AWARDS

SHW800. GENERAL. Any horse declared ineligible from participation in AQHA-approved shows arising from violation of AQHA show rules is ineligible to receive any AQHA year-end award during that calendar year.

SHW801. GRAND CHAMPION - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH

- will be awarded in the open, amateur, and/or youth division to any horse earning the title of grand champion if there are five or more horses exhibited in the sex division. A trophy will be awarded to a horse the first time it earns a grand championship in each division - open, amateur and/or youth - under the current record ownership. If the horse subsequently earns another grand championship under the same ownership, the owner may purchase a similar trophy if the show does not award it.

SHW802. REGISTERS OF MERIT - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH DIVISION - There are three Registers of Merit; racing, halter/performance halter, performance. A Register of Merit or "ROM" is awarded when a horse:

SHW802.1 Racing ROM: has received at least one official speed index rating of 80 or higher in racing. A racing ROM is based on speed index rating only and not racing points.

SHW802.2 Performance ROM: in the open division, or an amateur or youth with any one horse in their respective division, has won at least IO points in one or more events (other than halter, performance halter and racing). No horse can be advertised as Register of Merit in any specific performance class without having won at least five points in that specific class.

SHW802.3 Halter/Performance Halter ROM: won at least IO points in halter/performance halter classes.

SHW802.4 Youth and/or amateur register of merits do not qualify a horse for advancement.

SHW803. ALL-AROUND - OPEN, AMATEUR, SELECT AMATEUR, YOUTH - a trophy will be awarded in the open, amateur, select amateur classes and/or youth division to any horse earning the title of all-around the first time it earns the all-around title under the current record ownership. If that horse earns another all-around title in another division - open, amateur, select amateur classes and/or youth - the owner may purchase a similar trophy if the show does not award it. The trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring stallion (except in the youth division where stallions are prohibited unless otherwise allowed), mare or gelding in events in shows approved by AQHA. Once the first-time complimentary trophy has been awarded, AQHA will subsequently award specially designed certificates to any horse earning the title of all-around or reserve all-around each time the title is earned in each - open, amateur, Select amateur and/or youth classes.

SHW803.1 For the open division all-around trophy to be awarded, the show must meet the requirement of a minimum of five halter classes for stallions, five halter classes for mares, five halter classes for geldings and one performance class.

SHW803.2 For the youth division all-around trophy to be awarded, four approved youth performance events must be offered whether the youth show is conducted separately or in conjunction with approved AQHA shows for exhibitors of all ages and/or amateur shows.

SHW803.3 For the amateur division all-around trophy to be awarded, for approved amateur performance events offered whether the amateur show is conducted separately or in conjunction with approved AQHA shows for exhibitors of all ages and/or youth shows.

SHW803.4 Only Select classes count for earning a Select allaround trophy. Should the Select class be combined with the amateur all-age class, the points earned by the Select will count toward their all-around eligibility as a Select.

SHW803.4.1 If a Select exhibitor exhibits in halter, team penning, ranch sorting or jumping, those classes will count even though they are not offered as a Select class.

SHW803.5 To be eligible for all-around honors, a horse in the open division, amateur in the amateur division, Select amateur in the Select amateur classes or youth in the youth division must compete in at least three AQHA-approved events in one division - open, amateur, Select amateur, or youth classes - in three or more categories.

Category I Halter/Performance Halter

Category II Reining

Working Cow Horse

Boxing**** Western Riding

Trail

Team Penning Category III

> Ranch Sorting **Barrel Racing** Pole Bending Stake Race****

Cowboy Mounted Shooting

Category IV Jumping

Working Hunter Hunter Hack

Western Pleasure Category V

2-Year-Old Western Pleasure*

Ranch Pleasure Hunter Under Saddle Pleasure Driving** Tie-down Roping Breakaway Roping****

Category VI

Dally Team Roping-Heading Dally Team Roping-Heeling

Cutting

****Category VII Showmanship at Halter

> Western Horsemanship **Hunt Seat Equitation Equitation Over Fences**

Category IX Versatility Ranch Horse

> Ranch Riding Ranch Trail Ranch Cutting Working Ranch **Banch Conformation**

Stallions Mares Geldings

Ranch Conformation (youth)

Mares Geldings

^{*} Open division only

^{**}Open and amateur divisions only

^{****}Amateur and youth divisions only

SHW803.6 The winner of the all-around award is determined by adding points earned by each horse in the open division, or contestant/horse in amateur, Select amateur and youth in every approved class in which it placed in the top nine. The horse in the open division, or contestant/horse in amateur, Select amateur and youth, having competed in at least three of the approved events in three or more categories and earning the greatest number of points shall be awarded the all-around trophy.

