

ASHA EVENTS

EV-000 GENERAL ASHA EVENTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date and Repeal. The following Rules and Regulations shall become effective January 1 of the current year, and thereupon all rules and Regulations and parts thereof heretofore in force are hereby repealed. Rules as printed in the ASHA Official Handbook shall be used at all ASHA approved shows throughout the current year unless otherwise approved by ASHA.

EV-005 SPECIAL NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS, JUDGES AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

- A. Exhibitors, Judges and Show Management are responsible for knowledge of and compliance with all ASHA Rules, Requirements and Regulations.
- B. Participants in approved ASHA Events are responsible for showing the original or photocopies of Membership Cards and Horse Competition Licenses at each ASHA approved event.
- C. Exhibitors are responsible for completing Entry and Registration Forms legibly and accurately with information exactly as printed on membership cards and horse competition licenses.
- D. Exhibitors are to be considerate of other exhibitors, judges and show management.

EV- 010 RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- A. ASHA and co-sponsoring organization, if any, will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to, or be caused by any horse participating in an ASHA approved event, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way damaged. The ASHA will not be responsible for any financial arrangements not completed between event management, exhibitors, owners, or judges. However, these situations should be reported in their entirety to the ASHA for possible disciplinary action.
- B. Each event should obtain blanket liability insurance to cover suits, claims or judgments for bodily injury or property damage sustained by spectators , participants, or others arising out of the use of the show grounds or operation necessary or incidental to the event.

EV – 020 ASHA EVENT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

ASHA Event approval is a privilege, not a right, granted or rejected at ASHA discretion on an annual basis according to continuous evaluation of the applicant, including, but not limited to competence of event management, enforcement of ASHA rules; quality of event; and service to ASHA Members.

All events approved by the ASHA shall be named, advertised, listed and otherwise referred to as a **Stock Horse Versatility Event** and must state “**ASHA Approved**”.

The rules and requirements set forth in the ASHA Official Handbook shall be used at all approved events including any non-ASHA point classes offered at that event, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director of the ASHA. Failure to follow the ASHA rule book in conducting events may result in future approval of events being denied and/or possible disciplinary action. The Executive Committee will decide such cases.

Approval does not carry over from year to year and must be obtained for each individual event. The ASHA reserves the right to approve only the number of events per calendar year it deems appropriate for the same organization, management or area.

Organizations or individual members wishing to stage or sponsor ASHA Regular Events (clinic & competition) or Special Events (instructional shows, awareness clinics, team tournaments, collegiate events, etc.) must obtain approval for their event from ASHA. ASHA, in turn, will publicize the event prior to and after the event and the participation, evaluation and results will be approved for individual members and their horses and affiliate recognition.

EV – 025 ASHA EVENT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants desiring to hold an ASHA-approved event must obtain prior ASHA approval on an application form available from ASHA, if applicant desires the event to have ASHA sanction and publicity and, if show results are to be recorded by ASHA and points awarded to the horses and riders participating. In case of double judged shows or two separate shows held on consecutive days, two ASHA Event Applications must be submitted with appropriate fees. Separate ASHA Event Reports and fees are to be submitted to ASHA from each event.

- A. **Application:** To obtain approval, an ASHA Event Application Form must be obtained from the ASHA office and must be correctly and entirely completed. Application fees are non-refundable and must accompany the initial application. The fees are \$25 application fee for a Special Event (Team Tournaments, Exhibition Events, Awareness Clinics, Collegiate Events, One Division Events, Etc) and \$25 for a Clinic and Competition.

- B. **Postmark Date:** Event application form(s) must be postmarked at least ninety (90) days prior to the first date of the proposed event and must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee as per competition application. All ASHA approved event dates will be posted on the ASHA website and publication calendar of events.
- C. **Event Date and Location Approval.** Event applications are approved based upon the date of the week. AN ASHA approved event having been held the previous year is considered an established event and has priority to reserve identical days for the current year until terminated by ASHA. Priority dates are a privilege not a right, and therefore cannot be sold or transferred from one sponsoring body or management to another. In the event the previous sponsor does not obtain approval for the event date, then a regional or state association has first priority on the date. An event not approved or held the prior year is considered a new event. Additionally, an event which changes sponsoring body (the individual, organization or association financially responsible for holding the event) or the event name or changes location more than 250 miles is considered a new event without priority for days. Violations of this rule could result in disciplinary action.
- D. **Cancellation of Event Dates:** Sponsors of events who cancel their dates must notify the ASHA IMMEDIATELY so the dates can be made available to another sponsor
- E. **Time and Mileage between Event Dates:** Two events may not be approved on the same date if they are located within 250 miles of each other. The last sponsor of any individual show has the right to sponsor the show in the following year, provided their application is received. It is recommended that ASHA events not be held in the same 250 mile radius within two weeks of each other.
- F. **Time and Mileage Waiver:** If all affected event managements agree to waive the time and mileage rule, then, approval may be granted.
- G. **Failure To Pay Services:** The sponsor or sponsors of any ASHA approved event which fails to pay for any services rendered by a third party (i.e. judges fees, cattle fees, facilities or to pay premium money to exhibitors, etc.) in connection with the holding of an approved event will be denied ASHA approval for future events until all fees are paid.
- H. **Affiliate Circuit Approval:** For an affiliate circuit of ASHA Events to be approved, the Affiliate must complete an Affiliate Circuit Application with completed ASHA Event Approvals and Fees attached for each individual ASHA Event listed on circuit application. (This circuit application will be useful for affiliates approving ASHA events for their local affiliate end-of- year points). For individual Event approval and circuit approval to be completed, the circuit application must be submitted 90 days before the first event scheduled on the circuit.
- I. **ASHA Event Approval Notification:** Event officials will be notified by ASHA if their event is approved or what factor(s) need to be rectified so that the event may be approved.

EV - 030 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ASHA EVENTS

- A. An ASHA Event must be open to all ASHA members in good standing. Participants must hold a current ASHA membership card to participate. Participants and Exhibitors may purchase ASHA Memberships and Horse Competition Licenses at ASHA approved events. These new/renewal membership forms and/or horse competition licenses must be submitted to the ASHA office with the reports and results of the event.
- B. All approved Competitions are open ONLY TO horses having a competition license certification with ASHA. Horses ridden in clinics do not have to have an ASHA competition license.
- C. All riders of horses riding and/or showing in Association approved competitions must be members in good standing. When entering Association approved classes, entry forms must identify horse and rider with the correct and current membership number.
- D. Sanctioned events require compliance with all ASHA Association rules and guidelines, fees, and documentation.
- E. A regular ASHA Event is considered to be a clinic and a competition. The recommended schedule is to have a clinic one day and a competition the following day or day(s).
 - 1) ASHA Clinics - It is recommended that clinics offer sessions in all four ASHA versatility events – pleasure, trail, reining and working cow horse and be affordable to participants. Participation in clinic reports must be compiled as required by ASHA and reported within 14 days to the ASHA office with all necessary attachments and fees.

