

OPEN SHOW  
PROGRAM RULES



This program is designed for our IQHA members to have other opportunities to achieve recognition with IQHA. An Open Show is defined as a show (not singular classes within a show) which is open to horses of all breeds and of all colors. This includes 4-H/FFA Fairs, Saddle Club Shows, Ranch Horse Association Shows, Open shows, etc. Approved Breed shows, (with classes for Quarter Horses) including Palomino, Buckskin, Paint & Pinto, etc. are excluded

1. All shows must be held within the geographical boundaries of Illinois
2. Horse must be a registered Quarter Horse.
3. Horse does NOT have to be owned by the exhibitor to participate.
4. Exhibitor must be a current IQHA member prior to the show dates. A family membership entitles all family members to participate in the Open Show Program.
5. Points are awarded per horse/exhibitor team.
6. There is no nomination fee, but a fee of \$1 per horse/exhibitor team per show will be charged. Participants should send in \$1 with the point form. No tabs will be allowed.
7. For 2016 the point year will run from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Points will not carry over from year to year.
8. Participants should send in point forms within 30 days of the show date. A showbill from the show should accompany the point form. Only points sent on the official point form will be counted.
9. No maximum number of points at a single show.
10. Any show that is double judged counts as 2 separate shows, with 2 sets of points. Submit 2 forms, one for each show/judge.
11. Champion and Reserve Champion Halter classes also count. Two points are awarded for each Grand Championship and one point is awarded for each Reserve Championship in the Halter classes.
12. A minimum of 15 points must be earned in a division in order to qualify for a year end award.
13. The ages of youth are based on ages as of January 1.

DIVISIONS

1. **Small fry (9 & under as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the year)**  
Eligible classes: 9 & under halter/showmanship, walk only, walk-trot, leadline or any class not requiring a canter. Participants may not enter other divisions.
2. **Youth halter/showmanship (18 & under)** Eligible classes: any halter or showmanship.
3. **Youth western performance (18 & under)**  
Eligible classes: western pleasure &/or horsemanship, bareback pleasure &/or horsemanship, trail, reining, western riding.
4. **Youth hunt seat performance (18 & under)**  
Eligible classes: hunt seat pleasure, English pleasure, equitation, hunter hack, fence classes, equitation over fences, bareback pleasure equitation.
5. **Youth speed performance (18 & under)** Eligible classes: any barrels, poles, stake race, flags, keyhole, roping, team penning, or any timed event.
6. **Adult halter/showmanship (19 & over)** Eligible classes: any halter or showmanship.
7. **Adult western performance (19 & over)** Eligible classes: western pleasure &/or horsemanship, bareback pleasure &/or horsemanship, trail, reining, western riding.
8. **Adult hunt seat performance (19 & over)** Eligible classes: hunt seat pleasure, English pleasure, equitation, hunter hack, fence classes, equitation over fences, bareback pleasure equitation.
9. **Adult speed performance (19 & over)** Eligible classes: any barrels, poles, stake race, flags, keyhole, roping, team penning, ranch sorting or any timed event.
10. **Dressage (All ages)** points based on percentage received.
  - 70 plus test score = 6 points
  - 65-69 test score = 5 points
  - 60-64 test score = 4 points
  - 55-59 test score = 3 points
  - 50-54 test score = 2 points
  - 45-49 test score = 1 points

11. **Driving (All ages)**

\*\*\* Any classes classified as "fun classes" i.e. egg and spoon, ride-a-buck, etc. do not count towards points.

**Points:**

# of horses in class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
6	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
9& over	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

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