SHW803.7 Green western riding, Green trail, Green working hunter, Green jumping, Green western pleasure, Green hunter under saddle and boxing points do not count toward the all-around trophy. SHW803.8 SCORING. Horses competing in performance in the open division, or contestants in the youth, amateur or select amateur classes, placing in the top nine will be given one credit for each horse or contestant placing below them, plus one credit not to exceed nine credits for first place. **EXAMPLE:** In a class of nine or more horses, the first-place horse receives nine credits, second place eight credits, and so on through ninth place. In halter competition, horses in the open division, or contestants in the youth or amateur division, placing in the top nine, in divisions of five or more entries, will be given one credit more toward the all-around than any other entry one year old or older up to a maximum of nine credits if selected as grand champion of its sex division. In divisions of three to four entries, the grand champion will receive 1/2 more credit than any other entry one year old or older up to a maximum of nine credits. Likewise, if applicable, the reserve champion will receive as many credits as any other entry one year old or older in its sex division except for grand champion.

SHW803.8.1 No credits are to be awarded to a disqualified horse or contestant regardless of the number in the class. However, when less than nine are placed, even though more than nine entered the class, credits will be awarded on the basis of the number exhibited in the class.

SHW803.9 TIES The horse in the open, amateur, youth or Select, will be declared the all-around which:

SHW803.9.1 Earned credits in the greatest number of events

SHW803.9.2 The horse or contestant winning over the greatest number of horses

SHW803.9.3 Earned the most credits in performance events.

SHW804. SUPERIOR ALL-AROUND OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded to any individual youth or amateur exhibitor/horse combination or any stallion, mare or gelding in the open division that has earned 50 or more all-around titles.

SHW805. ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS. Following are categories in the open, youth and amateur divisions, to qualify for Register of Merit, AQHA Versatility, AQHA Champion, AQHA Supreme Champion, AQHA Superior (Event) Horse, AQHA Performance Champion and Youth Supreme Performance Champion awards.

Category I Halter

Performance Halter

Category II Reining

Working Cow Horse

Boxing****
Western Riding

Level I (Green) Western Riding*

Trail

Level I (Green) Trail*

Category III Team Penning

Ranch Sorting Barrel Racing Pole Bending Stake Race****

Cowboy Mounted Shooting

Category IV Jumping

Working Hunter

Level I (Green) Working Hunter*

Hunter Hack

Level I (Green) Jumping

Category V Western Pleasure

Level I (Green) Western Pleasure*
2-Year-Old Western Pleasure*
Ranch Horse Pleasure

Hunter Under Saddle

Level I (Green) Hunter Under Saddle*

Pleasure Driving**

Category VI Tie-down Roping

Dally Team Roping-Heading Dally Team Roping-Heeling Breakaway Roping****

Cutting and recognized Open NCHA

Cutting Contests

****Category VII Showmanship At Halter

Western Horsemanship Hunt Seat Equitation Equitation Over Fences Racing*****

Category VIII Racin

Category IX Versatility Ranch Horse

Ranch Riding
Ranch Trail
Ranch Cutting
Working Ranch
Ranch Conformation
Stallions

Mares Geldings

Ranch Conformation (youth)

Mares Geldings

Category X

Dressage

Category XI Equestrians With Disabilities

* Open division only

***** Register of Merit based on Speed Index only - not points

SHW806. VERSATILITY AWARD - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding in the open division, an amateur or youth with any one horse in their respective division that has earned 65 points in eight events with a minimum of 10 points earned in each of five separate events and five points earned in each of three additional events.

^{**}Open and Amateur divisions only

^{****}Amateur and Youth divisions only

SHW806.1 Halter/performance halter does not count toward the versatility award.

SHW807. AQHA CHAMPION - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded in the open division to any stallion, mare or gelding, or in the amateur and youth division to the contestant and his/her horse in their respective division that earns a total of 35 or more points in AQHA-approved competition or races (for open division AQHA champions only), providing that:

SHW807.1 Points have been won in five or more shows and under five or more different judges.

SHW807.2 A minimum of I5 of these points have been earned in halter/performance halter classes, with a minimum of eight points being earned during or after the horse's 2-year-old year. In open division only, at least two grand championships with five or more horses in the sex division must have been earned under two different judges with at least one of them being earned on or after the horse's 2-year-old year and/or two performance halter champions, with five or more in the class.

