

# **Capitol Area Quarter Horse Association 2018 Performance Horse Show Rules**

**Purpose: To recognize achievements of Members of the Association.**

## **Overview –**

Specific rules and details for each Division are listed below this overview by Division.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand the rules.

We welcome your questions!

**CAQHA will award Daily High Point and Reserve High Point Awards at each show in the following Divisions:**

1. Small Fry (10 and Under Walk/Trot)
2. Walk / Trot ONLY 18 & Under
3. Walk/ Trot ONLY 19 & Over
4. Novice Rider (all ages)
5. 13 & Under
6. 14 – 18
7. 19 & Over

- Exhibitor must be a member of CAQHA to be eligible for Daily High Point Awards.
- All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse' divisions.

**CAQHA will award High Point, Reserve High Point and Top 5 Series Awards at the end of the 2018 show season in the following Divisions:**

1. Novice Rider (all ages)
2. 13 & Under
3. 14 - 18
4. 19 & Over

- Exhibitor must be a CAQHA member and must fill out a Nomination Form and pay the nomination fee for each Division prior to the start of their first show.
- All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse' divisions.
- Exhibitor must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards.

**CAQHA will award High Point, Reserve High Point and Top 3 Series Awards at the end of the 2018 show season in the following Divisions:**

1. Small Fry (10 and Under Walk/Trot)
2. Walk / Trot ONLY 18 & Under
3. Walk/ Trot ONLY 19 & Over

- Exhibitor must be a CAQHA member and must fill out a Nomination Form and pay the nomination fee for each Division prior to the start of their first show.
- All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse' divisions.
- Exhibitor must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards.

## Divisions

### Small Fry – 10 and Under Walk/Trot:

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2018. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope. **You must show in at least two performance classes to be eligible for Daily High Point awards.** Daily High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Small Fry classes at each show.

Small Fry classes include Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure and Horsemanship.

**Series High Point Awards – TOP THREE:** One High Point Series Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Small Fry classes over the three show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Rules for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Series Award are the same, with the third highest overall number of points.

**Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show and pay the \$10 Series Awards nomination fee for that division. Must show in at least two Small Fry performance classes in two out of the three shows. Must show the same horse throughout the Series to be eligible.**

Small Fry exhibitors ARE eligible to compete in the 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY classes and Division. Small Fry exhibitors may not compete in any classes with a canter or lope. **Only points earned in Small Fry classes will count toward Daily and Series Awards in that division.**

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards (including Daily High Point) must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

## **Walk/Trot ONLY 18 and Under:**

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2018. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope. **You must show in at least three performance classes in the 18 and Under Walk/Trot ONLY division to be eligible for Daily High Point awards.** Walk/Trot ONLY (WTO) classes include Showmanship WTO, Hunter Under Saddle WTO, Equitation WTO, Western Pleasure WTO, Horsemanship WTO and Trail WTO.

**Series High Point Awards – TOP THREE:** One High Point Series Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Walk/Trot ONLY 18 & Under classes, English and Western, over the three show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Rules for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Series Award are the same, with the third highest overall number of points.

**Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show and pay the \$10 Series Awards nomination fee for that division. You must show in at least three performance classes in 18 and Under Walk/Trot ONLY division per show in two out of the three shows. Must show the same horse throughout the Series to be eligible.**

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards (including Daily High Point) must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

## **Walk/Trot ONLY 19 and Over:**

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2018. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope. **You must show in at least three performance classes in the 19 and Over Walk/Trot ONLY division to be eligible for Daily High Point awards.** Walk/Trot ONLY (WTO) classes include Showmanship WTO, Hunter Under Saddle WTO, Equitation WTO, Western Pleasure WTO, Horsemanship WTO and Trail WTO.

**Series High Point Awards – TOP THREE:** One High Point Series Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Walk/Trot ONLY 19 & Over classes, English and Western, over the three show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Rules for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Series Award are the same, with the third highest overall number of points.

**Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show and pay the \$10 Series Awards nomination fee for that division. You must show in at least three performance classes in the 19 and Over Walk/Trot ONLY division per show in two out of the three shows. Must show the same horse throughout the Series to be eligible.**

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards (including Daily High Point) must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

## Novice Rider – All Ages:

Definition applies to the Rider. This class is for exhibitors just starting their show career and new to the show arena. Please use the honor system when determining rider status. Guidelines include: 1) If rider has previously won a Daily High Point Award, Series Award or Reserve Award in ANY division (EXCEPT Walk/Trot ONLY) prior to the start of the Series, rider is not eligible to show as a Novice. 2) If rider has competed at any Breed National or World Show in any division prior to the start of the Series, rider is not eligible to show as a Novice. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitors who misrepresent themselves by entering Novice division classes for which they are not eligible. If you have questions or are unsure of your Novice status, please ask us. Open to riders of any age. Novice Classes contain Canter and Lope. If you qualify as a Novice Rider and begin showing in the Series as a Novice Rider, you may stay in the Novice Division throughout the Series. Stallions will not be allowed in Novice Rider classes because youth exhibitors may also be riding in these classes. **You must show in at least three performance classes in the Novice Rider division to be eligible for Daily High Point awards.** These classes are: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail.

**Series High Point Awards – TOP THREE:** One High Point Series Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Novice Rider classes, English and Western, over the three show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Rules for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Series Award are the same, with the third highest overall number of points.

**Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show and pay the \$10 Series Awards nomination fee for this division. You must show in at least three performance classes in two out of the three shows in the Novice Rider division to be eligible for Series awards. Must show the same horse throughout the Series to be eligible.**

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards (including Daily High Point) must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

## Youth 13 and Under

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2018. 13 and Under classes contain canter and lope gaits.

**You must show in at least four English or Western performance class in the 13 and Under division to be eligible for Daily High Point awards.** These classes are: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail.

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards (including Daily High Point) must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

**Series High Point Awards – TOP FIVE.** One High Point Series Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all 13 and Under classes, English and Western, over the three show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Rules for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place through 5<sup>th</sup> Place Series Award are the same, with the third, fourth and fifth highest overall number of points. Points are accumulated at CAQHA 2018 Open Show Series.

**Exhibitors competing for the Series Awards must declare at their first show and pay the \$10 Series Awards nomination fee for their division. Exhibitor/horse team must show in at least four English or Western performance class in their respective age division at two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series awards.** These classes are: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail. **Must show the same horse throughout the Series to be eligible.**

## Youth 14 - 18

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2018. 14 - 18 classes contain canter and lope gaits.

**You must show in at least four English or Western performance class in the 14 – 18 division to be eligible for Daily High Point awards.** These classes are: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail.

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards (including Daily High Point) must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

**Series High Point Awards – TOP FIVE.** One High Point Series Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all 14 - 18 classes, English and Western, over the three show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Rules for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place through 5<sup>th</sup> Place Series Award are the same, with the third, fourth and fifth highest overall number of points. Points are accumulated at CAQHA 2018 Open Show Series.

**Exhibitors competing for the Series Awards must declare at their first show and pay the \$10 Series Awards nomination fee for their division. Exhibitor/horse team must show in at least four English or Western performance class in their respective age division at two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series awards.** These classes are: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail. **Must show the same horse throughout the Series to be eligible.**

## **19 and Over:**

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2018. 19 and Over classes contain canter and lope gaits.

**You must show in at least four English or Western performance class in the 19 and Over division to be eligible for Daily High Point awards.** These classes are: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail.

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards (including Daily High Point) must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

**Series High Point Awards – TOP FIVE.** One High Point Series Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over classes, English and Western, over the three show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Rules for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place through 5<sup>th</sup> Place Series Award are the same, with the third, fourth and fifth highest overall number of points. Points are accumulated at CAQHA 2018 Open Show Series.

**Exhibitors competing for the Series Awards must declare at their first show and pay the \$10 Series Awards nomination fee for their division. Exhibitor/horse team must show in at least four English or Western performance class in their respective age division at two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series awards.** These classes are: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail. **Must show the same horse throughout the Series to be eligible.**



**Lead Line and Walk Only (10 & Under) Classes:**  
**Virginia “Ginny” Nokes Future Horseman / Horsewoman Series Award**

This award will be presented to both Lead Line exhibitors and Walk Only exhibitors who nominate (NO FEE) and exhibit in 2 of the 3 shows. This memorial award is in honor of the late Ginny Nokes, a well-known and beloved professional horsewoman who was involved in several different breed disciplines throughout the state of Texas and beyond, mentoring hundreds of youth and adults in her career, including a few of our own CAQHA Board Members. Ginny remained active and vibrant late in life, still teaching into her 90's and encouraging people to learn from the horse. Ginny now rides her favorite steeds across the grassy fields of heaven. The Capitol Area Quarter Horse Association is honored to carry on her mission of encouraging young riders! All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards must be a current CAQHA member and fill out the Nomination Form for this division before their class. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2018 awards program.

