

**East Gippsland Performance Quarter Horse Association
Hi Point Categories, Classes and Rules for the 2009/10 Season**

No	POSITION	CATEGORY	CLASS
1	High Point & Runner Up	Halter (Horse)	QUARTER HORSE COLT/STALLION (any age)
			QUARTER HORSE FILLY/MARE (any age)
			QUARTER HORSE GELDING (any age)
			APPALOOSA COLT/STALLION (any age)
			APPALOOSA FILLY/MARE (any age)
			APPALOOSA GELDING (any age)
			PAINT COLT/STALLION (any age)
			PAINT FILLY/MARE (any age)
			PAINT GELDING (any age)
			PAINT BRED COLT/STALLION (any age)
			PAINT BRED FILLY/MARE (any age)
			PAINT BRED GELDING (any age)
			ALL OTHER BREEDS COLT/STALLION (any age)
			ALL OTHER BREEDS FILLY/MARE (any age)
ALL OTHER BREED GELDING (any age)			
2	High Point & Runner Up	Junior Horse (Horse)	JUNIOR HORSE HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			JUNIOR HORSE WALK/TROT
			JUNIOR HORSE WALK/JOG
			JUNIOR HORSE WESTERN PLEASURE
			JUNIOR HORSE TRAIL
3	High Point & Runner Up	Senior Horse (Horse)	SENIOR HORSE HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			SENIOR HORSE WALK/TROT
			SENIOR HORSE WALK/JOG
			SENIOR HORSE WESTERN PLEASURE
			SENIOR HORSE TRAIL
4	High Point & Runner Up	Youth (Rider)	YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP
			YOUTH HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			YOUTH HUNT SEAT EQUITATION
			YOUTH WALK/TROT
			YOUTH WALK/JOG
			YOUTH WESTERN PLEASURE
			YOUTH WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
			YOUTH TRAIL
5	High Point & Runner Up	Improver (Rider)	IMPROVER SHOWMANSHIP
			IMPROVER HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			IMPROVER HUNT SEAT EQUITATION
			IMPROVER WALK/TROT
			IMPROVER WALK/JOG
			IMPROVER WESTERN PLEASURE
			IMPROVER WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
			IMPROVER TRAIL
6	High Point & Runner Up	Beginner Youth (Rider)	BEGINNER YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP
			BEGINNER YOUTH HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			BEGINNER YOUTH HUNT SEAT EQUITATION
			BEGINNER YOUTH WALK/TROT
			BEGINNER YOUTH WALK/JOG
			BEGINNER YOUTH WESTERN PLEASURE
			BEGINNER YOUTH WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
			BEGINNER YOUTH TRAIL
7	High Point & Runner Up	Beginner Adult (Rider)	BEGINNER ADULT SHOWMANSHIP
			BEGINNER ADULT HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			BEGINNER ADULT HUNT SEAT EQUITATION
			BEGINNER ADULT WALK/TROT
			BEGINNER ADULT WALK/JOG
			BEGINNER ADULT WESTERN PLEASURE
			BEGINNER ADULT WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
			BEGINNER ADULT TRAIL

8	High Point & Runner Up	Amateur Owner (Rider)	AMATEUR SHOWMANSHIP
			AMATEUR HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			AMATEUR HUNT SEAT EQUITATION
			AMATEUR WALK/TROT
			AMATEUR WALK/JOG
			AMATEUR WESTERN PLEASURE
			AMATEUR WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
			AMATEUR TRAIL
9	High Point & Runner Up	Amateur (Select) Owner (Rider)	AMATEUR SELECT SHOWMANSHIP
			AMATEUR SELECT HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
			AMATEUR SELECT HUNT SEAT EQUITATION
			AMATEUR SELECT WALK/TROT
			AMATEUR SELECT WALK/JOG
			AMATEUR SELECT WESTERN PLEASURE
			AMATEUR SELECT WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
			AMATEUR SELECT TRAIL
10	High Point & Runner Up	Reining (Horse)	OPEN REINING
			BEGINNER REINING

