

## 2023 High Score Year-End Award Rules

NJQHA/NJQHHA awards Top 6 horses. To be eligible for NJQHA/NJQHHA awards each member must:

1. Owner and exhibitor must be members in good standing with NJQHA, AQHA and according to NJQHA By-Laws Article II, Section 3, and youth members with NJQHHA.
2. Nominate EACH horse in EACH division for points to count: **\$25** Open, Amateur, L1 Amateur, Select, Jersey Bred; **\$10** Youth, L1 Youth, and Small Fry.
3. Must show at one NJ sponsored shows under four judges in the class. NJ sponsored shows: May 11-14, June 22-25, and September 16-17.
4. Adult member horse owners must sell at least one business card ad (\$25) or its equivalent for the annual directory. All amateur members must sell one class sponsor (\$50) for a NJQHA sponsored show. Ad & class sponsorship for adult amateurs must be paid at the same time as the horse nomination.
5. Youth members (except Leadline) must meet all requirements listed in the 2023 NJQHHA rules to be eligible for year-end awards, Congress NYATT Team or AQHHA World Team.
6. Points to be counted from postmark date or hand delivery date of completed forms to the Treasurer along with all payment of 2023 dues, the nomination fees and required ad for adult members for each horse per each division.
7. Points shall be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding registered with AQHA and owned by a member of AQHA/NJQHA/NJQHHA. Only points from AQHA approved shows will be counted toward year end awards (Region 5 Championship Show is **NOT pointed** and not included for year-end awards). Approved shows will be posted on our website. ([www.njqha.com](http://www.njqha.com))
8. All classes approved for points in the AQHA 2022 Rulebook except rookie classes, and any class NOT also held at the 3 NJ produced shows shall be approved for NJQHA/NJQHHA year-end awards provided that: said class has been held under a minimum of five judges during the year. Points will be tallied on each horse provided said Horse received a minimum of 8 points in that class.
9. All L1 W/T classes for youth and amateurs will follow AQHA Handbook SHW755. As stated, if a rider is entered into a L1 W/T class that rider **CANNOT** show in the corresponding loping/cantering class at that show.
10. Stallion halter points do not follow a horse if he has been gelded.
11. Transfer of ownership will not affect accumulated OPEN points of the horse provided that new owner is a member in good standing and all nomination fees have been paid. Year-end award will be awarded to the owner/lessee of record at the time the last 2022 point was earned. No other division points transfer with ownership.
12. Points for year-end High Score Awards will be awarded based on the number of horses that enter the arena in each class. Horses placing in the top nine will be given one point for each horse below them, plus one point, not to exceed nine points for first place.
13. The official AQHA show results will be the basis for awarding all year-end High Score Award points. NJQHA awards to be determined each year by the Awards Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. The budget for the awards to be adjusted in relationship to monies available. NJQHHA will be responsible for the monies spent on their awards.
14. Year-end All-Around Champion and Reserve Champion: Open, Amateur, Select, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Level 1 Amateur, Level 1 Youth
  - a. Year-end All-Around Award calculated from year-end award winners. AQHA/NJQHA approved classes only. Must be an award winner in all categories
  - b. Awards will be given to the horse in the Open division and the horse/rider combination in Amateur, Youth, Select Amateur earning the most points in Halter, Amateur Halter (Select in Amateur Halter) and Youth Halter and a minimum of two performance categories in their respective division. L1 Amateur & L1 Youth will be awarded to the horse/rider combination that earns the most points in a minimum of 3 categories of L1 Classes. Showmanship is its own category for Level 1 only. Halter is not required for L1 Amateur/L1 Youth and do NOT count. Exhibitor must be year-end award winner in the category for that category to count in calculation of All-Around. Amateur classes not offered as a select class will be applied to Select All-Around but will be combined with Amateur for individual class placings. Green and Open W/T points do not count toward year-end All-Around Awards.
15. It shall be the responsibility of the individual to be sure their points are recorded correctly throughout the year. Previous show points are final two weeks after sending emails and or posting to the website.
16. Each horse must use its NJQHA number at any NJQHA Show.
17. Points are final October 30, 2023 and will be adjusted at that time for any horses or members not meeting the above requirements.

### Small Fry Rules

1. Exhibitor must be eleven years old or under as of January 1st 2023 and cannot show in any AQHA riding class during the 2023 show season. May show in Youth Halter and Youth Showmanship however points do NOT count toward Small Fry All Around.
2. Approved Small Fry classes are Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation & Trail.
3. Horse must be nominated in Small Fry division and exhibitor must be an NJQHHA member and fulfill all Youth requirements.
4. Small Fry All-Around qualifier must show in a minimum of three classes and earn a minimum of 8 points in each class.
5. Leadline exhibitors must be six years old and under as of January 1st 2023 and nominated in leadline division. Any horse may be ridden at any show. NJQHHA membership rules do not apply to leadline.

**Any question or problem arising, which is not covered by the foregoing rules shall be presented to the Board of Directors for a final decision.**