

**Capitol Area Quarter Horse Association
2020 Classic 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!

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1. Small Fry (10 and Under Walk/Trot)
2. Walk / Trot ONLY 18 & Under
3. Walk/ Trot ONLY 19 & Over
4. 18 & Under
5. 19 & Over

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

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

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

CAQHA adheres to rules, policies, judgments, and procedures upheld by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), our parent organization. AQHA Class procedures apply to all applicable classes.

CAQHA will award a YEAR END HIGH POINT CHAMPION, RESERVE CHAMPION and a TOP THREE AWARD in the following Divisions:

1. Small Fry (10 and Under Walk/Trot)
2. Walk / Trot ONLY 18 & Under
3. Walk/ Trot ONLY 19 & Over
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Exhibitor must be a member of CAQHA and **must nominate in his/her respective divisions** to be eligible for Yearly High Point Awards. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse' divisions.

DIVISIONS

Lead Line and Walk Only (10 & Under) Classes: Virginia "Ginny" Nokes Future Horseman / Horsewoman

These awards will be presented to Lead Line exhibitors, Walk-Only exhibitors and Riders with Special Needs exhibitors at each Saturday show; these contestants may ride in either western or english tack/attire. 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!

YEAR END FUTURE HORSEMAN/HORSEWOMAN AWARD: Any exhibitor who shows at ALL THREE Classic shows in Lead Line, Walk-Only and/or Riders with Special Needs will receive a year end award if he/she is a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2020 awards program. The one horse, one exhibitor rule does not apply to this division. However, exhibitor **must nominate** at first show.

Small Fry – 10 and Under Walk/Trot:

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope.

Small Fry Western High Point: Western High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Small Fry Western classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least two Western performance classes to be eligible for the Western High Point Awards. Small Fry performance classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure and Horsemanship. Small Fry exhibitors may also show in Halter (this class is NOT required) however any points earned in a Youth Halter class will count toward the Western High Point Awards.

Small Fry English High Point: English High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Small Fry English Classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least two English performance classes to be eligible for the English High Point Awards. Small Fry performance classes include English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation and Hunter Versatility (English Trail).

YEAR END Small Fry Champions: Champion, Reserve Champion and a Top Three Award will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Western and English Small Fry classes. Exhibitor must show in at least two Western performance classes and two English performance classes to be eligible for the year end Champion Awards. Small Fry classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation and Hunter Versatility (English Trail). Although points earned in Western Halter will count toward yearly high point awards, Halter is NOT mandatory.

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 Year End Awards in the Small Fry division. If a Small Fry exhibitor also competes in the 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY division, any points earned in their respective Youth Halter class will also count toward the 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY division award.**

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2020 awards program.

Walk/Trot ONLY 18 and Under:

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope.

18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY Western High Point: Western High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY Western classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least two Western performance classes in this division to be eligible for the Western High Point Awards. 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY performance classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail and Trail. 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY exhibitors may also show in Halter (this class is NOT required) however any points earned in a Youth Halter class will count toward Western High Point Awards.

18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY English High Point: English High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY English Classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least two English performance classes in this division to be eligible for the English High Point Awards. 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY performance classes include English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail and Hunter Versatility (English Trail).

YEAR END 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY Champions: Champion, Reserve Champion and a Top Three Award will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Western and English 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY classes. Exhibitor must show in at least two Western performance classes and two English performance classes to be eligible for the year-end Champion Awards. 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail, Trail, English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail and Hunter Versatility (English Trail). Although points earned in Western Halter will count toward yearly high point awards, Halter is NOT mandatory.

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2020 awards program.

Walk/Trot ONLY 19 and Over:

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope.

19 & Over Walk/Trot ONLY Western High Point: Western High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over Walk/Trot ONLY Western classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least two Western performance classes in this division to be eligible for the Western High Point Awards. 19 & Over Walk/Trot ONLY performance classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail and Trail. 19 & Over Walk/Trot ONLY exhibitors may also show in Halter (this class is NOT required) however any points earned in an Adult Halter class will count toward Western High Point Awards.

19 & Over Walk/Trot ONLY English High Point: English High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over Walk/Trot ONLY English Classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least two English performance classes in this division to be eligible for the English High Point Awards. 19 & Over Walk/Trot ONLY performance classes include English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail and Hunter Versatility (English Trail).

YEAR END 19 & Over Champions: Champion, Reserve Champion and a Top Three Award will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Western and English 19 & Over classes. Exhibitor must show in at least three Western performance classes and three English performance classes to be eligible for the year-end Champion Awards. 19 & Over classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail, Trail, English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail, and Hunter Versatility (English Trail). Although points earned in Western Halter will count toward yearly high point awards, Halter is NOT mandatory.

All exhibitors showing for any High Point Awards must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2020 awards program.

Youth 18 and Under

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. 18 and Under classes contain lope and canter gaits.

Youth 18 & Under Western High Point: Western High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 18 & Under Western classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least three Western performance classes in this division to be eligible for the Western High Point Awards. 18 & Under Western performance classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail, and Trail. 18 & Under exhibitors may also show in Halter (this class is NOT required) however any points earned in their respective Halter class will count toward Western High Point Awards.