2) ASHA Competitions – Competitions must offer the four ASHA versatility classes of Pleasure, Reining, Trail and Working Cow Horse conducted and judged according to the rules of ASHA. Points must be awarded for each class as well as all-around placing in each Division that is offered according to ASHA rules and point systems. ASHA score sheets must be used by judges, compiled as required by competition secretaries and, reported within 14 days to the ASHA office with all necessary attachments and fees.

- a) ASHA competitions may offer five divisions that are based entirely on the rider, regardless of the horse they are riding. These divisions are Open, Non-Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice and Youth.
- b) ASHA competitions may also include a green horse division based entirely on the horse. This green horse may be shown by any exhibitor regardless of division or classification.
- c) A rider may show more than one horse in a division, but high point awards shall be based on a one horse/one rider team showing in all four classes.
- d) No horse may be shown in the same class more than once.
- e) Competitions must offer a minimum of two divisions - an Open and a Novice Division. Competitions are encouraged to offer as many of the six divisions as meet local needs.
- f) Show management must inspect the membership card or a photocopy of the card at any competition entered. ASHA membership applications and ASHA Collegiate membership applications shall be provided by show management at all ASHA competitions. The membership applications and the appropriate fees must be submitted with the competition results report.
- g) Show management must inspect the Horse Competition License or photocopy of each horse being exhibited in an ASHA competition. ASHA Horse Competition License applications shall be provided by show management at all ASHA competitions. The horse competition license applications and the appropriate fees must be submitted with the competition results report.

EV-037 ASHA DIVISIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Open Division Eligibility – Every person competing in an open division must possess a current ASHA Membership card issued by ASHA. The Open Division is open to any professional or non-professional member, in good standing, with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees which will be paid back to winners according to the payout schedule in the ASHA Rule Book. These jackpot fees may range from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20 per class except for special events or championships.
- B. Non Pro Division Eligibility – Every person competing in a non pro division, which includes limited non pro and novice, must possess a current ASHA Non Pro Membership card issued by ASHA. There will be no jackpot in this division. The description of Non Pro Eligibility is as follows:
 1. Has not received payment, directly or indirectly for riding, training, assisting in training, showing horse(s) at any time during the past 5 years
 2. Has not received payment directly or indirectly for instructing another person or conducting a seminar in riding, training, driving or showing a horse any time during the past five years
 3. Has not had any expenses (including lodging, transportation, mileage, etc.) paid by someone else other than family members.
 4. Premium money won is not considered remuneration.
 5. A non pro may show in the Open Division without losing their Non Pro Eligibility as long as requirements for a Non Pro are still met.
- C. Limited Non Pro Division Eligibility – Exhibitors who qualify as a Non Pro Rider may choose to show in this division because of class routine or other personal choice. Exhibitors may also show in the Open or Non-Pro divisions without losing their eligibility in the Limited Non Pro division. There will be no jackpot in this division. Riders in this division will work a modified version of the working cow horse class which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping (see ASHA LTD Non Pro and Green Horse Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

- D. Novice Division Eligibility and Restrictions— Individuals competing in a novice division must possess a current ASHA Non Pro Membership card with eligibility for Novice division noted on the card. There will be no jackpot in this division. Eligibility for the Novice division is as follows:
1. Adheres to all non pro eligibility requirements listed above
 2. Has never won an ASHA or SHOT High-Point or Reserve High-Point Championship in any division at any ASHA or SHOT show
 3. Has never won an ASHA or SHOT End-of –Year High Point Champion or Reserve All- Around High Point Champion in any division.
 4. If a member loses their novice eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a novice. In the future, the member is eligible only for Limited Non-Pro, Non-Pro or Open Divisions.
 5. Riders in this division will work a Novice and Youth Reining Pattern and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See ASHA Novice and Youth Reining and ASHA Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.) **Stallions are prohibited in this division.**
- E. Youth Division Eligibility and Restrictions - Exhibitors in the youth division must be youth, aged 8 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Youth competing in a youth division must possess a current ASHA Youth Membership card issued by ASHA. Riders in this division will work a Novice and Youth Reining Pattern and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See ASHA Novice and Youth Reining and Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.) **A youth may not show in both the Youth and Novice Divisions at the same show. Stallions are prohibited in this division.**
- F. Green Horse Division Eligibility and Restrictions – Horses competing in the green horse division must possess an ASHA Horse Competition License. Any rider possessing a current ASHA membership may show a horse in this division. There will be no jackpot in this division. Horses in this division will show in the same patterns as the Open and Non Pro with the exception of the working cow horse class which will be the Modified Working Cow Horse pattern. (See ASHA LTD Non Pro and Green Horse Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.)
1. A horse is eligible to be shown in this division if the following criteria are met.
 2. Be five years of age and younger as of January 1 of current year.
 3. Has never won a Champion or Reserve Champion All-Around in any ASHA approved division.
 4. If a horse loses their green horse eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a green horse. In the future, that horse is eligible only for other divisions.
 5. A green horse may be shown by a rider from any division.
- G. Division Eligibility Exceptions The ASHA shall have a classification committee from the ASHA Board of Directors. A member may petition, in writing, the ASHA Classification committee for a change in division eligibility due to extenuating circumstances. The written petition will be reviewed and the member notified of the ruling. In addition, the committee may reclassify a member for a division.
- H. Eligibility Violations Non Pro, Novice, Youth, and Green Horse Eligibility may be revoked at any time for violations of any ASHA rule or regulation. A person revoked from these special division statuses must relinquish their membership card and return it to the ASHA upon notice.

EV-039 HORSE ELIBIGILITY AND LICENSING

- A. All horses in an ASHA approved competition must show their ASHA Competition License Certificate or photocopy to participate in an ASHA competition. ASHA Competition Licenses may be purchased at an ASHA event and horses may show in a show without an approved competition license, but with a PENDING license provided an ASHA Competition License Application is completed with
1. A copy of Horse breed registration papers attached for registered horses or,
 2. A copy of veterinarian statement verifying age and description of horse with appropriate markings and brands for unregistered horses attached .(An E.I.A. (Coggins) laboratory test result properly executed to include age will be sufficient for nonregistered horses.) A digital photo I.D. on Coggins test papers is preferred.
 3. and payment of licensing fees.
 4. Without identification papers listed above, an additional \$10 will be charged.

- B. No horse may be shown in the green horse division without an ASHA competition license as proof of age and eligibility for green horse division.
- C. A horse may be shown in any division by eligible riders Excepting only horses that meet green horse division eligibility may be shown in that division.
- D. A horse may not be shown in any class more than once.

EV-042 CLASSIFICATION AND TYPES OF SHOWS

- A. Competition Classifications - Competitions shall be classified according to the number of entries in approved classes and guidelines will be provided to help show management conduct shows with the corresponding expected number of entries and report their competition accordingly.

Class A Competitions 130 - 200 or more horse/rider combinations

Class B Competitions 75 – 130 horse/rider combinations

Class C Competitions 30 – 75 horse/rider combinations

Class D Competitions 30 or less horse/rider combinations

- B. Single Judged Shows: A single judged show is limited to one judge in one arena or area at any given time and held on one or more days. Scores from one judge in each event are tabulated, places broken by pre-determined judge's tie-breakers, and exhibitors ranked and pointed. Points from each class are added to determine the all-around division winners.

