

**OKLAHOMA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
RULES & CONDITIONS
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GENERAL RULES

1. Owner(s) and/or lessee(s) must be current members of the OQHA to be eligible for State Championship awards.
2. The point counting period for the State Championship program will start the first Monday of October to the first Monday in October of the following year.
3. Points will be counted for horses owned by OQHA members that show in OQHA approved shows. Points earned in ALL AGE performance classes will be posted to the appropriate junior or senior class.
4. Points are not transferable (ie points earned in the stallion classes cannot be transferred if the horse is gelded).
5. In case of a tie, the horse shown in the greatest number of shows will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the horse placing highest in these shows will be declared the winner.
6. **Membership:** OQHA membership is due January of each year. If the membership is paid between January 1 and March 31, state points will be tabulated for the entire point counting period. If the membership is paid after March 31 for the current year, state points will be tabulated beginning with the day the membership is paid to the OQHA office.
7. Point tabulations will be published, when possible, on the OQHA website.
8. Points will be tabulated from show records submitted by each approved show.

POINT COUNTING SYSTEM

1. OQHA Champion & Reserve Champion awards will be given in each approved AQHA Open Division classes, including halter. The horse placing in the top nine (9) will be given a point for each horse placing below them, plus one point, not to exceed nine (9) points for first place. Points are calculated through ninth place. For example: In a class of nine or more horses, the first place horse receives nine points, second place receives eight points, and so on down through ninth place. In a class of four entries, the first place receives four points, second place, three points, etc.
2. Halter champions, will be awarded a bonus of two (2) points for Grand champion and one (1) point for Reserve champion.

CLASSES ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END

AWARDS

1. AQHA Open Division Classes must be offered a minimum of five (5) times during the point counting year. The horse must have shown in at least five (5) shows to earn a championship award for the class **Exception: Cutting and**

Working Cow Horse classes.

AWARDS

1. Awards will be selected by the State Championship Committee.
2. Additional awards and special recognition awards may be added to the program by the State Championship Committee, with the approval of the OQHA Board of Directors, if conditions arise which merit expansion of the program. In all matters, the decision of the OQHA Board of Directors will be final.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

1. The OQHA will not be responsible for errors or omissions on show results submitted by show secretaries.
2. No credit can be given if the entry does not conform to the rule on OQHA membership of owner(s) and/or lessee(s).
3. If a horse is sold, points earned prior to the date of sale will continue to count, provided the OQHA office is notified of the sale and the new owner(s) and/or lessee(s) are members of the OQHA.
4. Any owner(s) and/or lessee(s) intentionally submitting false information will forfeit points earned.
5. Any owner(s) and/or lessee(s) disciplined or suspended by AQHA will not be allowed to participate in the State Championship program.
6. Any owner may petition for correction of errors on reports of any show results by filing a written request within ten (10) days after standings are posted on the OKQHA website, and by providing evidence of such error.
7. Any owner(s) and/or lessee(s) may petition for corrections of errors in the results by filing a written request and by providing evidence of such error, with the OQHA office, not later than ten (10) days after the OQHA Convention and Awards Banquet.
8. **Member Note:** For year-end prizes if you are winning more than one level, you are only eligible to win one buckle within the same class. Example: If you are leading the Sr Western Pleasure Level 3 you would not be eligible to win both the Sr Western Pleasure Level 2 and 3. The buckle would go to the next in line.