

**2023**

**FMHA HIGH POINT RULES <sup>1</sup>**

**PART ONE. ELIGIBILITY.**

1. Horses must be registered with the American Morgan Horse Association
2. Either the owner or the exhibitor of the horse must be a current member of the Florida Morgan Horse Association. The owner/exhibitor must have the award year's dues paid either on-line or directly to the FMHA Treasurer before midnight of the day prior to the published start date of any show for the placings in that event to be counted towards High Point awards.
3. The owner must nominate their horse(s) at the commencement of their memberships. This is done by filling out the membership application online or mailing the information to the FMHA Treasurer with their dues. A copy of the nomination/registration form can be found on the FMHA Website. If a member is competing in Equitation, their name must also be listed. Example of nomination:
  - a. OWNER: Roger Rabbit  
HORSE NAME: Eddie Valiant  
HORSE AGE: 10  
DIVISIONS TO COMPETE IN: Walk Trot, Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor, Carriage Driving  
RIDERS AND AGE\*: Dolores Barstand (49), Jessica Rabbit (15)  
EQUITATION NOMINATION: Jessica Rabbit
4. The owner/exhibitor must complete in eligible classes at 2 different shows to receive a High Point award.
5. Junior Exhibitors must not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the award year.
6. Shows eligible for calculation of High Point awards will be determined by the following:
  - a. The show must be held in the State of Florida (with the exception of Dixie Cup Horse Show held in Georgia)
7. The show must offer a Morgan division with at least one class in each of the following disciples- Morgan English Pleasure, Morgan Pleasure Driving, Morgan Classic Pleasure Driving, Morgan Classic Pleasure

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<sup>1</sup> The High Point Year is from January 1 through November 10<sup>th</sup>; this allows Members to review their points with the High Point Chair for the year prior to preparations for the FMHA Banquet.

Saddle, Morgan Hunter Pleasure, Morgan Western Pleasure, Morgan Equitation, Morgan Walk/Trot

- a. **IF** a show does not offer a **MORGAN DESIGNATED** class but offers a class in the OPEN BREED equivalent division, the points for the division will apply towards the High Point (“HP) in the specific division. **EXAMPLE(s):**

- i. SHOW A offers Morgan Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor. Sally Sue competes in Morgan Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor and won first place. Sally Sue would then receive the points towards the HP of Morgan Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor.

SHOW A did NOT offer Morgan Western Seat Equitation but offered Open Breed Western Seat Equitation. Riding the only Morgan in the class, Sally Sue decided to compete against all types of breeds and received 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 10 exhibitors; SINCE Show A did NOT offer a **Morgan Designated** Western Equitation Class, Sally Sue received the points for “First Place” Morgan Exhibitor in the HP calculation. The same applies if there were multiple Morgan horses competing in the division.

- ii. SHOW B offers the following classes: Morgan Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor, Morgan Western Seat Equitation and Open Breed Western Seat Equitation. Sally Sue competed in the Morgan Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Class and the Open Breed Western Seat Equitation Class. She decided not to compete in the Morgan Western Seat Equitation Class.

SINCE Sally Sue did not compete in the Morgan Designated Western Seat Equitation Class when SHOW B offered a Morgan Western Seat Equitation Class, she did not receive any points towards her HP in Western Seat Equitation. She did receive the points towards the HP in Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor since she competed in the Morgan Designated class.

8. For the following Divisions:

**Academy**, Carriage Driving, Dressage, Open Competition (Open Breed), and Exceptional Challenge

it is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to submit those placings with

the FMHA High Point Points and Records Form (found on the FMHA Website) to the High Point Chair no later than November 10 of the award year. Along with this Form, members must provide proof of show documentation. This can include: Results from the show (with show secretary signature), Judge's sheet with scores and placements, Copies of Entry Forms with results etc. For any questions please reach out to the High Point Chair:

**EXAMPLE**

- i. SHOW C: offers the following classes: Morgan Open Western Pleasure and Open Breed Western Pleasure

Van Helsing competed on his Morgan Horse Vamprina in the Open Breed Western Pleasure Class and received second.