- C. Doubled Judged Shows – Double judged shows have two judges in one arena or area at one time, judging independently of each other.

For two independent show results: each independent judge's score sheets in each class will be turned into show secretary and tabulated separately for pointed rankings, which will be determined according to the number of entries in a class. Scores from each judge in a class are tabulated, places broken by the judge's pre-determined tie-breakers, and exhibitors ranked and pointed under each judge. . Each judge's scores, class placings and points will be posted separately. Judges for Show A and Show B for each class should be determined before the show and points kept for two complete shows – keeping all of Show A Judges scores together and all of Show B Judges scores together can result in two different and complete shows results being determined.

For one combined show result: When using two judges to determine one set of winners, the classes will first be placed under each judge and complete class scores showing class placing and points awarded for placings will be posted. One judge shall be designated as the tie breaker judge before judging begins. The final class placings and winners will have the placing or ranking points from each judge added together with the tie breaker judge's placing points breaking ties and class winners being named. Exhibitors competing in all four classes shall have their points from the final class placing points which were determined by both judges entered into one All-Around tabulation. All around winners will not be selected for each judge, but all around winners will be selected on the basis of the one set of points from the final class ranking being entered into one All-Around tabulation. Pay out monies will be paid based on the final placings based on combined judge's scores. Ties will be broken first by the working cow horse class, then by reining, trail and pleasure.

EV -050 EVENT MANAGERS FOR ASHA CLINICS AND COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. **Eligibility** Any reputable person who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience may act in the capacity of the event manager
- B. **Person in Charge** – The event manager shall be the person in charge of the ASHA event. **MANDATORY attendance OF THE SHOW MANAGER ON THE EVENT GROUNDS IS REQUIRED WHILE HE/SHE IS IN CHARGE**
- C. **Announcement Flyers, Entry Forms, Show Schedules** – The Event Manager shall have the jurisdiction over preparing and mailing all items related to the event. The manager shall enforce the arrival and departure times as advertised.
- D. **Responsibilities** - The event manager shall at all times extend every effort to satisfy the comfort of the horses, the exhibitors, the spectators and the officials. The manager shall be held responsible for maintenance of clean and orderly condition throughout the event. The manager is responsible to see that ASHA Event Reports, Fees and competition results are submitted to the Association within fourteen (14) days of the last date of the event.

- E. **Authority** - The event manager shall have the authority to enforce all rules and requirements referring to the event. The manager may excuse any horse or exhibitor from the event for the safety of other horses, exhibitors or spectators or remove an exhibitor for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- F. **Retain Copies of Judges Sheets** – The show management shall retain copies of the original signed judges score sheets, copy of show results and entry forms for at least one year.

EV – 055 SHOW SECRETARY

- A. **Eligibility**- Any reputable person may act in the capacity of show secretary who can furnish proof that he or she is capable through ability and experience and is familiar with ASHA rules and procedures. The show secretary may not hold the position of show manager or ring steward at a show at which he/she serves as show secretary. The show secretary shall be the primary person responsible for verifying exhibitor and horse/s eligibility and correctness of clinic and show reports and results, thus requiring MANDATORY attendance of the show secretary on the event grounds throughout the duration of his/her responsibilities at the event.
- B. **Responsibility** - The responsibility of the show secretary shall be to
 1. Serve as primary contact for show results by recording both entries and show results and maintaining these records for at least one year
 2. Submitting ASHA Event Reports and monies along with competition results in hard copy to the Association within fourteen (14) days of the last date of the event. Competition results in electronic format should be submitted to the Association as soon as possible after the event.

EV – 060 COMPETITION RESULTS

- A. **Submission of Competition Results** – The submission of the original, correct and ACCURATE competition results to ASHA must be postmarked and sent by electronic (e-mail) within 14 days. Any competition results including all official judges' sheets signed by judges, any ASHA fees, membership or horse registrations joined at competition not received in the ASHA office within 14 days of the last event may be subject to a \$50.00 late fee.

Each class result sheet must list the actual number of horses that competed in the class including the name of the horse on the ASHA competition license, the ASHA number of the horse, the exhibitor's name and the exhibitor's ASHA number. Other information as requested on each class sheet must be completed and the original score sheet must be signed by the judge. All forms and electronic score sheets will be supplied to a show secretary when an ASHA competition is officially approved.
- B. **Competition Assessment Fees** – Competition management must collect a \$5 bookkeeping fee per horse/rider entry per show AND FORWARD TO ASHA OFFICE WITH THE COMPETITION RESULTS IN ORDER FOR COMPETITION RESULTS TO BE PROCESSED. These fees help to defray the costs of record keeping and ASHA Certificates and/or awards
- C. **Competition results** must be submitted in the format specified by the ASHA accompanied by the original, signed, final judges' score sheets.
- D. **Retaining Records** – At the close of the competition, the event management shall retain copies or duplicates of the judges' original signed, final placing score sheets, a copy of competition results as received from ASHA and competition entry forms for one (1) year from date of show.
- E. **Competition Result Mailing or Cancellation Deadline** – Failure to mail the completed show result forms or notification of cancellation to the Association within fourteen days of the last scheduled event date may result in future approval being denied. Competitions which are more than thirty days delinquent in filing their results may be fined.
- F. **Publication and Correctness of Competition Results** – Competition results of ASHA approved events will be listed on the Official Association Website. A period of six months from the date of the competition will be

allowed for a correction of show results. After that date, no request for competition result correction will be considered. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify ASHA of any possible errors in competition results.

- G. Discrepancies** – Discrepancies between ASHA approved events and programs, divisions and classes actually offered and conducted at the event shall be presented to the Executive Committee for judgment when properly submitted by participants or show management.

EV- 090 POINTS

Points shall be awarded to qualifying horses entered and exhibited in ASHA approved competitions and events according to ASHA rules. Each class must be placed through the total horses actually judged in that class and points awarded to each horse that placed. Points will be awarded with the horse placing first receiving one point for every horse they placed above plus 1. Example: If 28 horses are in a class, the first place horse gets 28 points, the second place horse gets 27, etc. If a horse is disqualified (DQ) in a class, he receives no points and is listed at the bottom of the class sheet with a DQ noted. Disqualified horses count as entries in a class with a DQ noted in the points received and the horses placing above them receive points for the total number of horses shown in the class including the disqualified horses.

EV-095 JUDGES

Judges should have equine expertise and personal character to merit the honor of being asked to judge. Judges must be knowledgeable horsemen. Judges must read all contest rules as well as the procedures for judging the events and agree to use these procedures and score exhibitors according to the class rules.

EV-096 SCRIBES

Scribes are provided to assist the judge with the record keeping aspect of judging. Scribes should not double as a ring steward, but be available at all times to record scores given by the judge. A scribe's integrity must be above reproach and they must be willing to be attentive at all times. They should not attempt, in any way, to influence or change a judge's score, but always be available to assist the judge.

EV-098 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS Health requirements should be outlined on flyers and event announcements and enforced by the event management.

