

Policy and Procedures

Items under this heading may be changed by majority vote of the Executive Board.

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1. EUPHA Sanctioned Horse Shows

All shows will be judged by American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules. For classes not in AQHA handbook any necessary decisions will be made by Executive Board.

EUPHA encourages all exhibitors to wear appropriate safety attire.

A pony will be less than 56 inches and a horse will be 54 inches and over. The animal will be designated either horse or pony at the beginning of the season and must show in that classification for that season. An exhibitor must be 16 years of age or younger to show a pony in all riding classes.

The age of the exhibitor will be determined as of January 1 of that calendar year.

Miniatures will be less than 38 inches. The animal will be designated either a mini or open horse at the beginning of the season, and must remain in that classification for the entire season. The exception is that designated minis are eligible for open driving.

Current negative Coggins is required.

2. EUPHA Membership for Hi-Point Year End Awards

To be eligible for year end awards, the exhibitor of the horse must be an EUPHA member before points will be counted towards year end awards. Points are counted from the date of membership through that membership year.

Points are tabulated on the mandatory classes as were accepted by EUPHA prior to the beginning of each show season. Points are given on a single horse-rider combination. An exhibitor may show more than one horse with points tabulated on each combination.

Points are awarded to each horse/rider combination. You must be an EUPHA member to be eligible. Every show counts towards year-end awards. Exhibitor receives one (1) point for every competitor that it beats in a class, with no limit on the number of points allowable, including one (1) point for the exhibitor's self. If a person scratches from a class prior to the start of the class, no points are awarded against the individual that scratched. Points are awarded based on the number of horses that showed, not the number of entries.

The Executive Board may require a minimum number of shows in order to qualify for Hi-Point and other Year End Awards. This minimum will be printed on the Show Bill.

Year-end awards will be presented in a class or compatible group of classes as determined by the Hi-Point Committee and Executive Board giving consideration to the financial status of the Association and the number of entries in each class. The method used to break a tie for the year-end awards shall be:

1. Points received times number of exhibitors in the class
2. The horse showing against the greater number of exhibitors
3. Exhibitor with the greatest number of 1st places

A Novice exhibitor is an individual rider in their first two (2) years of showing at all three gaits. Riders may show in Novice for a maximum of two (2) show seasons.

Walk/Trot exhibitors are not to enter any three (3) gaited classes. Once a rider advances to three (3) gaited classes, they are ineligible to move down or compete in walk/trot classes at any time in the future. Walk/Trot riders may show in Walk/Trot for a maximum of two (2) years. Walk/Trot riders must be 12 years old and younger.

3. Responsibility

The EUPHA will not be liable for any loss, personal injury, or damage to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be caused to any person whosoever by any horses(s) owned or exhibited by him and shall indemnify the management and Executive Board against all legally established claims or damages of any kind or nature that grows out of any horse owned by him or arises from the negligence of the person in charge of such horse.

When property is damaged, the Executive Board may deem the member causing such damage responsible for costs incurred. The charges must be paid in full before the next show or before any prizes are awarded.

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4. Registry Requirements

All horses to be entered in a registered class must show registration papers or proper photo-static copy of the same. In case of weanlings who have not received their registration papers by show time, proof that the foal is eligible to be registered must be shown. Properly filled out signed Breeder's Certificate and/or properly filled out signed Registration Application form from a recognized breed registry or photo-static copies of same.

Knowingly entering registered animals in grade classes will constitute disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and all winnings.

5. General Conduct

All EUPHA members and exhibitors must be courteous and respectful at all EUPHA functions, including but not limited to meetings, banquets, and shows. No personal slander or offensive comments will be tolerated. This includes any interaction pertaining to EUPHA—even outside of EUPHA functions.

All complaints must be submitted in writing with a \$25 handling fee, returnable if complaint is found valid by Executive Board. (Do we want to use the fair's wording for this?)

6. Discipline

It is within the jurisdiction of a recognized show to disqualify an exhibitor and/or his entries and to cause his/her to forfeit his/her winnings, ribbons, entry fees, and/or points at that show and for cause to have the horses removed from the grounds without being liable for damage. These persons may be suspended and/or expelled from EUPHA by Executive Board decision. EUPHA

reserves the right to refuse any entry of an exhibitor who has shown an objectionable attitude towards a given show or to its management, officials, or employees. Members who violate general conduct or other policies and procedures will be dealt with at the EUPHA Executive Board's discretion.

7. Roberts Rules of Order

Meetings of the EUPHA will be run on the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order. Revotes will not be allowed on any issue once it has been voted on and approved. A topic can only be reopened if the person had voted initially on that topic and has the support of the majority of the Executive Board.

8. Appointed Committees

The President shall designate a chairman for each committee from the Executive Board and assign remaining committee members at his/her discretion. Committees include but are not limited to the following: Judges, Banquet, Awards, Promotional/Advertising, Points, and Nominating.

9. Show Bill

The Show Bill will be determined by the Executive Board after a round table discussion by the regular membership. The Executive Board will develop the Show Bill based on the best interest of the EUPHA and taking into consideration the financial stability of the organization and well being of exhibitors.

10. Any Other EUPHA Business

Any other EUPHA business will be addressed by the Executive Board.