SHW807.3 A minimum of I5 of these points must be earned in performance events with a minimum of five points having been earned in each of at least two categories of performance events.

SHW808. SUPREME CHAMPION - OPEN DIVISION - will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding that has earned two official speed index ratings of 90 or higher (AAA) and earned a total of 40 points in recognized halter/performance halter and performance classes at five or more shows and under five or more different judges approved by AQHA or in races recognized by AQHA; providing that:

SHW808.1 A minimum of 15 of these points must be earned in halter/performance halter classes, with a minimum of eight of the points being earned during or after the horse's 2-year-old year. At least two grand champions, with five or more horses in the sex division, must have been earned under two different judges, with at least one of them being earned on or after the horse's 2-year-old year.

SHW808.2 At least 20 of those points must have been won in performance events at AQHA-approved shows or in races with at least eight of the 20 performance points earned in one or more of the following events:

Reining Ranch Pleasure

Western Pleasure
Western Riding
Jumping

Level I (Green) Western Riding
Level I (Green) Working Hunter

Working Hunter Hack

Hunter Under Saddle Level I (Green) Hunter Under Saddle

Level I (Green) Jumping Tra

Level I (Green) Trail

SHW808.3 At least eight of the 20 performance points earned in one or more of the following events:

Tie-down Roping Dally Team Roping-Heading
Cutting Dally Team Roping-Heeling

Working Cow Horse

SHW809. SUPREME CHAMPION - YOUTH, AMATEUR

 will be awarded when 50 points with one horse are earned in recognized halter/performance halter and performances classes at five or more shows and under five or more different judges providing that: **SHW809.1** A minimum of I5 of these points must be won in youth or amateur halter/performance halter classes, eight of which must have been earned during or after the horse's 2-year-old year,

SHW809.2 At least 20 points must be earned in youth or amateur performance events, with a minimum of five points having been earned in each of at least four categories of performance events as set forth in Achievement Awards.

SHW809.3 The remaining I5 points may be won in either youth or amateur halter/performance halter or youth or amateur performance events.

SHW810. SUPERIOR (EVENT) HORSE - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding in the open division, or in the amateur and youth division to the contestant and his/her horse in their respective division, that earned 50 or more points in one event, except for the title of superior race horse which requires 200 points.

SHW810.1 A horse in the open division or contestant and his/her horse in the amateur or youth division may receive this title for each separate event in which it has earned 50 points.

SHW810.2 Two hundred points are required for open division horses if the event is racing.

SHW810.3 In halter/performance halter, a minimum of 25 points must have been earned during or after the horse's 2-year-old year.

SHW811. PERFORMANCE CHAMPION AWARD - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding in the open division, or in the amateur and youth division to the contestant and his/her horse in their respective division, that has earned three individual performance superior event horse awards

SHW812. SUPREME PERFORMANCE CHAMPION AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded to any youth or amateur
earning six youth or amateur superior horse awards with the same
horse in performance events; not including halter/performance halter.
SHW813. YEAR-END HIGH-POINT HORSE - OPEN,
AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded annually based on the
number of points earned by an individual horse in the open division or
an amateur or youth with any one horse in their respective division
during that year's competition, in each AQHA-approved event in
which points are awarded.

SHW813.1 Two or more AQHA trophies will be granted in the event of a tie in the open, amateur and youth divisions. In the event of a tie for any corporate sponsored award, the winner will be the horse earning the final point the earliest in the year.

SHW813.2 The horse in the open division, and the amateur and youth with any one horse in their respective division, who earns more points during a calendar year than any other horse has earned in that event and in each sex division in halter/performance halter will be named the year's high-point earner for that event and an appropriate award will be given to the horse's record owner as of December 31.

SHW813.2.1 For a year-end high-point performance halter award, a horse must earn at least IO performance points in their respective division (open, youth, amateur) during the year in order to be eligible for a performance halter high-point (Example: If horse A has IOO performance halter gelding points and IO western pleasure points and horse B has I35 performance halter gelding points and 7 western pleasure points, then horse A is eligible for

year-end high point award in performance halter, but horse B is not eligible for the year -end high point award in performance halter)

SHW813.4 The high-point horse in the open division of the other two sex divisions in performance classes for each event during the year will be designated, and a certificate mailed to the record owner.

SHW813.5 Each of the top-IO point earners for that year in each event will be designated and a certificate mailed to the record owner.