EV-110 ASHA TITLES AND AWARDS

Eligibility: ASHA shall issue awards on an annual or life-time basis as described within this section with provisions that the rider of the horse eligible for such awards is a current member in good standing. ASHA awards will only be issued to rider(s) of horses selected that have membership in the current year or year of notification should notification be given in a year following the year of earning an award or title as in the case of MERIT awards.

A. ASHA Regional Honor Roll Awards

The Association will provide a Regional Honor Roll Versatility award annually based upon the highest number of points earned by an individual horse/rider combination in the all-around in each division at ASHA approved competitions during that year's (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) competitions. The award is based on total cumulative points (with a minimum of 8 points). In addition, ASHA will provide a Regional Honor Roll award annually based upon the highest number of points earned by an individual horse/rider combination in each of the versatility classes in each division. The Top ten High Point of each event including the all-around in each division will be published on the Associations web-site and will be recognized in each of the events

B. ASHA Merit Award Program

ASHA offers a Merit Awards Program to recognize outstanding versatile western stock/ranch horses that have proven to be consistent over a period of time.

- 1) A horse/rider team is automatically awarded ASHA Merit Points by competing in either the Open or Non-Pro Divisions of approved American Stock Horse Association competitions.
- 2) Consistent with other ASHA policies, the Merit award is a joint award for a one horse/one rider combination earned in either the Non-Pro or Open Division in an approved American Stock Horse Association Show. Merit Points may only be awarded in one division at any one show.
- 3) ASHA Merit Points shall be awarded to a one horse/one rider team showing in all four classes and based on the number of entries in the All-Around or High Point Division up to a maximum of 10 points. (Example: horses may receive a maximum of 10 ASHA Merit points for being the high-point horse, 9 points for reserve, and 8 points for third, down to 1 Merit point for placing 10th high overall. If only 8 horses are

entered in the All-Around – the high point horse will receive 8 points, down to 1 Merit point for placing 8th high overall.)

- C. A horse may receive points with more than one rider, but the points cannot be added together for more than one rider or transferred to another rider. Horses that change riders must start over in accumulating Team Merit points for the Superior or Supreme Awards. Ownership may change, but the rider must remain constant.
- D. **Superior STOCK HORSE VERSATILITY Award –100 ASHA MERIT POINTS.** This award may be awarded to a horse/rider team that has earned at least 100 ASHA MERIT POINTS at approved ASHA Shows in the All-Around rankings of either the Open or Non-Pro division. Points may be combined from the two divisions as long as they were acquired at different shows. This designation shall be noted in the records of the association and certificates presented to both the rider and owner, if different.
- E. **Supreme STOCK HORSE VERSAILITY Award – 200 ASHA Merit Points.** This award may be awarded to a horse/rider team which has earned at least 200 ASHA Merit Points at approved ASHA shows in the All-Around rankings of either the Open or Non-Pro Division. Points may be combined from the two divisions as long as they were acquired at different shows. This designation will be noted in the records of the association and certificates presented to both the rider and owner, if different.
- F. Merit points were initiated by the Stock Horse of Texas Association in January of 2006. These merit points were awarded in the All-Around division of all approved SHOT shows according to the guidelines listed above. The All-Around divisions have included the exact four ASHA classes that are now being offered. All of these points have been accepted by ASHA and are grandfathered into the ASHA Merit Program beginning in January 2009. From January 1, 2009, only points that have been earned at shows that have been approved by the American Stock Horse Association will be awarded as ASHA Merit points toward the ASHA Superior and Supreme Stock Horse Versatility Awards.

EV-180 ASHA Entry Fees and Payback Schedule

It is recommended that novice entry fees be kept as low as possible. Non-Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice, Youth and Green Horse entries will basically compete for points and class prizes.

- A. Open classes will be charged the same entry fee as other classes, but may have an additional jackpot fee. It is recommended that the jackpot fee in each class be a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20 that will be jackpotted and paid back to winners with the exception of special events. Fees should be divided into entry fees and jackpot fees. Half of jackpot fees will be for the class entered and half of the fees will go to the All-Around jackpot.
- 1. Class paybacks: Half of the jackpot will be for the class entered. Open class entries are competing for class points, plus a payback (½ of the jackpot monies collected for that class) according to the following schedule.
- 2. All-Around paybacks: Exhibitors in all four classes will be eligible for the All-around paybacks – (½ of all open entries jackpot money). The All-Around paybacks in the Open Division will pay only to exhibitors showing in all four classes. The All-Around paybacks will be figured on the total number of entries in the Open Division, divided by four (4) to ascertain the average class size on which to base the all-around paybacks. Using the average class size, the number of paybacks to exhibitors showing in all four classes will be paid according to the following schedule.
(Example: 52 total entries in open division divided by four will equal an average class size of 13 exhibitors and paybacks will go to four exhibitors showing in all four classes. (Example: 72 total entries in open division divided by four will equal an average class size of 18 exhibitors and paybacks will go to five exhibitors showing in all four classes.). (Example: 15 entries in open division, but only three exhibitors showing in all four classes – the all around jackpot money will be paid to THREE PLACES according to the three pay outs in schedule below

Exception: If there are not enough exhibitors in the All-Around to match the number that the schedule shows to be paid, move to the next lower payout level

| # of Horses | 1-4 | 5-8 | 9-12 | 13-16 | 17-21 | 22-26 | 27-31 | 32+ |
|------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Number of places | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | 100% | 60% | 50% | 40% | 30% | 30% | 28% | 25% |
| 2 | | 40% | 30% | 30% | 25% | 24% | 23% | 20% |
| 3 | | | 20% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 16% | 15% |
| 4 | | | | 10% | 15% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| 5 | | | | | 10% | 9% | 9% | 10% |
| 6 | | | | | | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| 7 | | | | | | | 5% | 6% |
| 8 | | | | | | | | 4% |
| | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

EV-190 ASHA SCORING SYSTEM

- A. The ASHA Scoring System is designed to be positive and straight forward – always encouraging growth and improvement. The scoring system is a positive one rather than a negative one which leads to many disqualifications. These rules give a horse credit for what they accomplish rather than a disqualification with no score.
- B. No horse shall be disqualified except for illegal equipment, obvious lameness, or inhumane treatment or misconduct from the rider.
- C. In the case of a fall by a horse or rider, the run shall end when the rider or horse falls to the ground. A horse is considered fallen when all four feet are pointing in the same direction. A horse will be given credit for what he has done prior to the fall.
- D. In the case of equipment failure that delays competition or becomes unsafe, the run is stopped and the horse is given credit prior to that point.
- E. Using two hands on a curb bit or using more than one finger between split reins or any finger between romal reins will result in a two point run content deduction each time there is a violation.
- F. Specific deductions are listed with each class.
- G. **POINT SYSTEM: The judge must place each class in its entirety.** The judge should avoid ties, one-half points are permissible. Specific maneuvers will be designated by the judge to be tie breakers in a class. The tie breaker maneuvers will be made prior to the start of the class and so noted on score sheets for show secretary to use in breaking ties in the class. Every horse in the class is awarded one point for each horse they beat, plus one point.
 (Examples: In a ten horse class, the first place horse gets ten points and the tenth place horse gets one point. In a five horse class the winner gets five points and the last place horse gets one point.)
Disqualified horses will count as entries in the class, but will not receive points (A class with a disqualified horse: In a twenty one horse class where one horse is disqualified, the first place horse gets twenty one points, the twentieth place horse gets two points and the disqualified horse gets 0 points. The last point is not given because the disqualified horse gets no points.) This system will be used for any size class and may include more than one disqualification.
- H. **HIGH POINT TIES:** High Point ties for each competition and year end awards will be broken by awarding the high point award to the horse/rider with the highest placing in the working cow horse class. If this doesn't break the tie, the other classes will be used in the following order, reining, trail and pleasure.

