14. OHSA may provide additional awards as determined by the Association.

ARTICLE 12. EXCEPTIONAL COMPETITOR DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The Exceptional Competitor Discipline is designed to provide those with disabilities the opportunity to compete for awards within the OHSA program. Each participant or their parent or guardian assumes the risk of personal injury and property damage and releases and discharges OHSA, officers, directors, and representatives from any liability arising from participation in a horse show.

Section 2. Members must identify as an Exceptional Competitor and provide documentation of disability. Documentation can be an Individualized Education Program, letter from health care provider indicating the member has a disability, or similar documentation. All documentation will be securely stored separately from member files and any information disclosed concerning the member's disability will be held in the strictest confidence possible. Information may be shared in the case of legal proceedings or similar requirements.

Section 3. Adaptive tack and equipment is allowed in this discipline.

Section 4. Exceptional Competitors may be a regular or youth member. They must be a member in good standing to earn points and receive awards in the year in which they participate.

Section 5. OHSA recognizes that shows may have varying requirements for entry into an Exceptional Competitor class. OHSA members must abide by the show's rules and class requirements regardless of OHSA rules.

Section 6. Handlers/Assistants may or may not be used and are dependent upon the Exceptional Competitor's abilities and/or the show's rules. OHSA stresses the safety over all other requirements or rules.

Section 7. Exceptional Competitors may show in classes restricted to exceptional competitors or open to all competitors. Points from non-Exceptional Competitor horse show classes will be earned as in Article 11. If a show awards all entrants in an Exceptional Competitor class the same placing (such as awarding all entries a first place, or all entries an honorable mention) rather than placing the class in a traditional manner, all entrants will earn points as if they were the first place winner of the class. Points for Exceptional classes will be earned as follows:

- 1 entry – first place earns 6 points
- 2 – 3 entries – first place earns 6 points, second place earns 4 points, and third place (if 3 entries) earns 3 points
- 4 – 6 entries – first place earns 6 points, second place earns 5 points, third place earns 4 points, fourth place earns 3 points, fifth place (if 5 entries) earns 2 points, and sixth

- place (if 6 entries) earns 1 point
- More than 6 entries – points are earned the same as shown in Article 11

Section 8. Points from all classes will count toward the overall.

ARTICLE 13. WALK DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Members may compete in a show's walk only classes. Walk Only classes do not allow or use a side handler or assistance.

Section 2. Members that compete in walk only classes may not also earn points in leadline, walk/trot or 3 gait classes, but may earn points in in hand and driving classes._

Section 3. If a show awards all entrants in a Walk only class the same placing (such as awarding all entries a first place, or all entries an honorable mention) rather than placing the class in a traditional manner, all entrants will earn points as if they were the first place winner of the class. Points for Walk only classes will be earned as follows:

- 1 entry – first place earns 6 points
- 2 – 3 entries – first place earns 6 points, second place earns 4 points, and third place earns 3 points
- 4 – 6 entries – first place earns 6 points, second place earns 5 points, third place earns 4 points, fourth place earns 3 points, fifth place earns 2 points, and sixth place earns 1 point
- More than 6 entries – points are earned the same as shown in Article 11.

ARTICLE 14. LEADLINE DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Members may compete in a show's leadline classes. Leadline classes will use a side handler or assistance.

Section 2. Members that compete in leadline classes may not also earn points in walk only, walk/trot or 3 gait classes, but may earn points in in hand and driving classes.

Section 3. If a show awards all entrants in a leadline class the same placing (such as awarding all entries a first place, or all entries an honorable mention) rather than placing the class in a traditional manner, all entrants will earn points as if they were the first place winner of the class. Points for leadline classes will be earned as follows:

- 1 entry – first place earns 6 points
- 2 – 3 entries – first place earns 6 points, second place earns 4 points, and third place earns 3 points
- 4 – 6 entries – first place earns 6 points, second place earns 5 points, third place earns 4 points, fourth place earns 3 points, fifth place earns 2 points, and sixth place earns 1 point
- More than 6 entries – points are earned the same as shown in Article 11.

ARTICLE 15. OHSA HOSTED VIRTUAL SHOWS

Section 1. OHSA may host online virtual open horse shows. All OHSA members in good standing may participate in the show by enrolling in the classes they want to enter on the OHSA website. Members must follow all rules of the show.

Section 2. OHSA hosted virtual shows may be standard open shows or they may have altered rules such as allowing dress-down (t-shirt) attire.

Section 3. All OHSA virtual shows will count toward year-end awards. Competition Forms do not need to be completed for OHSA virtual shows.

Section 4. Rules governing OHSA virtual show classes and judging can be found in the OHSA Rulebook Addendum, "OHSA Virtual Show Rules."

ARTICLE 16. OHSA VIRTUAL WORLD OPEN HORSE SHOW

Section 1. OHSA may host an annual Virtual World Open Horse Show. All OHSA members in good standing may participate in the show by enrolling in the classes they want to enter on the OHSA website. Members must follow all rules of the show. The show will be governed by the "OHSA Virtual Show Rules." Additional rules may also be established specific to the World Show.

Section 2. The OHSA Virtual World Open Horse Show is non-qualifying. All members of OHSA may enter and participate in this show.

Section 3. The OHSA Virtual World Show will count toward year-end awards. Competition Forms do not need to be completed for the Virtual World Open Horse Show.

DEFINITIONS

- **Competition Form** – form used to submit points earned at an open or 4-H show to OHSA and for recording on your permanent record with the association.
- **Participant Registration** – registration of a horse that allows a member to earn points on that horse.
- **Regular Member** – adult member over the age of 18.
- **Youth Member** – youth member age of 18 and under, age is determined as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
- **Open Horse Show** – show open to any breed of horse. Some open shows may have breed specific classes, but generally they are not approved by a national association or restricted to registered only horses.
- **Virtual Horse Show** – a show held on line either through a website or facebook.
- **4-H Show** – show held by a 4-H club or organization. This show may be closed to 4-H members only or may be open to anyone.
- **Horse** – horse, pony, mule, draft horse, donkey, or other equine species.
- **Division** – walk/trot; walk/jog vs standard three gait classes.
- **Discipline** – the sixteen (16) disciplines recognized by OHSA such as Western; Hunt Seat; Timed Events; etc.