

**REGION XI CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
2011 ENGLISH/WESTERN/HALTER
HIGH POINT PROGRAM RULES**

SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Region XI High Point program is sponsored by the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc. on behalf of the California State Horseman's Association (CSHA) and residents living within or near the area of Region XI. Region XI is made up of Riverside County, with the exception of the city of Calimesa. The purpose of the program is to encourage participation in equestrian activities and to develop sportsmanship through competition.

B. The program consists of participants registered in categories. Each category will establish the top qualified, high-scoring participants, who will be honored at a Year-End Awards Banquet. The top 10 overall riders in each age break (not division) will be eligible to compete at the state Show of Champions (SOC) held in October, **even though the age breaks are grouped at the Region XI shows**. Should one of the top 10 choose not to or are unable to compete, the next highest rider will be able compete.

C. Competition begins with the first Region XI approved show held and ends with the last Region XI approved show. The schedule will be posted on the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley website, www.trailseekersmv.org, the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley Show Series Website, <http://www.trailseekersmvhorseshow.webs.com>, and the schedule will be listed on the Trailseekers Show Premiums. Competitors are eligible to compete in the CSHA Show of Champions and represent their Region as a Champion as well as a team competitor **as long as all program requirements are met**.

SECTION II. PARTICIPANTS

A. Any person living in the Region XI area or any person with an approved transfer to Region XI may enter the program, compete, and earn points. Program participants must be current CSHA members to be eligible to compete in the Region High Point program and/or Show of Champions. CSHA member is defined as any individual senior member, family member, life member, commercial member, or a member of a CSHA member club (such as Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.) in good standing.

B. All Program participants registered in the English, Western or Reining Adult Amateur (A/A) division **MUST** qualify for amateur status according to CSHA rules and apply for a CSHA Amateur card or obtain a breed/registration association current qualified Amateur Card.

C. Horses that are registered in the Halter division must be shown by the handler that they are signed up with in order for points to count.

D. Rider registration is as follows:

1. Any Amateur or Professional rider, who is a Region XI member, may compete in this program by submitting an application and appropriate fees to their Region XI High Point Chairperson.

2. Riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of January 1, 2011, will remain in the same age category as of January 1, 2011 and will be entered as Junior riders. Riders 18 years and older will be entered as Amateur Adults (with proof of Amateur standing). Similar ages for other class groups apply - age as of January 1, 2011.

3. Registration in a category is by **HORSE AND RIDER/HANDLER COMBINATION**. Such combination is defined as one horse and rider/handler per category, with no substitutions. The Lead Line handler is exempt.

E. Participants must be registered in their Region High Point Program to receive points and compete for Year-End Awards. There is an entry fee of \$10.00 for **EACH** division and \$5 administration fee. Applications received that are incorrect or incomplete will be returned to the participant and then must be returned to the chairperson, corrected, within 14 days to count for any points that accrued from the first application. All participants may inquire to the Region XI English/Western chairperson to inform them of point standings.

F. Any participant who issues a bad check shall forfeit any and all points and all rights in the High Point Program. Show management shall notify the High Point Chairperson of any bad checks received as soon as possible. If restitution is not made to show management within 30 days, the participant shall be barred from further participation in Region XI approved shows. In accordance with California Civil Code, damages may be recovered not to exceed three times the amount of the check or \$1,500.00. If restitution is made within 30 days, it shall be in the amount of the check plus bank fees.

SECTION III. GENERAL AND SPECIAL RULES

A. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors/participants to know and understand the rules under which they show. **KNOW YOUR REGION SHOW RULES!!!** Read the Region rules and show premium thoroughly. Keep your rules close at hand.

B. Cross entry is allowed between Amateur Adult and Junior Age breaks.

C. The State High Point program has created a Medal Class for Region XI program participants. See the CSHA Bylaws, revised November 2010. Region XI will not be offering Medal classes; however, the qualified rider may enter the Medal Class and other classes in their qualified division at the SOC even though we did not offer those classes at the Region level.

D. Program participants may compete in their Age Break division and Open division at the SOC as long as all double fees are paid and they have qualified for each division at the Region level. Year-End Awards at the Region level will include points earned in the Age Break division as well as the Open division.

E. The Region XI Sporthorse/Hunter-In-Hand and English/Western Obedience classes are not SOC offered classes and are offered only at the Region level. The SOC Leadline class is offered only for those ages 6 and under, while the Region XI Leadline class is offered for ages 8 and under. Jumpers (not to exceed 12") is not offered at SOC.

F. Juniors (persons under 18 years of age) will not exhibit stallions.

G. Program participants must attend a MINIMUM of (3) REGION XI APPROVED SHOWS at the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center and OBTAIN A MINIMUM of (1) \$100.00 CLASS SPONSORSHIP and EITHER 6 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, DO BY SELF OR A DELAGATED PERSON, OR AN ADDITIONAL \$100 SPONSORSHIP to be eligible for Region XI Year-End High Point Awards. In the event that a sponsorship cannot be obtained, or second sponsorship/volunteer hours are not obtained, the participant will still be eligible to attend the state Show of Champions if he/she ranks in the top ten high-points.

H. Region XI point calendar runs from March 1 through August 30 for the 2011 year. Points earned in the 2011 Region XI approved shows will determine program placing.

SECTION IV. AWARDS

A. A suitable award will be presented to the Region XI Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Five of each High Point category listed below. No awards will be granted to any program participant without verification of sponsorship obtained, attending a minimum of three shows at the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center, completing either 6 hours of volunteer service or obtaining a second sponsorship, and current CSHA or Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc. membership. Awards must be picked up at the Region XI Year End Awards banquet either by the participant or a person with written permission from the participant. Any awards not picked up at the banquet will be held for 30 days. During this time the participant must contact the program chairperson to arrange for receiving their awards. Those awards not claimed within the 30 day time will be returned to the high point program for reuse or sale.

