

**CHAPTER 22: AMATEUR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM (BOD 8/01)**

All AHA program and event deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by postal service, fax, e-mail, internet or other electronic means.

**MEMBERSHIP**

For all membership requirements refer to Chapter 7.

Points or placings for AHA Programs will only be recorded for horses shown by participants who are AHA members and hold a Competition Card.

**ARTICLE 2201. GENERAL RULES**

1. The AHA Awards Committee shall resolve any questions concerning application of these rules, subject to ratification by the AHA Board of Directors. Program effective January 1, 2002.
2. The Amateur Achievement Awards program is open to adult amateurs and junior exhibitors 17 and under, which are referred to as "amateurs" in these rules. Riders/Drivers/Handlers will be referred to as "riders" in these rules.
3. Amateurs must be current AHA members and must ride horses registered by the Arabian Horse Association, the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry, or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Register.
4. The titles or terms "Rider of Honor Champion", "Rider of Supreme Honor Champion", "Rider of Excellence Champion" "Handler of Honor Champion", "Handler of Excellence Champion", "Horseman of Merit Champion", "Horseman of Supreme Merit Champion" and "Master Horseman Champion" will be awarded to individuals who meet the requirements set out in the following sections. These titles are reserved by AHA for its express use.
5. Deceased riders may receive awards for which they were eligible, providing all applicable fees are paid.
6. Participation is limited to junior members or adult amateur individual members of AHA.
7. Arabians, Half-Arabians, and Anglo-Arabians may compete together at shows only in dressage, walk-trot/jog pleasure, barrels, poles, equitation and showmanship.
8. Achievement Award presentation guidelines:
  - a. If the presentation is to be made at a competition, it may only be made at the conclusion of a session or during a break in the schedule. The Judge(s) must not be present. (Refer to Article 2201.8.c) (BOD 1/ 02)
  - b. Amateurs scheduled to receive an award at a show or event may not be published or advertised in the show's prize list or used in show or event publicity unless such recipients are not entered in competition. (BOD 1/ 02)
  - c. Amateur Achievement Awards may not be presented at the National Shows.

**ARTICLE 2202. ENROLLMENT**

1. A \$35 enrollment fee for each amateur must be postmarked for initial enrollment prior to the first show or event of the year. (BOD 11/04)  
After initial enrollment, each member participant shall pay a \$30 renewal fee annually before the amateur's first show or event each year to remain current in the program. This renewal is the sole responsibility of the individual member. (BOD 11/04)
2. A \$75 retroactive fee must be paid for each year to pick up points that were earned prior to the member participant being enrolled in the program or the annual renewal fee being received by the AHA office. Points are earned (verified and recorded), based on these dates. Anything prior to said dates necessitates the retroactive fee. Retroactive points will not be permitted prior to the initial starting date of the program, i.e. January 1, 2002. (BOD 11/04)
3. Amateurs who are presented Rider or Handler of Honor, Rider or Handler of Supreme Honor and Rider or Handler of Excellence Champions may

proceed in the program for further awards, but must continue to pay the annual renewal fee before the participant's first show or event of each year.

4. Amateurs currently enrolled in the Amateur Achievement Awards Program can receive their show record on the web. Physical copies of show records can be purchased. (See fee schedule)

**ARTICLE 2203. SHOWS AND EVENTS USED IN THE AMATEUR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM**

1. A class that is USEF/EC rated and AHA Recognized.
2. Classes must use USEF or EC class specifications.
3. Shows must also meet all other requirements for AHA Show or Division Recognition. (Refer to Chapter 11)
4. An AHA Recognized Competitive Trail Ride or Endurance Ride sanctioned by AERC, or an AHA approved Competitive Trail Ride Association as listed in Chapter 15. An official of the competitive or endurance ride must send a signed copy of the ride results on official AHA ride completion forms to AHA.
5. An AJC Recognized race.
6. Amateur Achievement Award points are awarded for AHA Dressage Divisions and Dressage Open Shows in USEF, USDF, and/or the Canadian equivalent system in EC for Training Level through Grand Prix using the standard AHA Achievement Award Point System. All open Dressage report forms must be postmarked to the AHA office within 30 days of the competition. (Refer to Chapter 14.)
7. AHA accepts AHA/USEF Recognized Dressage Competitions retroactively for the purpose of accumulating AHA Amateur Achievement Awards points only if the competitor submits the retroactive fee (Refer to Article 2202.2) and completed open Dressage report form properly signed by the Technical Delegate or Show Secretary. (Refer to Chapter 14.)
8. Gymkhana Classes. The following classes are eligible for amateur achievement awards points:
  - a. Pole-bending to be run under USEF Arabian Rules
  - b. Cloverleaf Barrel Competition to be run under USEF Arabian Rules.
9. Eventing/Trials must be recognized by USEF, EC or USEA
10. Combined Driving Events/Trials must be recognized by USEF, EC, or ADS.
11. Pleasure (Carriage) Driving classes must take place in competitions recognized by USEA, EC, ADS or USEF.