Youth 18 & Under English High Point: English High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 18 & Under English Classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least three English performance classes in this division to be eligible for the English High Point Awards. 18 & Under performance classes include English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail, and Hunter Versatility (English Trail).

YEAR END Youth 18 & Under Champions: Champion, Reserve Champion and a Top Three Award will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Western and English 18 & Under classes. Exhibitor must show in at least three Western performance classes and three English performance classes to be eligible for the year-end Champion Awards. 18 & Under classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail, Trail, English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail, and Hunter Versatility (English Trail). Although points earned in Western Halter will count toward yearly high point awards, Halter is NOT mandatory.

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19 and Over:

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. 19 & Over classes contain lope and canter gaits.

Adult 19 & Over Western High Point: Western High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over Western classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least three Western performance classes in this division to be eligible for the Western High Point Awards. 19 & Over Western performance classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail, and Trail. 19 & Over exhibitors may also show in Halter (this class is NOT required) however any points earned in their respective Halter class will count toward Western High Point Awards.

Adult 19 & Over English High Point: English High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over English Classes at each show. Exhibitor must show in at least three English performance classes in this division to be eligible for the English High Point Awards. 19 & Over performance classes include English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail, and Hunter Versatility (English Trail).

YEAR END 19 & Over Champions: Champion, Reserve Champion and a Top Three Award will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Western and English 19 & Over classes. Exhibitor must show in at least three Western performance classes and three English performance classes to be eligible for the year-end Awards. 19 & Over classes include Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Discipline Rail, Trail, English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, English Discipline Rail, and Hunter Versatility (English Trail). Although points earned in Western Halter will count toward yearly high point awards, Halter is NOT mandatory.

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Don Blazer Scholarship - Trail Class Competition:

This scholarship is awarded annually to any high school senior and/or student of any age, enrolled in a college, university, or trade or technical school. To receive this award, scholarship recipient must show proof of current enrollment or admission to any aforementioned program of higher education.

TWO scholarship awards will be given in 2020 – one in the Ranch Horse arena and one in the Classic Show arena. Exhibitor may show one horse in Ranch Shows and a different horse in Classic Shows and be eligible for the Don Blazer Scholarship in both Ranch and Classic Show Series. Exhibitor may not win the Don Blazer Scholarship in consecutive years.

Exhibitor must show the same horse in the Scholarship Trail Class at all three of our 2020 Ranch All-Breed Open Horse Shows; or Exhibitor must show the same horse in the Scholarship Trail Class at all three of our 2020 Classic Horse Shows. The Scholarship Trail Class will consist of its own separate pattern. Trail Pattern for this class will only be posted at the show and will not be available in advance of the show.

Eligibility Requirements: Exhibitors must be members of CAQHA and must perform a minimum of 6 hours of volunteer service at any CAQHA event in the same calendar year. Half of those hours must be performed by the exhibitor and the other half may be contributed/performed by a friend and/or relative. All volunteer hours must be accounted for with sign-off by the Classic Show Manager/Ranch Show Manager. If exhibitor is competing on two different horses (one at our Ranch Shows and a different horse at our Classic Shows) they will be required to perform a minimum of 12 hours of volunteer service.

The Exhibitor(s) with the requisite number of hours of volunteer service **and** the highest number of points earned from placings in the Scholarship trail classes from each Classic or Ranch show series, will be the scholarship recipient(s) for that year.

This Trail Class Scholarship serves as a tribute to the late Don Blazer, an equestrian, trainer, and writer/columnist whose selfless guidance spanned several decades and helped countless riders improve their skills and relationships with their horses. 'Trail' was Mr. Blazer's favorite event because it embodies one of the best examples of the human & horse connection with trust under saddle. Mr. Blazer was a spiritual gentleman with a passion for educating and helping horse owners with the care and training of their own horses.

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 selection of patterns.

Payment for membership must be received 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 (a) greatest number of classes entered, (b) most first places, (c) flip of a coin.

Points earned in any class not designated in one of the divisions will not count. Classes not counting toward any High Point Awards are: Lead Line, Walk Only, Riders with Special Needs, Junior Horse and Senior Horse Classes.

Show Rules:

1. CAQHA adheres to rules, policies, judgments, and procedures upheld by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), our parent organization. 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. Management reserves the right upon the judge's discretion to excuse a horse from competition if it is deemed lame or in poor health.
5. Management reserves the right to prevent an exhibitor from attending or participating in any of our shows if it is deemed that their presence may be a disruption to the show and/or its participants.
6. Showmanship is considered a performance event.
7. Stallions may NOT be shown / exhibited by a youth in any classes. Stallions may not be shown in any of the Youth classes. 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.
8. Junior and Senior Horse Classes are not eligible for Daily or Year-End Awards. Junior Horse is 5 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2020 regardless of their actual date of birth. Senior Horse is 6 years of age or older as of January 1, 2020 regardless of their actual date of birth. Exhibitors are expected to adhere to bosal/snaffle bit AQHA guidelines re: Junior age and Senior age horses. Junior horses may be exhibited in bosal or shankless snaffle bit; Senior horses must be exhibited in a shank bit.
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. If class numbers warrant, volunteer spotters will be utilized to assist the judge in determining the placings in Western and English Discipline Rail classes.
12. The 9 point system below is used to calculate Daily and Year-End awards. CAQHA awards ribbons through 8th place; points through 9th place, if applicable.