EV-200 ASHA JUDGING PROCEDURES

- A. ASHA Score sheets shall be used to judge all classes. Specific maneuvers will be selected by judges prior to the class as tie-breaking maneuvers. These maneuvers will be ranked as first tie breaker, second, third, fourth, fifth, etc.
- B. During the class, a scribe shall assist each judge by recording the score after each of the maneuvers on the appropriate class score sheet. Judges shall sign their score sheets and the score sheets will be turned in to the show secretary.
- C. Show secretaries shall total individual scores, using the judge's tie breakers in the order listed, to place the class on points earned. They will check back with the judge if there are any questions.
- D. All exhibitors will be ranked according to scores, placed from highest to lowest scores, and given class points according to their placing.
- E. Class score sheets shall be posted as soon as possible after each class to allow riders to evaluate their performance.
- F. Exhibitors competing in all four classes shall have their class placing points entered into the All-Around tabulation. Points from each class shall be added together for the overall score for the four events. Ties for the all-around winner are broken first using the highest score in the working cow horse class, second using the reining class, and then the trail and pleasure classes.
- G. When using two judges to determine one set of winners, the classes will first be placed under each judge and class placing points awarded and posted. One judge shall be designated as the tie breaker judge before judging begins. The final class placings and winners will have the placing or ranking points from each judge added together with the tie breaker judge's placing points breaking ties. Exhibitors competing in all four classes shall have the final class placing points which were determined by both judges entered into the All-Around tabulation. **Pay outs will be made on the final class placings and all around placings.**

EV-210 ASHA COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

- A. **Equipment:** Horses shall be shown in a stock saddle. Silver equipment will not count over good clean, working equipment. Horses, of all ages, may be shown in a snaffle, bosal, or curb bit. Split reins shall be used with all bits except that a romal is acceptable with a curb bit. Chin straps are required and the curb chains or straps must be at least ½ inch in width and must lie flat against the horse's chin. No wire curbs are permitted, regardless of the amount of padding or tape. Absolutely no iron will be permitted under the jaws.
- B. **Prohibited equipment** includes tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, mechanical hackamores and running martingales. A judge may prohibit the use of any equipment deemed to be inhumane.
- C. **ATTIRE:** Riders shall wear protective headgear or western hats, long-sleeved shirts and western boots. *Western boots shall include typical cowboy boots and lace-up ropers. All other footwear is prohibited.* The use of spurs and chaps shall be optional. Clothing should be neat and clean.
- F. an ASHA competition license.
- G. All riders of horses riding and/or showing in Association approved competitions must be members in good standing. When entering Association approved classes, entry forms must identify horse and rider with the correct and current membership number.
- H. Sanctioned events require compliance with all ASHA Association rules and guidelines, fees, and documentation.
- I. A regular ASHA Event is considered to be a clinic and a competition. The recommended schedule is to have a clinic one day and a competition the following day or day(s).

1) ASHA Clinics - It is recommended that clinics offer sessions in all four ASHA versatility events – pleasure, trail, reining and working cow horse and be affordable to participants. Participation in clinic reports must be compiled as required by ASHA and reported within 14 days to the ASHA office with all necessary attachments and fees.

2) ASHA Competitions – Competitions must offer the four ASHA versatility classes of Pleasure, Reining, Trail and Working Cow Horse conducted and judged according to the rules of ASHA. Points must be awarded for each class as well as all-around placing in each Division that is offered according to ASHA rules and point systems. ASHA score sheets must be used by judges, compiled as required by competition secretaries and, reported within 14 days to the ASHA office with all necessary attachments and fees.

- h) ASHA competitions may offer five divisions that are based entirely on the rider, regardless of the horse they are riding. These divisions are Open, Non-Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice and Youth.
- i) ASHA competitions may also include a green horse division based entirely on the horse. This green horse may be shown by any exhibitor regardless of division or classification.
- j) A rider may show more than one horse in a division, but high point awards shall be based on a one horse/one rider team showing in all four classes.
- k) No horse may be shown in the same class more than once.
- l) Competitions must offer a minimum of two divisions - an Open and a Novice Division. Competitions are encouraged to offer as many of the six divisions as meet local needs.
- m) Show management must inspect the membership card or a photocopy of the card at any competition entered. ASHA membership applications and ASHA Collegiate membership applications shall be provided by show management at all ASHA competitions. The membership applications and the appropriate fees must be submitted with the competition results report.
- n) Show management must inspect the Horse Competition License or photocopy of each horse being exhibited in an ASHA competition. ASHA Horse Competition License applications shall be provided by show management at all ASHA competitions. The horse competition license applications and the appropriate fees must be submitted with the competition results report.

EV-037 ASHA DIVISIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- I. Open Division Eligibility – Every person competing in an open division must possess a current ASHA Membership card issued by ASHA. The Open Division is open to any professional or non-professional member, in good standing, with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees which will be paid back to winners according to the payout schedule in the ASHA Rule Book. These jackpot fees may range from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20 per class except for special events or championships.
- J. Non Pro Division Eligibility – Every person competing in a non pro division, which includes limited non pro and novice, must possess a current ASHA Non Pro Membership card issued by ASHA. There will be no jackpot in this division. The description of Non Pro Eligibility is as follows:
 - 6. Has not received payment, directly or indirectly for riding, training, assisting in training, showing horse(s) at any time during the past 5 years
 - 7. Has not received payment directly or indirectly for instructing another person or conducting a seminar in riding, training, driving or showing a horse any time during the past five years
 - 8. Has not had any expenses (including lodging, transportation, mileage, etc.) paid by someone else other than family members.
 - 9. Premium money won is not considered remuneration.
 - 10. A non pro may show in the Open Division without losing their Non Pro Eligibility as long as requirements for a Non Pro are still met.
- K. Limited Non Pro Division Eligibility – Exhibitors who qualify as a Non Pro Rider may choose to show in this division because of class routine or other personal choice. Exhibitors may also show in the Open or Non-Pro divisions without losing their eligibility in the Limited Non Pro division. There will be no jackpot in this division. Riders in this division will work a modified version of the working cow horse class which will not

involve turns down the fence, circling or roping (see ASHA LTD Non Pro and Green Horse Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