**ARTICLE 2204. CLASSES WHICH ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**

Futurity classes, maturity classes, gymkhana (except barrels and poles in AHA Recognized Shows), get of sire, produce of dam, pro/am, local classes, restricted classes (except classes restricted to Maiden, Novice, and Limit Rider/Driver/Handler), mixed breed classes that include breeds other than Arabians, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians and "fun" classes, will not be considered for the Amateur Achievement Awards Program. (Exception: Open Dressage Shows, Endurance Rides, Competitive Trail Rides, Eventing/Trials, Pleasure [Carriage] Driving and Combined Driving.)

**ARTICLE 2205. POINT TABLE FOR SHOWS**

1. Points shall be awarded on the following basis:

Number of Riders in Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
2-3	1/2				
4-7	1				
8-11	2	1			
12-15	3	2	1		
16-19	4	3	2	1	
20 +	5	4	3	2	1

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2. No class of fewer than 2 riders shall receive points. (Exception: Articles 2205.11, 2205.12.)
3. Points for Championship Breeding, In-Hand, showmanship, performance and equitation classes of a show shall be awarded on the basis as above, but doubled. In Championship classes of 4-7 horses, the Reserve Champion shall receive one point. (Note: Sport Horse In-Hand Championships and Reserve Championships will have the number in the class determined by two horses in each lead-in class to that Championship. Such as: A 2 & Under Filly class, a 3 through 5 yr Mare class, and a 6 & Over Mare class will have 6 horses in the Championship & Reserve Championship class. A 3 & Under Stallion class and a 4 & Over Stallion class will have 4 horses in the Championship and Reserve Championship class.)
4. Working Hunter and Jumper Championships are not actual classes and do not count toward Amateur Achievement Awards. These Championships are an accumulation of points from the regular classes. These Championships are actually a "high point" award. If a specific hunter or jumper Championship Class were offered, then it would receive points for Riders.
5. In Breeding and In-Hand classes, "Grand Champions" that are chosen by the Champion mare competing against the Champion stallion and/or gelding will receive no additional points. No points will be awarded to handlers in mixed sex Breeding and In-Hand classes. (An exception is made when considering most classic Arabian and classic head classes.)
6. Junior Champion handlers will receive points, as indicated above (3). Junior, in this case, refers to the horse, not the handler.
7. Senior Champion handlers will receive points, as indicated above (3). Senior, in this case, refers to the horse, not the handler.
8. No points will be awarded to handlers in mixed gender Halter/Breeding/In-Hand classes. Exception: Showmanship.
9. Model and most classic Arabian, Half-Arabian, Anglo-Arabian and classic Arabian head classes shall be given points as in Article 2205, and shall be considered Handler Achievement Award points.
10. At least 50% of the Handler Achievement Award points must be earned in AHA Recognized regular Breeding and In-Hand classes, which fall within the Achievement Awards guidelines.
11. Rider placings at Regional Championships, Pacific Slopes Championships, East Coast Championships, East and West Canadian Breeders Championships shall receive the following points:
  - 12 points, Champion
  - 6 points, Reserve Champion
  - 4 points, remaining of Top five or Top Six.
 (Scores will not count; only final placings will determine points.)
12. Rider placings at AHA National Championship Shows shall receive the following points:
  - 30 points, Champion
  - 20 points, Reserve Champion
  - 10 points to the remaining eight of the Top Ten.
 (Scores will not count; only final placings will determine points.)
13. When the final placings result in a tie, points will be awarded for the highest place in the tie situation to each of those tied for the same place.

