

VHSA Associate Point Structure for 2015

Hunter and Hunter Pleasure Divisions

The point structure for 2015 will consist of Base Points, plus Bonus Points, to equal Final Points (same as it was in 2014).

Base Points are 1st through 6th as follows: 10 - 6 - 4 - 2 - 1 - .5

Bonus Points will be determined by the number of horses or ponies shown successfully (completed the course) in the first performance class of all Hunter Divisions and the number of horses or ponies shown in the first class of the Hunter Pleasure Divisions. These numbers will be added to the Base Points to equal the Final Points.

We still require three (3) entries to fill a class, but will award a Champion and Reserve if there are a minimum of three (3) entries in any two (2) of the three (3) classes offered. Points are still only award to 1st through 6th place only.

Bonus Points can be no more than ten (10). This means that if you have 12 in the first class, the most Bonus Points that can be given is 10. Bonus points for each class in the division are based on the number of exhibitors who successfully complete the course in the first performance (over fences) class of the division. The following is an example of a division results sheet using the new point system:

Class #1 Number of exhibitors: 3

1st – Lucy Lu – receives 10 points + 3 bonus points = 13 points for this class

2nd – Ronald McDonald – receives 6 points + 3 bonus points = 9 points for this class

3rd – Black Beauty – receives 4 points + 3 bonus points = 7 points for this class

Class #2 Number of exhibitors: 4

1st – Black Beauty – receives 10 points + 3 bonus points (# is based on first class only) = 13 points for this class

2nd – Silver Slippers – receives 6 points + 3 points (# is based on first class only) = 9 points for this class

3rd – Lucy Lu – receives 4 points + 3 bonus (# is based on first class only) points = 7 points for this class

4th – Ronald McDonald – receives 2 points + 3 bonus (# is based on first class only) = 5 points for this class

Class #3 Number of exhibitors: 3

1st – Lucy Lu – receives 10 points + 3 bonus points (# is based on first class only) = 13 points for this class

2nd – Ronald McDonald – receives 6 points + 3 bonus points (# is based on first class only) = 9 points for this class

3rd – Black Beauty – receives 4 points + 3 bonus points (# is based on first class only) = 7 points for this class

Division Totals:

Lucy Lu = 33 points + 10 points for Champion = 43 points for this division at this show

Black Beauty – 27 points + 6 points for Reserve Champion = 33 points for this division at this show

Ronald McDonald = 23 points

Silver Slippers – 9 points

The bonus points must be added at each horse show for each class because this will determine who the Champion and Reserve will be.

Equitation Over Fences, Equitation on the Flat and Jumper Classes

Bonus Points will be decided by the number of participants in each particular class and scored as in the preceding example.

The Associate Championship Horse Show will award double base points and additional 10 and 6 points for Championship and Reserve. Year end points will only include the exhibitor's top ten best horse shows, plus any points accrued at the Championship Show will be added to the exhibitor's top ten for the final year end total. With the exception of the VHSA Associate Equitation Classes which will be total points for year-end.

Associate Program Rule Change for 2015

The addition of the Associate Thoroughbred Jumper Division:

VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Jumper. The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Jumper Division is limited to horses who are registered with or are eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than 2'6" and no higher than 3'0". Spreads shall be no greater than height of the fence. The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Jumper Division may not be combined with any other VHSA Associate recognized division. Horses must be registered with the VHSA and owners must be current VHSA members in order to accrue points towards VHSA Associate year-end awards.