- L. Novice Division Eligibility and Restrictions— Individuals competing in a novice division must possess a current ASHA Non Pro Membership card with eligibility for Novice division noted on the card. There will be no jackpot in this division. Eligibility for the Novice division is as follows:
6. Adheres to all non pro eligibility requirements listed above
 7. Has never won an ASHA or SHOT High-Point or Reserve High-Point Championship in any division at any ASHA or SHOT show
 8. Has never won an ASHA or SHOT End-of –Year High Point Champion or Reserve All- Around High Point Champion in any division.
 9. If a member loses their novice eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a novice. In the future, the member is eligible only for Limited Non-Pro, Non-Pro or Open Divisions.
 10. Riders in this division will work a Novice and Youth Reining Pattern and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See ASHA Novice and Youth Reining and ASHA Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.) **Stallions are prohibited in this division.**
- M. Youth Division Eligibility and Restrictions - Exhibitors in the youth division must be youth, aged 8 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Youth competing in a youth division must possess a current ASHA Youth Membership card issued by ASHA. Riders in this division will work a Novice and Youth Reining Pattern and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See ASHA Novice and Youth Reining and Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.) **A youth may not show in both the Youth and Novice Divisions at the same show. Stallions are prohibited in this division.**
- N. Green Horse Division Eligibility and Restrictions – Horses competing in the green horse division must possess an ASHA Horse Competition License. Any rider possessing a current ASHA membership may show a horse in this division. There will be no jackpot in this division. Horses in this division will show in the same patterns as the Open and Non Pro with the exception of the working cow horse class which will be the Modified Working Cow Horse pattern. (See ASHA LTD Non Pro and Green Horse Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.)
6. A horse is eligible to be shown in this division if the following criteria are met.
 7. Be five years of age and younger as of January 1 of current year.
 8. Has never won a Champion or Reserve Champion All-Around in any ASHA approved division.
 9. If a horse loses their green horse eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a green horse. In the future, that horse is eligible only for other divisions.
 10. A green horse may be shown by a rider from any division.
- O. Division Eligibility Exceptions The ASHA shall have a classification committee from the ASHA Board of Directors. A member may petition, in writing, the ASHA Classification committee for a change in division eligibility due to extenuating circumstances. The written petition will be reviewed and the member notified of the ruling. In addition, the committee may reclassify a member for a division.
- P. Eligibility Violations Non Pro, Novice, Youth, and Green Horse Eligibility may be revoked at any time for violations of any ASHA rule or regulation. A person revoked from these special division statuses must relinquish their membership card and return it to the ASHA upon notice.

EV-039 HORSE ELIBIGILITY AND LICENSING

- E. All horses in an ASHA approved competition must show their ASHA Competition License Certificate or photocopy to participate in an ASHA competition. ASHA Competition Licenses may be purchased at an ASHA event and horses may show in a show without an approved competition license, but with a PENDING license provided an ASHA Competition License Application is completed with
1. A copy of Horse breed registration papers attached for registered horses or,
 2. A copy of veterinarian statement verifying age and description of horse with appropriate markings and brands for unregistered horses attached .(An E.I.A. (Coggins) laboratory test result properly executed to include age will be sufficient for nonregistered horses.) A digital photo I.D. on Coggins test papers is preferred.

3. and payment of licensing fees.

4. Without identification papers listed above, an additional \$10 will be charged.

- F. No horse may be shown in the green horse division without an ASHA competition license as proof of age and eligibility for green horse division.
- G. A horse may be shown in any division by eligible riders. Excepting only horses that meet green horse division eligibility may be shown in that division.
- H. A horse may not be shown in any class more than once.

EV-042 CLASSIFICATION AND TYPES OF SHOWS

- D. Competition Classifications - Competitions shall be classified according to the number of entries in approved classes and guidelines will be provided to help show management conduct shows with the corresponding expected number of entries and report their competition accordingly.

Class A Competitions 130 - 200 or more horse/rider combinations

Class B Competitions 75 – 130 horse/rider combinations

Class C Competitions 30 – 75 horse/rider combinations

Class D Competitions 30 or less horse/rider combinations

- E. Single Judged Shows: A single judged show is limited to one judge in one arena or area at any given time and held on one or more days. Scores from one judge in each event are tabulated, places broken by pre-determined judge's tie-breakers, and exhibitors ranked and pointed. Points from each class are added to determine the all-around division winners.
- F. Doubled Judged Shows – Double judged shows have two judges in one arena or area at one time, judging independently of each other.
For two independent show results: each independent judge's score sheets in each class will be turned into show secretary and tabulated separately for pointed rankings, which will be determined according to the number of entries in a class. Scores from each judge in a class are tabulated, places broken by the judge's pre-determined tie-breakers, and exhibitors ranked and pointed under each judge. . Each judge's scores, class placings and points will be posted separately. Judges for Show A and Show B for each class should be determined before the show and points kept for two complete shows – keeping all of Show A Judges scores together and all of Show B Judges scores together can result in two different and complete shows results being determined.
For one combined show result: When using two judges to determine one set of winners, the classes will first be placed under each judge and complete class scores showing class placing and points awarded for placings will be posted. One judge shall be designated as the tie breaker judge before judging begins. The final class placings and winners will have the placing or ranking points from each judge added together with the tie breaker judge's placing points breaking ties and class winners being named. Exhibitors competing in all four classes shall have their points from the final class placing points which were determined by both judges entered into one All-Around tabulation. All around winners will not be selected for each judge, but all around winners will be selected on the basis of the one set of points from the final class ranking being entered into one All-Around tabulation. Pay out monies will be paid based on the final placings based on combined judge's scores. Ties will be broken first by the working cow horse class, then by reining, trail and pleasure.

EV -050 EVENT MANAGERS FOR ASHA CLINICS AND COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS SPECIAL EVENTS

- G. **Eligibility** Any reputable person who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience may act in the capacity of the event manager
- H. **Person in Charge** – The event manager shall be the person in charge of the ASHA event. MANDATORY attendance OF THE SHOW MANAGER ON THE EVENT GROUNDS IS REQUIRED WHILE HE/SHE IS IN CHARGE
- I. **Announcement Flyers, Entry Forms, Show Schedules** – The Event Manager shall have the jurisdiction over preparing and mailing all items related to the event. The manager shall enforce the arrival and departure times as advertised.

- J. **Responsibilities** - The event manager shall at all times extend every effort to satisfy the comfort of the horses, the exhibitors, the spectators and the officials. The manager shall be held responsible for maintenance of clean and orderly condition throughout the event. The manager is responsible to see that ASHA Event Reports, Fees and competition results are submitted to the Association within fourteen (14) days of the last date of the event.
- K. **Authority** - The event manager shall have the authority to enforce all rules and requirements referring to the event. The manager may excuse any horse or exhibitor from the event for the safety of other horses, exhibitors or spectators or remove an exhibitor for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- L. **Retain Copies of Judges Sheets** – The show management shall retain copies of the original signed judges score sheets, copy of show results and entry forms for at least one year.