**ARTICLE 2206. DRESSAGE POINT TABLE**

1. For all Regional & National Competitions, points shall be accumulated pursuant to Articles 2205.11., 2205.12.
2. For all other shows, (Refer to Article 2203.6.) points shall be accumulated as follows:
  - a. USEF Training, First, Second Levels:
    - 55% - 58.999%: 1 point
    - 59% - 62.999%: 2 points
    - 63% - 66.999%: 3 points
    - 67% & Above: 4 points

- b. USEF Third, Fourth Levels:
  - 55% - 57.999%: 1 point
  - 58% - 60.999%: 2 points
  - 61% - 63.999%: 3 points
  - 64% & Above: 4 points
- c. Prix St. Georges & Intermediate I:
  - 55% - 56.999%: 1 point
  - 57% - 58.999%: 2 points
  - 59% - 60.999%: 3 points
  - 61% & Above: 4 points
- d. Intermediate II & Grand Prix:
  - 55% - 55.999%: 1 point
  - 56% - 56.999%: 2 points
  - 57% - 57.999%: 3 points
  - 58% & Above: 4 points

**POINT TABLE FOR ARTICLE 2207. ENDURANCE, ARTICLE 2208. COMPETITIVE TRAIL, ARTICLE 2209. EVENTING**

*	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>	10 <sup>TH</sup>
2-3	1									
4-7	2	1								
8-11	4	2	1							
12-15	6	4	2	1						
16-19	8	6	4	2	1					
20-23	10	8	6	4	2	1				
24-27	12	10	8	6	4	2	1			
28-31	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	1		
32-35	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	1	
36-39	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	1
40+	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

\* Number of Riders Starting Event (BOD 12/03)

**ARTICLE 2207. ENDURANCE RIDE POINTS**

Note: Limited Distance Rides of 25-49 miles and Endurance Rides of 50 miles and more are to count for Amateur Achievement Award Points. (BOD 5/05)

1. Six points for winning "Best Condition."
2. Four points for "Completion."
3. Figuring Point Value: Placing points from the above table are added to six "Best Condition" points and four "Completion" points and then are multiplied by the mileage percentage: the product is your achievement award point score for that ride. (See example below.) (Refer to Article 2207.5. or Article 2207.6. for Regional and National Championship rides.)

Example: 1<sup>st</sup> place on a 50-mile endurance ride with seven horses; the horse also won "Best Condition" on the same ride.

Placing Points From Table	2
Completion Points	+ 4
Best Condition	+ 6
Total Points For Ride	12
50 Mile Ride = 50% or 0.5	x 0.5
Achievement Point Score	= 6

Note: 100 Mile rides will not need to be multiplied.

65 Miles = 65%, etc.

25 Miles = 25%, etc. (BOD 5/05)

4. Points for Endurance Rides are earned by placing in the Top Ten, winning "Best Condition" and/or by "Completion" of a ride (fulfilling the requirements of the ride: i.e., time, veterinarian, parameters, etc.). (Refer to Article 2203.4.)
5. AHA Regional Championship Endurance Ride winners shall receive points equal to the amount of Regional Championship performance class winners,

(Refer to Article 2205.11.) plus, all riders who have completed a Regional Championship Endurance Ride will receive two completion points.

When an AHA Regional Championship Endurance Ride is held with an AERC/FEI Open ride, both rides are eligible for achievement award points. Refer to Article 1612 for procedures for Endurance Ride results reporting. (BOD 11/02)

1. AHA National Championship Endurance Ride winners shall receive points equal to the amount of National Championship performance class winners, (Refer to Article 2205.12.) plus, all riders who have completed a National Championship Endurance Ride will receive four completion points.

When an AHA National Championship Endurance Ride is held with an AERC/FEI Open ride, both rides are eligible for achievement award points. Refer to Article 1612 for procedures for Endurance Ride results reporting. (BOD 11/02)

7. In order to earn Achievement Award points for Open Endurance rides, either the Open Qualifying Ride Results Form must be completed and returned to AHA within 90 days of the ride date, or the Official AERC Horse Record must be submitted along with the AHA Open Qualifying Ride Results form to AHA by January 31 for rides completed the prior year. (Refer to Chapter 14, Articles 2308.6, 2308.7.) (BOD 5/02)

### ARTICLE 2208. COMPETITIVE TRAIL POINTS

Note: Ride must be minimum of 25 miles to count for competitive trail Achievement Award points. (Res. 38-98)

1. Four points for "Completion."
2. Figuring Point Value: Placing points from the above table are added to four "Completion" points and then are multiplied by the mileage percentage: the product is your achievement award point score for that ride. (See example below.) (Refer to Article 2208.5. or 2208.6. for Regional or National Championship rides.)