High Point Categories and Qualifying Classes

1. HALTER Qualifying Classes

- a. Junior Horse – classes 1, 2, 3, or 4; 5 or 6; 7 or 8; 9, 10
- b. Senior Horse - classes 2, 3, or 4; 5 or 6; 7 or 8; 11, 12
- c. Open- classes 2, 3, or 4; 5 or 6; 7 or 8; 10 or 12

2. LEADLINE Qualifying Classes (only ages 6 and under qualify for SOC, ages 7 & 8 qualify for Region Only Award)

- a. Leadline – class 18

3. ENGLISH Qualifying Classes

- a. Walk/Trot classes 19, 23, 24 and showmanship 13 or 14 and 15, and 16 or 17
- b. 17 & under - classes 20, 22 24, 25, 27, 28 and showmanship 13 and 15, and 16 or 17
- c. 18 & over – classes 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28 and showmanship 14 and 15, and 16 or 17
- d. Open - classes 22, 24, 27, 28 and showmanship 15, and 16 or 17
- e. Over Fences Beginner – classes 29 and 30
- f. Over Fences Advanced – classes 30 and 31

4. WESTERN Qualifying Classes

- a. Walk/Trot - classes 32, 38, 42, 43 and showmanship 13 or 14 and 15
- b. 17 & under- classes 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47 and showmanship 13 and 15

- c. 18 & over – classes 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47 and showmanship 14 and 15
- d. Open - classes 35, 37, 41, 43, 46, 47 and showmanship 15

5. REINING Qualifying Classes

- a. 17 and under- classes 48, 50
- b. 18 and over - classes 49, 50
- c. Open - class 50

SECTION V. POINTS

A. Points are tabulated as follows for Region XI High Point awards.

Halter/English/ Western/ Reining Classes:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

B. Points for Region Year End awards will be tabulated by counting the four Region XI approved shows at the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center. Previously, the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc. generously provided awards separately for Region 8 and 14 as well as Region 11, since those regions did not offer an English/Western Program. Beginning in 2010, the Region awards will be given based on points earned only at the four Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc hosted shows and NOT be segregated by actual Region designation.

C. If there is a discrepancy in the Region XI points as stated in the Region XI publication, participants must file a discrepancy report within 30 days of final points with the High Point Chairperson or all points will stand as published. No consideration will be given to discrepancies after the Year End Awards are presented.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS/ PROBLEMS (mostly from Region 6)

A. "Open" – In most shows today, the Open Class allows participation of both non-amateur and amateurs, as well as juniors. As used by CSHA, Open refers to a specific division and participation in Open Classes at the Show of Champions is restricted to riders qualified in that division at the Region Level.

B. "Color" - As defined by the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book. Color includes grey, grulla, dun, palomino, buckskin, Paint, or Appaloosa markings.

C. "Non-Color" - As defined by the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book. Non-color includes sorrel, bay, chestnut, and black.

EXCEPTION TO B & C ABOVE: As stated in the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book, a "Color Breed" horse who does not exhibit characteristic coloring for the breed and meets the criteria of a "Non - Color" horse may be shown in "Non- Color classes regardless of the breed; e.g. a solid color Paint, an Appaloosa without an blanket or leopard markings, etc.

D. "Stock Type" vs. "Non Stock Type" - There is breed consideration here but as defined in the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book, the operable word here is "type". A quarter horse is

accepted as the ultimate in "Stock Horse" BUT there are Quarter Horses used for English that one would be hard pressed to say " Is it Quarter Horse or Is it Thoroughbred" without first checking the papers. That horse belongs in a Non- Stock class. Do you have a heavily muscled old style Morgan? That probably belongs in a stock type class. One judge put forth a suggested guideline to a competitor a few years ago - "if you can imagine him getting under a cow, then he's a Stock Type... if he's got a more than little of the bulldog look to him, he's a Stock Type".

E. "Horse" - While all references might be to "Horse", CSHA competition is open to horses, mules and ponies (regardless of height)

H. " I have qualified in Halter and since I'm going to be at the show anyway, I'll enter a few riding classes as well". NO. The classes at Show of Champions are available only to those participants who have specially qualified in that category and division. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

I. "But my chairperson told me". "But the Region President told me". I won't say there is not room to work within any of the rules of the State Program BUT we follow the CSHA rulebook. You are responsible for reading and understanding the current CSHA rulebook regardless of what anyone told you. If you have any doubt or receive conflicting information, please feel free to contact the State Chairperson.

J. "Categories" - Are the classification types for competition. Those offered by the State Program are English, Western, Reining and Halter.

K. "Divisions" - Are the age breaks offered for competition within the category.

L. "Section" - Are the actual classes offered for competition; i.e. Showmanship, Trail, Jumping etc.

M. "I'm going to let my trainer ride/handle my horse in a couple of classes at the Show of Champions". NO. Only those named horse and handler/rider combination who have registered and qualified at the region level and have entered the show are eligible to compete. It works the other way too. Just because you own the horse doesn't mean you can ride the horse at SOC if you are not the registered combination.

N. "I'll add classes the day of the Show of Champions or when I arrive". NO. There are no post entries of the Show of Champions including warm up classes. The deadline is the deadline.

R. "Who has the last word?" The State English/Western Chairperson has the last word on interpretation of rules regarding running of the Program and the Show of Champions itself.