EV – 055 SHOW SECRETARY

- C. **Eligibility**- Any reputable person may act in the capacity of show secretary who can furnish proof that he or she is capable through ability and experience and is familiar with ASHA rules and procedures. The show secretary may not hold the position of show manager or ring steward at a show at which he/she serves as show secretary. The show secretary shall be the primary person responsible for verifying exhibitor and horse/s eligibility and correctness of clinic and show reports and results, thus requiring MANDATORY attendance of the show secretary on the event grounds throughout the duration of his/her responsibilities at the event.
- D. **Responsibility** - The responsibility of the show secretary shall be to
 - 1. Serve as primary contact for show results by recording both entries and show results and maintaining these records for at least one year
 - 2. Submitting ASHA Event Reports and monies along with competition results in hard copy to the Association within fourteen (14) days of the last date of the event. Competition results in electronic format should be submitted to the Association as soon as possible after the event.

EV – 060 COMPETITION RESULTS

Submission of Competition Results – The submission of the original, correct and ACCURATE competition results to ASHA must be postmarked and sent by electronic (e-mail) within 14 days. Any competition results including all official judges' sheets signed by judges, any ASHA fees, membership or horse registrations joined at competition not received in the ASHA office within 14 days of the last event may be subject to a \$50.00 late fee.

Each class result sheet must list the actual number of horses that competed in the class including the name of the horse on the ASHA competition license, the ASHA number of the horse, the exhibitor's name and the exhibitor's ASHA number. Other information as requested on each class sheet must be completed and the original score sheet must be signed by the judge. All forms and electronic score sheets will be supplied to a show secretary when an ASHA competition is officially approved.

- H. Competition Assessment Fees – Competition management must collect a \$5 bookkeeping fee per horse/rider entry per show AND FORWARD TO ASHA OFFICE WITH THE COMPETITION RESULTS IN ORDER FOR COMPETITION RESULTS TO BE PROCESSED. These fees help to defray the costs of record keeping and ASHA Certificates and/or awards
- I. Competition results must be submitted in the format specified by the ASHA accompanied by the original, signed, final judges' score sheets.
- J. Retaining Records – At the close of the competition, the event management shall retain copies or duplicates of the judges' original signed, final placing score sheets, a copy of competition results as received from ASHA and competition entry forms for one (1) year from date of show.

- K. Competition Result Mailing or Cancellation Deadline – Failure to mail the completed show result forms or notification of cancellation to the Association within fourteen days of the last scheduled event date may result in future approval being denied. Competitions which are more than thirty days delinquent in filing their results may be fined.
- L. Publication and Correctness of Competition Results – Competition results of ASHA approved events will be listed on the Official Association Website. A period of six months from the date of the competition will be allowed for a correction of show results. After that date, no request for competition result correction will be considered. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify ASHA of any possible errors in competition results.
- M. Discrepancies – Discrepancies between ASHA approved events and programs, divisions and classes actually offered and conducted at the event shall be presented to the Executive Committee for judgment when properly submitted by participants or show management.

EV- 090 POINTS

Points shall be awarded to qualifying horses entered and exhibited in ASHA approved competitions and events according to ASHA rules. Each class must be placed through the total horses actually judged in that class and points awarded to each horse that placed. Points will be awarded with the horse placing first receiving one point for every horse they placed above plus 1. Example: If 28 horses are in a class, the first place horse gets 28 points, the second place horse gets 27, etc. If a horse is disqualified (DQ) in a class, he receives no points and is listed at the bottom of the class sheet with a DQ noted. Disqualified horses count as entries in a class with a DQ noted in the points received and the horses placing above them receive points for the total number of horses shown in the class including the disqualified horses.

EV-095 JUDGES

Judges should have equine expertise and personal character to merit the honor of being asked to judge. Judges must be knowledgeable horsemen. Judges must read all contest rules as well as the procedures for judging the events and agree to use these procedures and score exhibitors according to the class rules.

EV-096 SCRIBES

Scribes are provided to assist the judge with the record keeping aspect of judging. Scribes should not double as a ring steward, but be available at all times to record scores given by the judge. A scribe's integrity must be above reproach and they must be willing to be attentive at all times. They should not attempt, in any way, to influence or change a judge's score, but always be available to assist the judge.

EV-098 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS Health requirements should be outlined on flyers and event announcements and enforced by the event management.

EV-110 ASHA TITLES AND AWARDS

Eligibility: ASHA shall issue awards on an annual or life-time basis as described within this section with provisions that the rider of the horse eligible for such awards is a current member in good standing. ASHA awards will only be issued to rider(s) of horses selected that have membership in the current year or year of notification should notification be given in a year following the year of earning an award or title as in the case of MERIT awards.

G. ASHA Regional Honor Roll Awards

The Association will provide a Regional Honor Roll Versatility award annually based upon the highest number of points earned by an individual horse/rider combination in the all-around in each division at ASHA approved competitions during that year's (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) competitions. The award is based on total cumulative points (with a minimum of 8 points). In addition, ASHA will provide a Regional Honor Roll award annually based upon the highest number of points earned by an individual horse/rider combination in each of the versatility classes in each division. The Top ten High Point of each event including the all-around in each division will be published on the Associations web-site and will be recognized in each of the events

H. ASHA Merit Award Program

ASHA offers a Merit Awards Program to recognize outstanding versatile western stock/ranch horses that have proven to be consistent over a period of time.

- 4) A horse/rider team is automatically awarded ASHA Merit Points by competing in either the Open or Non-Pro Divisions of approved American Stock Horse Association competitions.

- 5) Consistent with other ASHA policies, the Merit award is a joint award for a one horse/one rider combination earned in either the Non-Pro or Open Division in an approved American Stock Horse Association Show. Merit Points may only be awarded in one division at any one show.
 - 6) ASHA Merit Points shall be awarded to a one horse/one rider team showing in all four classes and based on the number of entries in the All-Around or High Point Division up to a maximum of 10 points. (Example: horses may receive a maximum of 10 ASHA Merit points for being the high-point horse, 9 points for reserve, and 8 points for third, down to 1 Merit point for placing 10th high overall. If only 8 horses are entered in the All-Around – the high point horse will receive 8 points, down to 1 Merit point for placing 8th high overall.)
- I. A horse may receive points with more than one rider, but the points cannot be added together for more than one rider or transferred to another rider. Horses that change riders must start over in accumulating Team Merit points for the Superior or Supreme Awards. Ownership may change, but the rider must remain constant.
 - J. **Superior STOCK HORSE VERSATILITY Award –100 ASHA MERIT POINTS.** This award may be awarded to a horse/rider team that has earned at least 100 ASHA MERIT POINTS at approved ASHA Shows in the All-Around rankings of either the Open or Non-Pro division. Points may be combined from the two divisions as long as they were acquired at different shows. This designation shall be noted in the records of the association and certificates presented to both the rider and owner, if different.
 - K. **Supreme STOCK HORSE VERSAILITY Award – 200 ASHA Merit Points.** This award may be awarded to a horse/rider team which has earned at least 200 ASHA Merit Points at approved ASHA shows in the All-Around rankings of either the Open or Non-Pro Division. Points may be combined from the two divisions as long as they were acquired at different shows. This designation will be noted in the records of the association and certificates presented to both the rider and owner, if different.
 - L. Merit points were initiated by the Stock Horse of Texas Association in January of 2006. These merit points were awarded in the All-Around division of all approved SHOT shows according to the guidelines listed above. The All-Around divisions have included the exact four ASHA classes that are now being offered. All of these points have been accepted by ASHA and are grandfathered into the ASHA Merit Program beginning in January 2009. From January 1, 2009, only points that have been earned at shows that have been approved by the American Stock Horse Association will be awarded as ASHA Merit points toward the ASHA Superior and Supreme Stock Horse Versatility Awards.