Example: 1<sup>st</sup> place on a 50-mile Competitive Trail ride with 10 horses in the division.

Placing Points From Table	4
Completion Points	+ 4
Total Points For Ride	8
50 Mile Ride = 50% or 0.5	x 0.5
Achievement Point Score	= 4

Note: 100 Mile rides will not need to be multiplied.

65 Miles = 65%,  
25 Miles = 25%, etc.

3. Points for Competitive Trail Rides are earned by placing in a division, winning "Grand Champion" (i.e., Sweepstakes Champion) or "Reserve Champion" (i.e., Reserve Sweepstakes Champion) on a ride, and/or by "Completion" of a ride (fulfilling the requirements of the ride as to time, veterinarian parameters, etc.). If placed in a division and also placed as Champion or Reserve Champion on the same ride, ONLY the Championship placing will be counted.
  - a. Points for divisions are based on the number of horses starting in the division, by using the competitive point table. Some examples of divisions are: Light Weight, Middle Weight, Heavy Weight.
  - b. Points for Grand and Reserve Champion are based on the total number of horses starting on the ride, by using the competitive point table.
4. In order to earn Achievement Award points for Open competitive trail, the proper AHA report forms must be completed and returned to AHA within 90 days of the ride date. (Refer to Chapter 14, Articles 2308.6, 2308.7.)
5. AHA Regional Championship Competitive Trail winners shall receive points equal to the amount of Regional Championship performance class winners, (Refer to Article 2205.11.) plus, all riders who have completed a Regional

Championship Competitive Trail Ride will receive 2 (two) completion points." (Article 2208.1. - 3. and chart not applicable for AHA Regional Championship Competitive Trail Rides).

When an AHA Regional Championship Competitive Trail ride is held with an 'Approved Ride Organization' Open ride, both rides are eligible for achievement award points. Refer to Article 1517 for procedures for Competitive Trail Ride results reporting. (BOD 11/02)

6. AHA National Championship Competitive Trail winners shall receive points equal to the amount of National Championship performance class winners, (Refer to Article 2205.12.) plus, all riders who have completed the National Championship Competitive Trail Ride will receive 4 (four) completion points." (Article 2208.1. - 3. and chart not applicable for AHA National Championship Competitive Trail Rides).

### ARTICLE 2209. EVENTING, COMBINED DRIVING, PLEASURE (CARRIAGE) DRIVING POINTS ALL BREED COMPETITIONS (BOD 12/03)

1. Eventing:
  - a. For successful completion of all phases of an event or trial (dressage, cross country, stadium jumping). In order for points to be awarded, horses shall not have been eliminated, retired or withdrawn.
    - 1) Novice Level = 2 points
    - 2) Training Level = 3 points
    - 3) Preliminary or above = 4 points
    - 4) Advanced or FEI Levels = 5 points
  - b. In addition, points for placing from the above table (all drivers entered and shown to be counted).
  - c. Percentage of points given per level:
    - 1) Novice Level 25% of points on table
    - 2) Training Level 50% of points on table
    - 3) Preliminary Level 75% of points on table
    - 4) Advanced and/or FEI Levels 100% of points on table
2. Combined Driving:
  - a. For successful completion of all phases of a competition (dressage, marathon, obstacles). In order for points to be awarded, drivers shall not have been eliminated, retired or withdrawn.
    - 1) Training Level = 3 points
    - 2) Preliminary Level = 4 points
    - 3) Advanced or FEI Levels = 5 points
  - b. In addition, points for placing in the above table. (All horses entered and shown to be counted.)
  - c. Percentage of points given per level:
    - 1) Training Level 50% of points on table
    - 2) Preliminary Level 75% of points on table
    - 3) Advanced or FEI Levels 100% of points on table
3. Pleasure (Carriage) Driving:
  - a. Completion and placing in pleasure (carriage) driving classes will be awarded points from table in Article 2205.
    - 1) Classes include, but are not limited to:
      - a) Pleasure Driving, Turnout,
      - b) Pleasure Driving, Working,
      - c) Drive & Ride,
      - d) Obstacle Driving, Pick Your Route,
      - e) Obstacle Driving, Double Jeopardy,

