

Capitol Area Quarter Horse Association 2020 Ranch 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. Youth 18 & Under
 2. Amateur 19 & Over
 3. Never-Won-A-Buckle (NWAB) – Exhibitors of All Ages
 4. Junior Horse – Exhibitors of All Ages
 5. Senior Horse – Exhibitors of All Ages
 6. Walk/Trot – 18 & Under (May not enter in any class with a Lope.)
 7. Walk/Trot – 19 & Over Amateur (May not enter in any class with a Lope.)
- Exhibitor must be a member of CAQHA to be eligible for Show High Point Awards.
 - All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse' divisions.
 - Exhibitor must show in a minimum requirement of classes offered in each division to be eligible for Awards. Detailed list of classes below / per division.
 - Conformation classes will be by division. Youth may not show stallions.
 - 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 High Point and Reserve High Point at the end of the 2020 show season in the following Divisions:

1. Youth 18 & Under
 2. Amateur 19 & Over
 3. Never-Won-A-Buckle
 4. Junior Horse
 5. Senior Horse
 6. Walk/Trot – 18 & Under (May not enter in any class with a Lope.)
 7. Walk/Trot – 19 & Over Amateur (May not enter in any class with a Lope.)
- **Exhibitor must be a CAQHA member and must fill out a Nomination Form for each Division at the February 15 or June 13 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

Youth 18 and Under:

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. These classes contain lope and extended lope gaits. **You must show in 5 out of the 7 classes offered in this Division to be eligible for Show High Point awards.** These classes are: Ranch Reining, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding (pattern), Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure (SHOT pattern), Stock Horse Showmanship* and Conformation. * Stock Horse Showmanship is only offered in the Youth 18 & Under division and will run immediately before the 18 & Under Stock Horse Conformation class (see showbill). It gives youth the opportunity to exhibit in this popular Stock Horse class offered at the 4-H shows.

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. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points.

Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show in February or June and fill out the nomination form for this division. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse'. Exhibitors must show in two of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards and exhibitors must show in 5 out of the 7 classes offered in this Division at each show. Points from all four shows and all classes in this Division are accumulated for the CAQHA 2020 Ranch Show Series Awards.

19 & Over Amateur:

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. 19 and Over Amateur classes contain lope and extended lope gaits. **You must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division to be eligible for Show High Point awards.** These classes are: Ranch Reining, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding (pattern), Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure (SHOT pattern), and Conformation.

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. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points.

Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show in February or June and fill out the nomination form for this division. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse'. Exhibitors must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards and exhibitors must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division at each show. Points from all four shows and all classes in this Division are accumulated for the CAQHA 2020 Ranch Show Series Awards.

Walk/Trot – 18 & Under:

Age of exhibitor as of January 1, 2020. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a lope. **Exhibitor must show in 4 out of the 5 classes offered in the 18 & Under Walk / Trot Division to be eligible for Show High Point awards.** These classes are: W/T Ranch

Rail Pleasure, W/T Ranch Riding (modified pattern), W/T Stock Horse Trail, W/T Stock Horse Pleasure (modified SHOT pattern), and W/T Conformation.

All exhibitors showing for any Show High Point Awards must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2020 awards program. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points.

Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show in February or June and fill out the nomination form for this division. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse'. Exhibitors must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards and exhibitors must show in 4 out of the 5 classes offered in this Division at each show. Points from all four shows and all classes in this Division are accumulated for the CAQHA 2020 Ranch Show Series Awards.

Walk/Trot – 19 & Over Am. (Amateur):

Age of exhibitor as of January 1, 2020. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a lope. **Exhibitor must show in 4 out of the 5 classes offered in the 19 & Over Walk / Jog Division to be eligible for Show High Point awards.** These classes are: W/T Ranch Rail Pleasure, W/T Ranch Riding (modified pattern), W/T Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure (modified SHOT pattern), and W/T Conformation.

All exhibitors showing for any Show High Point Awards must be a current CAQHA member. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for the 2020 awards program. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points.

Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show in February or June and fill out the nomination form for this division. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse'. Exhibitors must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards and exhibitors must show in 4 out of the 5 classes offered in this Division at each show. Points from all four shows and all classes in this Division are accumulated for the CAQHA 2020 Ranch Show Series Awards.

Never-Won-A-Buckle – Open to Exhibitors of All Ages:

Definition applies to the Rider - 1) rider must not have won ANY kind of buckle in ANY riding class and/or event (from speed to rodeo, hunt seat, over fences, walk/jog, etc. includes ALL disciplines) in showing career prior to start of the 2020 show year. Please use the honor system when determining rider status. If you have a question about eligibility in this division, please ask. Never-Won-A-Buckle (NWAB) classes contain Lope and Extended Lope. If you qualify as a NWAB rider and begin showing in 2020 as a NWAB Rider, you may stay in the NWAB Division for the year. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitors who misrepresent themselves by entering NWAB division for which they are not eligible.

You must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division to be eligible for Show High Point awards. These classes are: Ranch Reining, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding (pattern),

Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure (SHOT pattern), and Conformation.

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. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points.

Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show in February or June and fill out the nomination form for this division. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse'. Exhibitors must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards and exhibitors must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division at each show. Points from all four shows and all classes in this Division are accumulated for the CAQHA 2020 Ranch Show Series Awards.

Junior Horse – Open to Exhibitors of All Ages:

Any horse 5 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2020. (Note: All horses become one year older on January 1st of each year, regardless of their actual foaling date. If you have any questions about this age rule, please ask us.)

Junior Horse Show High Point Awards will be a 'One Horse/One Exhibitor' award. Points earned by Junior Horses ridden by multiple exhibitors are not eligible for Show Awards.

Junior Horse classes contain lope and extended lope gaits. **You must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division to be eligible for Show High Point awards.** These classes are: Ranch Reining, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding (pattern), Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure (SHOT pattern) and Conformation.

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. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points.

Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show in February or June and fill out the nomination form for this division. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse'. Exhibitors must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards and exhibitors must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division at each show. Points from all four shows and all classes in this Division are accumulated for the CAQHA 2020 Ranch Show Series Awards.

Senior Horse – Open to Exhibitors of All Ages:

Any horse 6 years of age or older as of January 1, 2020. (Note: All horses become one year older on January 1st of each year, regardless of their actual foaling date. If you have any questions about this age rule, please ask us.)

Senior Horse Show High Point Awards will be a 'One Horse/One Exhibitor' award. Points earned by Senior Horses ridden by multiple exhibitors are not eligible for Show Awards.

Senior Horse classes contain lope and extended lope gaits. **You must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division to be eligible for Show High Point awards.** These classes are:

Ranch Reining, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding (pattern), Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure (SHOT pattern) and Conformation.

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. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points.

Exhibitors competing for Series Awards must declare at their first show in February or June and fill out the nomination form for this division. All Divisions are 'one exhibitor/one horse'. Exhibitors must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Series Awards and exhibitors must show in 5 out of the 6 classes offered in this Division at each show. Points from all four shows and all classes in this Division are accumulated for the CAQHA 2020 Ranch Show Series Awards.

Don Blazer All-Age 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 selecting patterns.

Payment for membership 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) most first places, then most second places, then most third places to most fourth places; if there remains a tie then (2) flip of a coin.

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. No refunds for scratches unless made IN OFFICE prior to the start of class.
3. 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).
4. Exhibitor may show multiple horses in one division however exhibitor may win only one Show High Point Award and one Show Reserve High Point Award.
5. Exhibitor may show one horse in multiple divisions, however exhibitor may win only one Show High Point Award and one Show Reserve High Point Award.
6. Stallions may NOT be shown / exhibited by a youth in any classes. Stallions may not be shown in any of the Youth or NWAB 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.
7. Upon judge's discretion, management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes of fewer than 3 exhibitors.
8. Management reserves the right upon the judge's discretion to split or run heats with classes of over 20 entries.
9. Management reserves the right upon the judge's discretion to excuse a horse from competition if it is deemed lame on in poor health.

