

## POAC National High Point Award Descriptions

**High Point and Reserve Pony (Stakes) Awards for Mares, Stallions, and Geldings:** These awards are divided into three height divisions and are for 4 & Older POAs. Halter classes are included but not required to qualify for this award. Classes that count towards these awards include: Age group halter (not youth halter) plus any halter championship points, Trail 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Junior Trail, Senior Trail, Western Riding 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Reining 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Junior Reining, Senior Reining, Hunter Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Open Jumping, Native American Costume, Open Costume, Hunter Under Saddle 8&U 3-gait, 9-12, 13-18, Junior HUS, Senior HUS, Western Pleasure 8&U 3-gait, 9-12, 13-18, Junior WP, Senior WP, and all Gymkhana 8&U, 9-12, and 13-18 events. No equitation or Horsemanship classes count toward High Point Pony Awards.

**High Point Rider Awards (Riding Multiple Ponies) – 18&Under Award –** No halter classes included for this award. No new Pony/Rider combinations that are assigned once the show begins will count toward this award. Classes that count: Trail 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Junior Trail, Senior Trail, Western Riding 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Reining 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Junior Reining, Senior Reining, Hunter Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Open Jumping, Native American Costume, Open Costume, Hunter Under Saddle 8&U 3-gait, 9-12, 13-18, Junior HUS, Senior HUS, Western Pleasure 8&U 3-gait, 9-12, 13-18, Junior WP, Senior WP, all Gymkhana 8&U, 9-12, and 13-18 events, Showmanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Huntseat Equitation over Fences 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Bareback Horsemanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, English Equitation 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Western Horsemanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18. At the Congress, this award must be designated on a High Point Rider Designation Form before the show begins, or the rider will automatically be competing for High Point One Pony/One Rider Awards.

**High Point One Pony/One Rider Awards – 18 & Under Awards** broken down into three age groups and by boy and girl. Classes that count: Age group halter (not youth halter) plus any halter championship points, Trail 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Junior Trail, Senior Trail, Western Riding 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Reining 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Junior Reining, Senior Reining, Hunter Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Open Jumping, Native American Costume, Open Costume, Hunter Under Saddle 8&U 3-gait, 9-12, 13-18, Junior HUS, Senior HUS, Western Pleasure 8&U 3-gait, 9-12, 13-18, Junior WP, Senior WP, all Gymkhana 8&U, 9-12, and 13-18 events, Showmanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Huntseat Equitation over Fences 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Bareback Horsemanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, English Equitation 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, and Western Horsemanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18.

**High Point Leadline Awards –** This is a one pony/one rider award and is divided into boy and girl divisions for 6 & Under riders. The following classes count: Leadline Horsemanship 6&U, Leadline Costume 6&U, Leadline Trail 6&U, Leadline Showmanship 6&U, Leadline Cloverleaf Barrels 6&U, Leadline Flags 6&U, Leadline Single Pole 6&U, and Leadline Go Go 6&U.

**High Point Timed Events Pony –** This Award is divided into 8&U, 9-12, and 13-18 divisions. All 8&U, 9-12, and 13-18 Gymkhana classes count toward this high point award. Remember if a pony is ridden by two youth in two different age groups of the same event, you must designate which combination will receive the points. Also, if a youth is competing for High Point Rider and is riding two ponies in the same game classes, they must designate which pony they want the points to count.

**High Point Equitation Awards –** These rider awards are divided into 8&U, 9-12, 13-18 age groups and into boy and girl divisions. Classes that count include Showmanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Huntseat Equitation over Fences 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Bareback Horsemanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, English Equitation 8&U, 9-12, 13-18, Western Horsemanship 8&U, 9-12, 13-18.

**High Point Junior Pony Award** – Ponies that are five years of age and younger are eligible to compete for this award. Classes that count: Junior Western Pleasure, Junior Hunter Under Saddle, Junior Trail, and Junior Reining.

**High Point Junior Pony Futurity Classic Awards** – This pony award is offered to qualified POAs that are current in the JPFC payment process with the National POAC. Awards are divided into a 2-year-old division and a 3-4 year old division. A list of eligible POAs for the JPFC classes can be found on the POAC Website. The following classes count towards this high point: JPFC Western Pleasure, JPFC Hunter Under Saddle, and JPFC Trail.

**High Point Novice Award** – This is an 18&U award and is a rider award. All youth participating in novice classes must have submitted an eligibility form to the National POAC and have received a Youth Novice Card to prove eligibility. Classes that count include: Novice Huntseat Equitation W/T, Novice Huntseat Equitation W/T/C, Novice Hunter Under Saddle W/T/C, Novice Hunter Under Saddle W/T, Novice Horsemanship W/J/L, Novice Western Pleasure W/J, Novice Western Pleasure W/J/L, and Novice Horsemanship W/J. The only High Point Awards that an approved Novice Youth may qualify for at the Congress is the High Point Novice Award and High Point Timed Event Pony.

**High Point Yearling In-Hand Triad Award** – This is a pony award for yearlings in the following classes: Age group halter plus any halter championship points (no youth halter classes), Yearling In-Hand Trail, and Yearling Longe Line.

**High Point Two Year Old In-Hand Triad Award** – This is a pony award for two-year-olds in the following classes: Age group plus any halter championship points (no youth halter classes). Two-Year-Old In-Hand Trail, and Two-Year-Old Longe Line.

**Ivy Lane Performance High Point Award** – The following classes count towards this one pony/one rider 18&U award: Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Trail, Reining, Western Riding, Cloverleaf Barrels, Pole Bending, Go Go, Keyhole, Handy Horse. No Junior or Senior classes count.

**High Point 19 & Over Awards** – This is a one pony/one rider award AND if the same pony is being ridden by a youth, a designation must be completed prior to the show if the same pony is being ridden by a youth in the same corresponding class and the youth rider is competing for a pony/rider high point award. Classes that count towards this award: 19&Over Western Pleasure, 19&Over Hunter Under Saddle, 19&Over Trail, 19&Over Reining, 19&Over Huntseat Equitation, 19&Over Showmanship, and 19&Over Western Horsemanship.

**Please remember** – If a pony is ridden in more than one age group of a performance event, a designation must be completed to indicate which age group will receive the points. If a youth rides more than one pony in eligible events, the pony can receive both sets of points for ROM points, but the rider must designate which set of points will count if competing for a High Point Rider Award. Also remember a designation must be completed in the same pony is being ridden in corresponding events by a youth and an adult in the 19&O specific events. Also, remember that a tie occurs when determining High Point winners, ties are broken by the most firsts in classes that count for the specific High Point in question...if still not broken then the most seconds...if still not broken then the most placings. Also, the only High Point Awards that an approved Novice Youth may qualify for at the Congress is the High Point Novice Awards and the High Point Timed Events Pony Awards.