



WASHINGTON STATE PAINT HORSE CLUB 2026 YEAR END AWARDS & RULES

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GENERAL RULES:

1. To qualify for a Washington State Paint Horse Club Year End Award:

- a. High Point Candidate – Owner/Lessee and Youth/Amateur Exhibitors must both be a member in good standing of the Washington State Paint Horse Club (WSPHC). If more than one Owner/Lessee – only one Owner/Lessee needs to be a member.
- b. High Point Candidate – Owner/Lessee and Youth/Amateur Exhibitor must attend a minimum of two (2) meetings of the WSPHC.
 - i. The meeting at the January Year End Award Banquet will not count as one of the two meetings.
 - ii. The meeting at WSPHC's Christmas in November celebration will count.
- c. High Point Candidate – Owner/Lessee or Youth/Amateur Exhibitor must work a minimum of four (4) hours at the WSPHC's annual Star Spangled Classic Paint-O-Rama or designated event.
 - i. High Point Candidate must register on the work "sign up" sheet at the designated event.
 - ii. Two (2) of the total work hours may be completed prior to show, performing jobs on the official show job list, with an additional two (2) hours at the show needed in order to fulfill this requirement.
 - iii. High Point Candidate may have a family member or friend work for them; however, their time worked cannot count for more than one High Point Candidate.
 - i. High Point Candidate has the option for a \$50 buy-out per category in place of working at the show. Candidate must declare this option by July 31 to officially use this way of not working at the show.
- d. The Board will determine, on an annual basis, if there are any other events that will be designated as qualified work events for that particular year. If an event is determined to be a Year End Award qualifying event, the information must be posted on the website, Facebook Group, or sent via electronic communications to members as soon as possible.
- e. A signed WSPHC Year End Declaration Form and a copy of the horse's APHA Registration papers must be received by the WSPHC Points Keeper before any points will accumulate.
- f. A separate WSPHC Year End Declaration Form and copy of papers must be sent for each horse being nominated for WSPHC Year End Awards.
- g. WSPHC Points Keeper will send a notification to all High Point Candidates upon receipt and acceptance of their Year End Declaration Form and registration papers.
- h. All Owner/Lessee/Lessees and exhibitors of declared horse must be in good standing with the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) and the Northwest Coordinating Committee (NWCC).
- i. For Open Halter and Performance Horse Awards, if more than one Owner/Lessee/Lessee is listed on the horse's registration papers, at least one of the Owner/Lessee/Lessees must meet all of the above listed requirements as outlined above.
- j. All horses (except weanlings) must be registered with APHA.
- k. Only NWCC shows will count towards WSPHC Year End Awards.
- l. The WSPHC show season will be the same as the NWCC show season (December 1 – November 30).
- m. Year End Awards will be awarded at the WSPHC Awards Banquet in January.
- n. A horse exhibited in a youth class does not have to be owned by the contestant showing the horse in order to qualify for Year End Awards.

Lease Authorization form needed as per APHA Rules.



POINT SYSTEM:

1. Performance Points will be tabulated according to the NWCC Point System.
2. Halter Points will be tabulated according to the NWCC Point System, however, no added Grand & Reserve Halter points will be included.
3. Ties will be broken in the following manner:
 - a. The horse or exhibitor accumulating equal points but showing the least number of times will receive the award.
 - b. If points AND number of times shown is equal, the horse that places over the other horse the greatest number of times will be declared the winner.
4. Year End High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be awarded only when there are qualified horses and riders.
5. Year End High Point and Reserve High Point Awards for the Open Performance Categories (Green Horse, Junior Horse, Senior Horse, Ranch, and Solid Paint Bred) will be awarded to the horses with the most accumulated open points in their respective division, with no stipulation of number of APHA categories needed to qualify. Horses and/or riders must earn a minimum of 10 NWCC points per award category at NWCC-approved Paint shows (or 10 points per class in Open PAC Shows) to qualify for a WSPHC Year End Award category.

Listed below are the Award Categories offered for WSPHC Year End Awards to be presented at the WSPHC Annual Banquet:

AWARDS CATEGORIES:

1. **Halter Awards** – High Point and Reserve High Point
 - a. Open Mare
 - b. Open Gelding
 - c. Open Stallion
 - d. Ranch Halter
 - e. Amateur Mare
 - f. Amateur Gelding
 - g. Amateur Stallion
 - h. Youth Mare
 - i. Youth Gelding
 - j. Solid Paint Bred (includes Open, Amateur, and Youth)
2. **Youth Performance Awards** – High Point and Reserve High Point (halter points not included) 10 points minimum to be accumulated from one or more APHA categories per section YP-025 of the current rule book.
 - a. Leadline
 - b. Walk/Trot 11 & Under
 - c. Walk/Trot 18 & Under
 - d. 13 & Under
 - e. Youth 18 & Under
 - f. Novice Youth
 - g. Youth Ranch 18 & Under
 - h. Solid Paint Bred



3. **Amateur Performance Awards** – High Point and Reserve High Point (halter points not included) 10 points minimum to be accumulated from one or more APHA categories per section AM-035 of the current rule book.
 - a. Amateur Walk/Trot
 - b. Novice Amateur
 - c. Amateur
 - d. Masters Amateur
 - e. Amateur Ranch
 - f. Solid Paint Bred
 - g. Amateur Yearling
4. **Open Performance Awards** – High Point and Reserve High Point (halter points not included) 10 points minimum to be accumulated from one or more APHA categories per section SC-050 of the current rule book.
 - a. Junior Horse
 - b. Senior Horse
 - c. Green Horse
 - d. Open Ranch
 - e. Solid Paint Bred
 - f. Yearling
5. **High Point APHA PAC Award** – (High Point and Reserve High Point; halter is not required, but points will count)
 - a. For WSPHC members' Paint Horses that meet rules 1 and 5 under General Rules.
 - b. The show season for WSPHC's PAC Award is November 1 – October 31.
 - c. Send Declaration Forms to WSPHC Year End Award Points Keeper.
6. **WSPHC Rookie of the Year**
 - a. This award will be given to the WSPHC's Rookie of the Year as voted on by the WSPHC membership (not to include Youth members) at the November meeting.
 - b. In order to qualify for Rookie of the Year, member must have accumulated no APHA points prior to the start of the show season.
7. **WSPHC Youth of the Year**
 - a. This award will be given to a WSPHC youth member who is active in WSPHC/WSjPHC and is most deserving of this award through his/her help with club activities and sportsmanlike conduct throughout the year.
 - b. This award will be voted on by the entire WSPHC membership at the November meeting.
 - c. The Youth of the Year award is discretionary; it may or may not be awarded, depending on merit.
8. **WSPHC Member of the Year**
 - a. This award will be given to the WSPHC member who, during the year, shows through his/her actions at meetings, shows and other club functions that he/she is deserving of this award.
 - b. This award will be voted on by the WSPHC membership (not to include Youth members) at the November meeting.
9. **Dollars Dandybob Memorial Perpetual Trail Rider Award:** This award, sponsored by Sharon Richards, is currently retired until such time as there is interest by club members in trail riding.

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