- f) Obstacle Driving, Fault & Out,
  - g) Obstacle Driving, Progressive,
  - h) Obstacle Driving, Gambler's Choice,
  - i) Obstacle Driving, Cross Country,
  - j) Timed Obstacles,
  - k) Pleasure Marathon, Turnout,
  - l) Pleasure Marathon, Timed,
  - m) Pleasure Marathon, Pace,
  - n) Pleasure Driving, Reinsmanship.
4. Exhibitor will send a completed form with proper information and signature for record keeping to the AHA office.

#### ARTICLE 2210. AWARDS

1. In the event the title Handler of Honor, Handler of Supreme Honor, Handler of Excellence, Rider of Honor, Rider of Supreme Honor, Rider of Excellence, Horseman of Merit, Horseman of Supreme Merit or Master Horseman is awarded, a proper letter of certification and a plaque shall be prepared and forwarded to the member/participant in the program. A proper notation shall be made on the records of AHA and printed in the *Modern Arabian Horse*, In order to receive an award, the participant must be current in the Amateur Achievement Awards program and must be a current AHA member.
2. The following are the awards contained within the Amateur Achievement Awards Program.
  - a. Handler of Honor Champion
  - b. Handler of Supreme Honor Champion
  - c. Handler of Excellence Champion
  - d. Rider of Honor Champion
  - e. Rider of Supreme Honor Champion
  - f. Rider of Excellence Champion
  - g. Horseman of Merit Champion
  - h. Horseman of Supreme Merit Champion
  - i. Master Horseman Champion

#### ARTICLE 2211. AMATEUR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **Handler of Honor Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 75 or more points exhibiting in Showmanship, Breeding and/or In-Hand classes.
2. **Handler of Supreme Honor Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 150 or more points exhibiting in Showmanship, Breeding and/or In-Hand classes.
3. **Handler of Excellence Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 300 or more points exhibiting in Showmanship, Breeding and/or In-Hand classes. Included within these 300 points must be two quality achievements, which are a Regional Top Five (or better) or a National Top Ten (or better) in Showmanship, Breeding and/or In-Hand class. One of these two quality achievements must be at the AHA National level. (BOD 3/06)
4. **Rider of Honor Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 75 or more points exhibiting in performance classes (includes driving), dressage, equitation, combined driving, eventing, pleasure (carriage) driving, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides.
5. **Rider of Supreme Honor Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 150 or more points exhibiting in performance classes (includes driving), dressage, equitation, combined driving, eventing, pleasure (carriage) driving, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides.

6. **Rider of Excellence Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 300 or more points exhibiting in performance classes (includes driving), dressage, equitation, combined training, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides. Included within these 300 points must be two quality achievements, which are a Regional Top Five (or better) or a National Top Ten (or better) in performance classes, dressage, equitation, combined driving, eventing, pleasure (carriage) driving, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides. One of these two quality achievements must be at the AHA National level. (BOD 3/06)
7. **Horseman of Merit Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 75 or more points. At least 30 of the points must have been won in Showmanship, Breeding and In-Hand classes and 30 of the points must have been won in any one or more of the following: performance classes (includes driving), dressage, equitation, combined driving, eventing, pleasure (carriage) driving, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides.
8. **Horseman of Supreme Merit Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 150 or more points. At least 60 of the points must have been won in Showmanship, Breeding and In-Hand classes and 60 of the points must have been won in any one or more of the following: performance classes (includes driving), dressage, equitation, combined driving, eventing, pleasure (carriage) driving, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides.
9. **Master Horseman Champion:** Awarded to any amateur individual AHA member participant who has accumulated 300 or more points. At least 120 of the points must have been won in Showmanship, Breeding and In-Hand classes and 120 of the points must have been won in any one or more of the following: performance classes (includes driving), dressage, equitation, combined training, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides. Included within these 300 points must be two quality achievements which are a Region Top Five (or better) or a National Top Ten (or better) in Showmanship, Breeding and In-Hand and a Regional Top Five (or better) or a National Top Ten (or better) in performance classes, dressage, equitation, combined driving, eventing, pleasure (carriage) driving, racing, competitive trail or endurance rides. One of these quality wins must be at the National level.