

Premier Point & Horse of the Year

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The premier point system is designed to encourage owners to get their horses out to the ASHA regional and ASHA National shows by awarding every horse that places at the show with points. Each horse that is shown in its halter class and is placed by the judge will be awarded show-points and the horse's sire and dam will be awarded breeding-points.

Horse of the Year:

The horse with the highest number of combined show-points and breeding-points will be named "Horse of the Year" and will be presented with a wall plaque and special note on the notification of the year end point standings. We plan on sponsors paying for a plaque. A picture of the horse is needed for the award.

Premier Point Geldings, Mares , & Stallions:

During a calendar year a horse gains show-points for itself and breeding-points for its sire and dam. These points are computed as show results are posted on the ShireHorse.org website. The top 20 of each category will be posted on ShireHorse.org under shows, "premier point system". Only the top 5 of each classification are considered "premier", but one could say, "She's 8th place in the premier running" in their marketing of the horse. The top 5 horses in each category will be noted in the year-end notification with the Horse of the Year. This will be sent to The Shire Magazine, Draft Horse Journal, Heavy Horse World and other Shire Organizations for their decision to print. **There are a total of seven Premier Point categories, five show-point categories and two breeding-point categories. Show-Point Categories: Junior Mare, Junior Stallion, Senior Mare, Senior Stallion, and Gelding. Breeding-Point Categories: Stallion and Mare.** The top horse in each of the seven categories will be presented with a wall plaque. A picture of the horse is needed for the award.

Qualifications:

The owner of the horse must be a member of ASHA for both show-points and breeding-points to be awarded. All horses registered with ASHA, SHS and CSHA qualify for show-points as long as the owner of the horse is a member of ASHA. Show-points will not be awarded to horses if the owner of the horse is not a member of the American Shire Horse Association at the time of the show.

Horses must be registered with ASHA for their dam and sire to be awarded breeding-points. Breeding-points will not be awarded to horses if the owner of the horse receiving the breeding-points is not a member of the American Shire Horse Association.

Horses shown at ASHA Regional shows will receive points as described below. Horses shown at the ASHA National show will receive double the points shown below.

In order to be a point show there must be 15 or more registered horses exhibited in halter. Any show with less than 15 registered Shires exhibited will not qualify for the point program.

Point System:

Horses in a class of any size, including just one in a class, are awarded show-points based on their placing. The number of animals in a class becomes the total number of show-points 1st place gets. 2nd place would get the number below that and so on. A class of 7 would offer 7 show-points to first place, 6 points to 2nd and 5 points to 3rd, etc. The sire and dam are awarded breeding-points which are points created by their progeny and give ½ the total number of show-points earned to the dam and to the sire.

Points are only awarded in the approved classes listed below. Any show that has additional/different classes must make sure its exhibitors are notified that no points will be given in these classes. Classes such as Best of Breed, Best State Bred, Supreme and any other class not listed below should show as usual, but no points are awarded in those classes. Divided classes such as foals born on or before a selected date and gelding classes based on weight do not qualify for points. Combined classes (by age or sex) can receive points only if all horses are placed. Junior and senior gelding championship classes do not qualify for points since most shows do not offer these classes.

Show coordinators will submit show results and the points will be updated as they are recorded. No corrections will be made after 90 days from the recording date, all verifications or concerns must be addressed before those 90 days. If a horse is disqualified from its class, the points are calculated as if the horse wasn't there and the other horses in that class are bumped up in points.

Points travel with the sale of horse; data such as ownership will be taken from ASHA's studbook.

Approved Classes:

- Registered Geldings 3 years old and under
- Registered Geldings 4 years and over
- Grand Champion Gelding: 4 points plus the total number of registered geldings shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Reserve Champion Gelding: 2 points plus the total number of geldings shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Stallion Foal (born after Jan 1 of calendar year)
- Stallion 1 year old
- Stallion 2 year old
- Junior Champion Stallion: 2 points plus the total number of junior stallions shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Reserve Junior Champion Stallion: points awarded equal the total number of junior stallions shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Stallion 3 year old
- Stallion 4 years and over
- Senior Champion Stallion: 2 points plus the total number of senior stallions shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Senior Reserve Champion Stallion: points awarded equal the total number of senior stallions shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Grand Champion Stallion: 4 points are added to the horses total points
- Reserve Champion Stallion: 2 points are added to the horses total points
- Mare Foal (born after Jan 1 of calendar year)
- Mare 1 year old
- Mare 2 year old
- Junior Champion Mare: 2 points plus the total number of junior mares shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Junior Reserve Champion Mare: points awarded equal the total number of junior mares shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Mare 3 year old
- Broodmare 4 and over – Must have had a foal that year
- Yeld Mare 4 years and over
- Senior Champion Mare: 2 points plus the total number of senior mares shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Senior Reserve Champion Mare: points awarded equal the total number of senior mares shown. All prior points are dropped.
- Grand Champion Mare: 4 points are added to the horses total show-points
- Reserve Champion Mare: 2 points are added to the horses total show-points
- Produce of Dam: breeding-points are awarded to the dam at the same rate as described in the “Point System” section of this document, no show-points are awarded
- Get of Sire: breeding-points are awarded to the sire at the same rate as described in the “Point System” section of this document, no show-points are awarded