SINCE Show C offered Morgan Designated Classes for Morgan Open Western Pleasure and Van Helsing competed in the Open Breed Western Pleasure and received 3<sup>rd</sup>. Van Helsing downloaded the FMHA High Point Points and Records form, filled it out with his results from the show knowing it is his responsibility to submit his results that include the following: show name, date(s) and signature of the show secretary to the High Point Chair no later than November 10 of the award year.

**Shows meeting this criteria are:**

UPHA Chapter 16 Spring (Little Gasparilla)

Gasparilla Charity

Citrus Cup Regional

Dixie Cup

Summer Fun

Summer's End

Ocala International

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**PART TWO: HOW POINTS ARE CALCULATED**

The Following shows are eligible for the FMHA High Point Program:

- UPHA Chapter 16 Spring Show (Little Gasparilla)**
- Gasparilla Charity**
- Citrus Cup \*\***
- Dixie Cup**
- Summer Fun**
- Summer’s End \*\***
- Ocala International**

Qualifying Classes:

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|--------|---|---|---|---|
| Place  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Points | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Championship Classes

|        |    |   |   |   |
|--------|----|---|---|---|
| Place  | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Points | 10 | 6 | 4 | 2 |

**\*\*Double Points\*\***

Placings at the **Citrus Cup Regional** and **Summers End** will earn **Double Points.**

**\*IMPORTANT\***

- In High Point divisions that offer an Open<sup>2</sup> category, the following Open classes will NOT be counted:
  - Junior Horse, Novice, Maiden, Limit, Ladies, Gentlemen
- In High Point divisions that offer an Amateur category, the following Amateur classes will NOT be counted:
  - Amateur Masters, Amateur Ladies, Amateur Gentlemen, Junior Exhibitor

<sup>2</sup> Morgan Open, these are the classes that anyone can show in and are not amateur or junior exhibitor designated classes.

- In High Point divisions that offer a Junior Horse Category, ~~only Junior Horse classes will be counted.~~
- In High Point divisions that offer a Junior Exhibitor category, Equitation and Walk/Trot classes will NOT be counted.

\*Points will be accumulated in the specific class. For example, amateur riders competing in an Open<sup>3</sup> class will receive Open points, not Amateur points. However, in any combined Amateur/Junior Exhibitor class, the amateur's placing will count toward the Amateur award, the junior's placing will count toward the Junior Exhibitor award.

\*Points will transfer to a new owner when a horse is sold to another current FMHA member in the award year. It is the new owner's responsibility to notify the High Point Chairman of the ownership change.

\*For **Academy**, **Carriage**, **Dressage**, and **Open Show High Point** awards, it is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to submit those placings with the FMHA High Point Points and Records form attaching proper proof of documentation to the High Point Chairman no later than November 10 of the award year.

\***Exceptional Challenge**- Special Rules apply to this award only. To be eligible for High Point, the rider's instructor, trainer or family member must be a member of FMHA. In this division only, the horse is not required to be a Morgan. Eligible classes must be part of an "Exceptional Challenge" division to count toward this award. Riders must complete in at least 2 classes to qualify, which may be at the same show. It is the responsibility of the rider's instructor, trainer or family member to submit those placings with the FMHA High Point Points and Records form attaching proper proof of documentation to the High Point Chairman no later than November 10 of the award year.

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<sup>3</sup> Morgan Open, these are the classes that anyone can show in and are not amateur or junior exhibitor designated classes.

### **PART THREE: HIGH POINT AWARD DIVISIONS**

High Point awards are presented at the FMHA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Awards and Ribbons are presented to Champions and Ribbons to Reserve Champions in each of the High Point Categories:

#### **CLASSIC PLEASURE**

Classic Pleasure Driving Open  
Classic Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor  
Classic Pleasure Saddle Open  
Classic Pleasure Saddle Junior Exhibitor

#### **ENGLISH PLEASURE**

English Pleasure Open  
English Pleasure Amateur  
English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor

#### **HUNTER PLEASURE & WORKING HUNTER**

Hunter Pleasure Open  
Hunter Pleasure Amateur  
*\*note: Working Hunter placings will count toward either the Open Hunter OR Amateur Hunter award, not both*  
Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor

#### **PLEASURE DRIVING**

Pleasure Driving Open  
Pleasure Driving Amateur  
Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor

#### **WESTERN PLEASURE**

Western Pleasure Open  
Western Pleasure Amateur- Includes AOTS  
Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor

#### **WALK/TROT**

Walk/Trot Pleasure- Includes all Morgan walk/trot pleasure classes  
Walk/ Trot Equitation- Includes all Morgan walk/trot equitation classes

#### **EQUITATION**

Saddle Seat Equitation- includes all Morgan saddle seat equitation classes, including AMHA medal classes and UPHA Morgan Classes. Does not include. Classic Equitation classes

Classic Saddle Seat Equitation- includes all Morgan classic saddle seat equitation classes, including AMHA medal classes

Hunt Seat Equitation- includes all Morgan hunt seat equitation classes,

including AMHA medal classes

Western Equitation- includes all Morgan western seat equitation classes, including AMHA Medal Classes

## **OPEN/MISC**

Carriage Driving- All shows with carriage driving classes are acceptable.\*\*\*

*\*For Carriage, Dressage, Virtual Show and Open Show High Point awards, it is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to submit those placings with the FMHA High Point Points and Records form attaching proper proof of documentation to the High Point Chairman no later than November 10 of the award year.*

Dressage- All shows with Dressage classes are acceptable.\*\*\*

*\*For Carriage, Dressage, Virtual Show and Open Show High Point awards, it is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to submit those placings with the FMHA High Point Points and Records form attaching proper proof of documentation to the High Point Chairman no later than November 10 of the award year.*

Open Competition/ Open Breed Shows- At Open Shows, any style of riding or driving is acceptable. This includes any Open Breed class at rated shows.\*\*\*

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Exceptional Challenge- Special rules apply to this award only. To be eligible for High Point, the rider's instructor, trainer, or family member must be a member of FMHA. In this division only, the horses are not required to be **Morgan Horses**. Eligible classes must be part of an "Exceptional Challenge" division to count toward this award. Riders must compete in at least 2 classes to qualify, which may be at the same show. \*\*\* \*

*Exceptional Challenge- Special Rules apply to this award only. To be eligible for High Point, the rider's instructor, trainer or family member must be a member of FMHA. In this division only, the horse is not required to be a Morgan. Eligible classes must be part of an "Exceptional Challenge" division to count toward this award. Riders must complete in at least 2 classes to qualify, which may be at the same show. It is the responsibility of the rider's instructor, trainer or family member to submit those placings with the FMHA High Point Points and Records form attaching proper proof of documentation to the High Point Chairman no later than November 10 of the award year.*

ACADEMY- To be eligible for High Point, the rider must be a member of FMHA. In this division, the horses are not required to be **Morgan Horses**. Eligible classes must be part of an "Academy" division to count toward this award. Riders must compete at least 2 shows. \*\*\* \*

*It is the responsibility of the rider's instructor, trainer or family member to submit those placings with the FMHA High Point Points and Records form attaching proper proof of documentation to the High Point Chairman no later than November 10 of the award year.*

## **OVERALL AWARDS**

Amateur Rider/Driver 18-49\*- the amateur rider/driver earns the points, not the horse. Includes only placings in Open Amateur classes in the following divisions: English Pleasure, Classic Pleasure Saddle, Classic Pleasure Driving, Hunter Pleasure, Pleasure Driving and Western Pleasure.

Amateur Masters 50+\*- the amateur rider/driver earns the points, not the horse. Includes placings in Open Amateur and Amateur Master's Divisions in the following divisions. English Pleasure, Classic Pleasure Saddle, Classic Pleasure Driving, Hunter Pleasure, Pleasure Driving, and Western Pleasure.

Amateur Ladies- the amateur rider/driver earns the points, not the horse. Includes only placings in Amateur Ladies or Ladies Classes (ridden by an Amateur) classes in the following divisions: English Pleasure, Classic Pleasure Saddle, Classic Pleasure Driving, Hunter Pleasure, Pleasure Driving and Western Pleasure.

Junior Exhibitor Rider/Driver- The rider/driver must have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the award year- includes placings in all Junior Exhibitor and Walk/Trot Pleasure and Equitation Classes.

Junior Horse- Includes placings received by a Junior Horse which is nominated at using the nomination form including the age of the horse. Classes include all Junior Horse Designated Classes and all Open Classes; Amateur and Junior Exhibitor Classes shown by the horse do not count towards this overall award.