**Don Blazer Scholarship - Trail Class Award:**

This scholarship is awarded to any high school senior or students (of any age) enrolled in college, a trade or technical college, or university. To receive award, scholarship recipient must show proof of current enrollment or admission to any of these programs of higher education. Exhibitor must show same horse in Don Blazer Scholarship Trail Class at all three 2018 All Breed Performance Shows. Exhibitor with the highest number of points earned from all Don Blazer Trail Classes over the 2018 three show series will be the scholarship recipient. Exhibitor must be a CAQHA member and must fill out a Nomination Form (no fee) prior to this class at the first show.

This Trail Class Scholarship serves as a tribute to the late Don Blazer, equestrian, trainer, and writer/columnist whose selfless guidance spanning several decades helped countless riders of all ages improve their skills and the relationship with their horse. Trail was one of Don's favorite classes because it embodies the best of the human/horse connection and bond. Don was a spiritual man with a passion for educating and helping horse owners with the care and training of the animal he loved.

## Additional High Point Rules:

CAQHA Board Members and Officers are eligible for all High Point Awards; however, no Board Member or Officer exhibiting a horse for points or awards will be involved on the Show Committee in a formal decision making capacity as it relates to the hiring of judges or selecting patterns.

Payment for membership and nominations must be received by CAQHA BEFORE the first class is shown, no exceptions. You may join at the show prior to your first class. There are no minimum point requirements. AQHA class procedures apply to all applicable classes.

**High Point.** High Point ties broken by (1) greatest number of classes entered, (b) most first places, (c) flip of a coin. Show Series Awards will be presented to the winners at the CAQHA Awards Ceremony.

**Injured or Ill Horse Nominated for Series Awards:** If exhibitor is nominated in any division and their horse becomes injured or ill and may no longer compete in the show season, the exhibitor may transfer the Nomination Fee to another horse, but points earned on the first horse will not carry over to the new horse. A veterinarian's note will need to accompany the exhibitors written request to transfer the Nomination Fee.

Points earned in any class not designated in one of the divisions will not count. Classes not counting toward High Point will be: Lead Line, Walk Only, classes for Riders with Special Needs.

**Daily High Point / Reserve High Point:** Horse / exhibitor team may win only one Daily High Point or Daily Reserve High Point per show. If an exhibitor wins a Daily High Point in more than one division, they will receive one High Point Award (division of their choice) and may receive Daily Reserve High Point Award in other division. Exhibitor must be a CAQHA member prior to start of show.

**All Series Awards may be won in consecutive years. The only exception is the Novice Rider Division. If exhibitor wins a Daily High Point, Reserve High Point or Series Award in the Novice Division in a show year, they are no longer eligible to compete in that division the following year.**

## **Show Rules:**

1. AQHA Class procedures apply to all applicable classes.
2. Upon judge's discretion, management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes of fewer than 3 exhibitors.
3. Management reserves the right upon the judge's discretion to split or run heats with classes of over 20 entries.
4. Showmanship is considered a performance event.
5. Stallions may not be shown / exhibited by a youth in any classes. Stallions may not be shown in any of the Novice Rider classes. Stallions may not be shown in the Mystery Classes. Stallions may only be shown by an adult in an adult or Open All-Age and/or Jackpot Class. Anyone with a stallion who displays disruptive or potentially disruptive / unsafe behavior will be immediately excused from the show arena / premises by CAQHA management. Refund of unused entry fees is at discretion of show management.
6. Junior and Senior Horse Classes will be Jackpot and Sponsored Classes. Entry fee is a nonrefundable \$20 per class with a % payback. Classes are: Junior Horse Hunter Under Saddle, Senior Horse Hunter Under Saddle, Junior Horse Western Pleasure and Senior Horse Western Pleasure. Exhibitors may sign up for Jackpot Classes in the show office or at the gate. Show management may combine classes with entries of 3 or fewer. Junior Horse is 5 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2018 regardless of their actual date of birth. Senior Horse is 6 years of age or older as of January 1, 2018 regardless of their actual date of birth.
7. Show Mystery Class: Each show will feature a Jackpot Mystery Class, for a nonrefundable \$10 entry fee. Mystery Class will be announced on the day of the show a minimum of three hours prior to its gate call.
8. No refunds for scratches unless made IN OFFICE or AT GATE (via scratch form filled out by gate person) at least ONE class prior to the start of class to be scratched. No refunds for Jackpot classes – see Jackpot and Mystery Class rules.
9. Must be a current member of CAQHA to be eligible for awards. All horses must show proof of current negative Coggins (current being within 12 months or less, from date of show).
10. The 9 point system below is used to calculate Daily and Series awards.