EGPQHA Rules and Regulations for Hi Point category and competition

Hi Points Allocation

- * If the number in a class is 11 or over then 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1 points will be allocated for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th
- * If the number in a class is 10 or under then 4, 3, 2, & 1 points will be allocated for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
Then if the number in a class is 3 then 3, 2, & 1 points will be allocated for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Then if the number in a class is 2 then 2, & 1 points will be allocated for 1st, & 2nd
And finally if the number in a class is 1 then 1 point will be allocated for 1st
- * For a "Double Points" show, allocation will be 2 x the above values

Examples of the points allocation system are shown on the table at right

	PLACING IN CLASS					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
11 or more	6	5	4	3	2	1
10 to 5	4	3	2	1		
3	3	2	1			
2	2	1				
1	1					

Tabulation of Points

- * Riders will only get points from date of joining EGPQHA
- * Horses will only get points from the date of owner/s joining EGPQHA
- * Points will not be backdated for any reason (except office errors of EGPQHA)
- * To qualify for a Hi Point Award members must have attended a minimum of 4 x shows in the year
- * It is the responsibility of members to notify the committee of any change to the information pertaining to Hi Point issues

Youth Hi Point Rules

- * In events were 2 horses may be ridden (i.e. western horsemanship and trail), points from the highest placed horse will be tabulated for hi point awards
- * Youth are 18 and below (as at the 1st of August 2009)

Amateur & Amateur Select Hi Point Rules

- * In events were 2 horses may be ridden (i.e. western horsemanship and trail), points from the highest placed horse will be tabulated for hi point awards
- * Please see AQHA rules to clarify amateur status

Improver Rules in general

- * Improver classes are designed to give newcomers into the Western Industry a chance to experience showing and competition
- * Improvers who accumulate 20 or more points at the end of any year in any individual class or overall for the year will no longer be eligible to ride in improver classes during subsequent years
- * An improver is a rider who does not receive any remuneration or payment for training horses for others.
- * Improver classes are based on the Riders ability regardless of the horse
- * Improvers may compete in Improver classes for the complete year, regardless of the quantity of points won.
- * Improvers may compete either a snaffle, hackamore or curb bit and may ride one or two handed

Beginner Rules in General

- * Beginner classes are designed to give beginners into the Western Industry a chance to experience showing and competition without an outlay for gear and equipment
- * A beginner Horse & Rider class is designed for a combination of horse & rider where neither have won 3 blue ribbons in that class
- * Beginners who win 3 blue ribbons in any individual class (including Improver classes) will no longer be eligible to ride in that class at subsequent shows

Attire & Tack for Improver and Beginner Classes

- * All riders must wear: - long pants or jeans, a long sleeve shirt, boots with a heel (e.g. Western style boots or Jodhpur boots) and a hat/cap
- * Approved safety helmets are optional for all riders
- * Any bridle is permitted providing it is legal to AQHA rules (ask show committee if you are unsure)
- * Riders may use 2 hands on reins regardless of bridle
- * Any type of saddle is permitted
- * No training aids are permitted as per AQHA rulings
- * Unregistered horses are permitted

General Notes

- * Improver and Beginner Rider/Horse combinations are excepted at the discretion of the committee and may be reviewed at any time.
- * The committee's decision is final
- * In "specific" events, i.e. Quarter Horse Colt/Stallion, the horse must be registered with the relevant breed society. The "other breeds" halter classes are specially for unregistered horses, that do not fit in the above categories
- * Western Junior horse classes are for horses that are 5 years and under. They may be shown two handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one handed in a curb bit.
- * Western Senior horse classes are for horses 6 years and over. They must be shown in a curb bit and ridden one handed.
- * English classes are as per the AQHA rules and regulations
- * All gear, equipment and clothing is as per the AQHA rules and regulations.