

OPHC AMATEUR AWARDS SYSTEM

- 1 The system of points shall be the same as the Ohio Paint Horse Club (See page 12 in the OPHC Rule Book)
- 2 To qualify for Year End Awards in the State of Ohio, a horse must be owned by the amateur, the amateur's family, spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild, legal ward, in-laws (father, mother, brother or sister) or family owned corporation, ranch or farm. APHA AMATEUR RULE
- 3 Points will be compiled on a one rider/one horse combination.
- 4 Points will count for any approved OPHC show offering amateur classes.
- 5 Five (5) awards will be presented to the top five high point amateurs showing regular registry horses. All points will be combined from all amateur classes into one total, with the amateur having the largest total being first, next largest total second, etc. for a one horse/one rider combination. Three (3) awards will be presented to the top three high point novice amateurs (one horse/one rider combination) showing regular registry horses following the same format above. Only novice classes will be totaled for the top three (3) novice awards. Two (2) awards will be presented to the top two overall high point amateurs showing solid paint bred registered horses. **Two (2) awards will be presented to the top two overall high point amateur walk-trot exhibitors.**
- 6 To be eligible for OPHC Amateur Year End Awards, the horse and rider combination must show under ten (10) judges at OPHC approved shows, of which four (4) judges must be at non-Paint-O-Rama shows, and of which one (1) of those shows must be held in the boundaries of Ohio.
- 7 There will be a High Point Amateur Western Pleasure Rotating Trophy. This is the **Jennifer A. Fedorek Memorial Trophy**. There will also be a **Ron Fille Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall High Point Amateur. Rules for winning these trophies are: This trophy will be awarded to the high point amateur western pleasure team and the overall high point amateur at the end of each show year. The trophy will be awarded at the annual awards banquet for the Ohio Paint Horse Club.
 - A. To be eligible for this award, the amateur must be in good standing and hold an amateur card from the APHA. The horse must be owned by the amateur or other parties as outlined in the APHA rule book. The award will be presented only to a team consisting of one rider/one horse.
 - B. The amateur rider/horse team must have exhibited as a team under at least ten (10) OPHC approved amateur western pleasure judges. Paint-O-Ramas, as always, will count as separate shows per judge (refer to the OPHC awards system rules).
 - C. Ties will be broken, since this is a single revolving trophy. These methods will be used to break ties: 1-The team with the most firsts, 2-The team with the most seconds, 3-A flip of the coin with all parties present.
 - D. The trophy must be returned to the OPHC Awards Chair at least forty-five (45) days prior to the year end awards banquet, or by December 1st of the year received. The return of the trophy will be the complete responsibility of the recipient. This time will allow for sufficient time for engraving for the new winner's name and to allow time for engraving a plaque, which will be presented to the previous year's winner, prior to the presenting of the trophy to the current year's winner.
 - E. The maintenance of the trophy, engraving of each year's winner, and the cost and engraving of the plaque presented to the prior year's winner will be paid by an escrow account set up by and managed through the custodian. However, damage to the trophy due to neglect or abuse on the part of the recipient should be borne by the recipient, and failure to do so will result in the barring of that amateur from eligibility of the high point trophy in future years. Although the trophy is maintained by a separate custodian, as long as the award shall be given, the authority to make any changes, additions or amendments to these guidelines shall be given to the OPHC, Amateur Division, through a majority vote.
 - F. These memorial trophies are for the highest point earning regular registry one amateur rider/one horse combination in Amateur Western Pleasure class and the High Point Western Pleasure and the Amateur and Overall High Point Amateur.
- 8 A Sportsmanship Award will be presented for the current year and will be voted on at the General Membership Meeting of that year.
- 9 The Ohio Paint Horse Amateur Club will award the #1 Amateur with a rotating trophy. This trophy will be awarded annually at the year-end awards banquet to the highest point earning one rider/one horse combination in the Amateur division. The trophy must be returned to the OPHC Awards Chair at least forty-five (45) days prior the year end awards banquet, or by December 1st of the year received. The return of the trophy will be the complete responsibility of the recipient. The **Ron Fille Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall High Point Amateur.
- 10 A Gist Award certificate will be awarded for the #1 Amateur and the #1 Novice Amateur providing there are sufficient funds. In any conflict between the constitution of the Club and the Rules & By-Laws of the APHA, those of APHA will govern.