EV-180 ASHA Entry Fees and Payback Schedule

It is recommended that novice entry fees be kept as low as possible. Non-Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice, Youth and Green Horse entries will basically compete for points and class prizes.

- B. Open classes will be charged the same entry fee as other classes, but may have an additional jackpot fee. It is recommended that the jackpot fee in each class be a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20 that will be jackpotted and paid back to winners with the exception of special events. Fees should be divided into entry fees and jackpot fees. Half of jackpot fees will be for the class entered and half of the fees will go to the All-Around jackpot.
1. Class paybacks: Half of the jackpot will be for the class entered. Open class entries are competing for class points, plus a payback (½ of the jackpot monies collected for that class) according to the following schedule.
 2. All-Around paybacks: Exhibitors in all four classes will be eligible for the All-around paybacks – (½ of all open entries jackpot money). The All-Around paybacks in the Open Division will pay only to exhibitors showing in all four classes. The All-Around paybacks will be figured on the total number of entries in the Open Division, divided by four (4) to ascertain the average class size on which to base the all-around paybacks. Using the average class size, the number of paybacks to exhibitors showing in all four classes will be paid according to the following schedule.
 (Example: 52 total entries in open division divided by four will equal an average class size of 13 exhibitors and paybacks will go to four exhibitors showing in all four classes. (Example: 72 total entries in open division divided by four will equal an average class size of 18 exhibitors and paybacks will go to five exhibitors showing in all four classes.). (Example: 15 entries in open division, but only three exhibitors showing in all four classes – the all around jackpot money will be paid to THREE PLACES according to the three pay outs in schedule below). Exception: If there are not enough exhibitors in the All-Around to match the number that the schedule shows to be paid, move to the next lower payout level.

| # of Horses | 1-4 | 5-8 | 9-12 | 13-16 | 17-21 | 22-26 | 27-31 | 32+ |
|------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Number of places | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | 100% | 60% | 50% | 40% | 30% | 30% | 28% | 25% |
| 2 | | 40% | 30% | 30% | 25% | 24% | 23% | 20% |
| 3 | | | 20% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 16% | 15% |
| 4 | | | | 10% | 15% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| 5 | | | | | 10% | 9% | 9% | 10% |
| 6 | | | | | | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| 7 | | | | | | | 5% | 6% |
| 8 | | | | | | | | 4% |
| | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

EV-190 ASHA SCORING SYSTEM

- I. The ASHA Scoring System is designed to be positive and straight forward – always encouraging growth and improvement. The scoring system is a positive one rather than a negative one which leads to many disqualifications. These rules give a horse credit for what they accomplish rather than a disqualification with no score.
- J. No horse shall be disqualified except for illegal equipment, obvious lameness, or inhumane treatment or misconduct from the rider.
- K. In the case of a fall by a horse or rider, the run shall end when the rider or horse falls to the ground. A horse is considered fallen when all four feet are pointing in the same direction. A horse will be given credit for what he has done prior to the fall.
- L. In the case of equipment failure that delays competition or becomes unsafe, the run is stopped and the horse is given credit prior to that point.
- M. Using two hands on a curb bit or using more than one finger between split reins or any finger between romal reins will result in a two point run content deduction each time there is a violation.
- N. Specific deductions are listed with each class.
- O. **POINT SYSTEM: The judge must place each class in its entirety.** The judge should avoid ties, one-half points are permissible. Specific maneuvers will be designated by the judge to be tie breakers in a class. The tie breaker maneuvers will be made prior to the start of the class and so noted on score sheets for show secretary to use in breaking ties in the class. Every horse in the class is awarded one point for each horse they beat, plus one point.
 (Examples: In a ten horse class, the first place horse gets ten points and the tenth place horse gets one point. In a five horse class the winner gets five points and the last place horse gets one point.)
Disqualified horses will count as entries in the class, but will not receive points (A class with a disqualified horse: In a twenty one horse class where one horse is disqualified, the first place horse gets twenty one points, the twentieth place horse gets two points and the disqualified horse gets 0 points. The last point is not given because the disqualified horse gets no points.) This system will be used for any size class and may include more than one disqualification.

- P. **HIGH POINT TIES:** High Point ties for each competition and year end awards will be broken by awarding the high point award to the horse/rider with the highest placing in the working cow horse class. If this doesn't break the tie, the other classes will be used in the following order, reining, trail and pleasure.

EV-200 ASHA JUDGING PROCEDURES

- H. ASHA Score sheets shall be used to judge all classes. Specific maneuvers will be selected by judges prior to the class as tie-breaking maneuvers. These maneuvers will be ranked as first tie breaker, second, third, fourth, fifth, etc.
- I. During the class, a scribe shall assist each judge by recording the score after each of the maneuvers on the appropriate class score sheet. Judges shall sign their score sheets and the score sheets will be turned in to the show secretary.
- J. Show secretaries shall total individual scores, using the judge's tie breakers in the order listed, to place the class on points earned. They will check back with the judge if there are any questions.
- K. All exhibitors will be ranked according to scores, placed from highest to lowest scores, and given class points according to their placing.
- L. Class score sheets shall be posted as soon as possible after each class to allow riders to evaluate their performance.
- M. Exhibitors competing in all four classes shall have their class placing points entered into the All-Around tabulation. Points from each class shall be added together for the overall score for the four events. Ties for the all-around winner are broken first using the highest score in the working cow horse class, second using the reining class, and then the trail and pleasure classes.
- N. When using two judges to determine one set of winners, the classes will first be placed under each judge and class placing points awarded and posted. One judge shall be designated as the tie breaker judge before judging begins. The final class placings and winners will have the placing or ranking points from each judge added together with the tie breaker judge's placing points breaking ties. Exhibitors competing in all four classes shall have the final class placing points which were determined by both judges entered into the All-Around tabulation. **Pay outs will be made on the final class placings and all around placings.**

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- D. **Equipment:** Horses shall be shown in a stock saddle. Silver equipment will not count over good clean, working equipment. Horses, of all ages, may be shown in a snaffle, bosal, or curb bit. Split reins shall be used with all bits except that a romal is acceptable with a curb bit. Chin straps are required and the curb chains or straps must be at least ½ inch in width and must lie flat against the horse's chin. No wire curbs are permitted, regardless of the amount of padding or tape. Absolutely no iron will be permitted under the jaws.
- E. **Prohibited equipment** includes tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, mechanical hackamores and running martingales. A judge may prohibit the use of any equipment deemed to be inhumane.
- F. **ATTIRE:** Riders shall wear protective headgear or western hats, long-sleeved shirts and western boots. *Western boots shall include typical cowboy boots and lace-up ropers. All other footwear is prohibited.* The use of spurs and chaps shall be optional. Clothing should be neat and clean.