SHW813.6 The top-IO junior horses (5 years of age and younger) and the top-IO senior horses (6 years old and older) in the open division or the top-IO amateurs and top-IO youth with any one horse in their respective divisions will be designated, and certificates mailed to the record owner in the open division and to the exhibitor in the youth and amateur divisions.

SHW813.7 At least one point must be earned in the youth division in an event for the year-end high-point award to be presented.

SHW814. YEAR-END HIGH-POINT EXHIBITOR - OPEN

- will be recognized based on the number of points earned by an individual in the open division during that year's competition.

SHW814.1 The exhibitor in the open division who earns more points during a calendar year than any other exhibitor will be named the year's high-point exhibitor and an appropriate award will be given.

SHW814.2 Each of the top-IO point earning exhibitors for that year will be designated and a certificate mailed.

SHW814.3 In the event of a tie, the winner will be the exhibitor earning the final point the earliest in the year.

SHW814.4 Green working hunter, green western pleasure, green western riding, green trail, green jumping, and green hunter under saddle points will not count toward highpoint exhibitor award.

SHW815. YEAR-END ALL-AROUND HIGH-POINT HORSE AND RESERVE ALL AROUND - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be given to the horse in the open division, and the amateur and youth with any one horse in their respective division, earning the most points in halter/performance halter and performance classes at AQHA-approved shows.

SHW815.1 Points must be earned in halter/performance halter and at least two of the performance categories set forth in the all-around (open, amateur, Select amateur, youth) award with a minimum of five points earned in the lowest category.

SHW815.2 Level I (Green) hunter under saddle, Level I (Green) trail, Level I (Green) western pleasure, Level I (Green) jumping, Level I (Green) western riding and Level I (Green) working hunter points will not count toward the all-around high-point horse award

SHW815.3 A certificate will be awarded to the high-point Select exhibitor in each amateur class.

SHW816. <u>LEVEL 2</u> (INTERMEDIATE) RIDER OF THE YEAR - AMATEUR. YOUTH - will be awarded to the amateur and youth accumulating the most points on a one horse/one amateur/youth basis in the following age categories:

SHW816.1 Amateur Age Categories:

- 30 & under
- 31 49

• Select(50 and over)

SHW816.2 Youth Age Categories

- II and under
- 12 14
- 15 18

SHW816.3 To be eligible for the award, the eligible amateur or youth exhibitor;

SHW816.3.1 cannot have won any AQHA points (in <u>Level 2</u> or <u>Level 3</u> open, youth or amateur division) prior to the year of the award.

SHW816.3.2 must be a current member

SHW816.3.3 must have his/her birthdate on file with AQHA by December I5 of the year of the award

SHW816.4 In the event of a tie, awards will be distributed to the person (I) winning amateur/youth points in the greatest number of different events; (2) with the greatest number of amateur/youth wins.

SHW816.5 Level 1 (Novice) points earned previously or during the Rookie year do not count against eligibility or towards tabulation for Level 2 (Intermediate) rider of the Year Awards.

SHW817. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION will be noted on a horse's record for outstanding achievements in special events not approved by AQHA. or special events results to be accepted, the following criteria must be met:

SHW817.1 The organization sponsoring the event must be national in scope and must apply to AQHA for approval of the event to be added to the list of events qualifying for this special recognition.

SHW817.2 The event must be open to all breeds of horses.

SHW817.3 After an event has been approved by AQHA as qualifying for this program, placings or standings of registered American Quarter Horses will be placed on that horse's record only if it placed first or second at that event or won \$10,000 or more in one approved event at one contest;

SHW817.4 The placings and/or standings must be provided to AQHA by the sponsoring organization within 60 days following the event.

SHW817.5 Alliances currently approved to submit Special Achievement Recognition events are:

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ABRA	American Buckskin Registry Association
CMSA	Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association
BFA	Barrel Futurities of America
IBHA	International Buckskin Horse Association
NCHA	National Cutting Horse Association
NRCHA	National Reined Cow Horse Association
NRHA	National Reining Horse Association
NSBA	National Snaffle Bit Association
PHBA	Palomino Horse Breeders of America
RHAA	Ranch Horse Association of America
RSNC	Ranch Sorting National Championships
SH0T	Stock Horse of Texas
USTPA	United States Team Penning Association
WCHA	World Conformation Horse Association

SHW817.6 Any registered American Quarter Horse that competes in the Olympic Games qualifies for recognition.