

# AMERICAN HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY

## OPEN COMPETITION PROGRAM

*Recognizing the achievements of Hackney horses and ponies who compete in all-breeds events*



### **AHHS Open Competition Rules**

#### General

1. To be eligible a horse or pony must be a registered Hackney Horse or Pony. The owner or lessee must be a current AHHS member. Both the event (show) and the class entered must be open to all breeds. Hackney shows and classes do not count.
2. Shows may be rated or unrated (4-H, Pony Club and schooling shows are eligible), but shows and classes must be open to all breeds, must follow the rules of the governing body for the particular discipline, and be judged by a judge rated for that discipline. Championship classes will count double. Overall show championship awards, which are based on an accumulation of points, will receive five points for champion and three points for reserve champion IF they are specific to a division.
3. Accumulation of Points: Please refer to corresponding section for each discipline. Points accumulated in the Open Competition Program must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the show or event. Show year ends November 30 each year to be counted for the current year total.
4. Points may be accumulated after the OCP Application form is completed with the fee of \$25 for the first 2 divisions and \$10 for each additional division included.  
A copy of each prize list, judges score sheet or program for each show entered must be submitted with the Show Results Form. Incomplete forms will be returned. Show Results Form **MUST** be signed by the show secretary or other official for points to count. The AHHS may check with show committees for accuracy.
5. Drug and Other Rule Violations: If an owner or his agent has been found to have been in violation of Drugs rules or any other rules at a specific horse show or event no points will be earned by the horse in question for the entire horse show. Any other violations will be considered on an individual basis as adjudicated by the governing body of each discipline.
6. Each division offers a championship, reserve championship and four honorable mentions for annual high point awards **provided the horse, rider or driver has earned a minimum of 5 points in the division for the year**. Multiple awards may be won by the same horse/pony competing in separate categories or divisions.
7. Recognition: The AHHS will publish an Open Competition section annually in the American Hackney Horse Society Newsletter where award winners will be appropriately honored. Awards are given to the champion and reserve champion of each division. Certificates are awarded for third through sixth place.
8. Duplicate Award Certificates: Additional award certificates will be issued for \$10 each.

### **AHHS Open Competition Divisions**

#### **Division I. In-Hand**

1. Includes halter (conformation) classes, showmanship, yearling longe line, lead-line, in-hand trail, in-hand jumping, sport horse in hand (dressage) and carriage horse in hand (potential driving horse/pony).
2. **Points will be awarded according to Table A.**

#### **Division II. English**

1. Includes saddle seat and hunter pleasure, equitation, disciplined rail english pleasure, road hack, bridle path hack, hunter hack and any other flat class shown in traditional english (saddleseat or huntseat) tack and attire.
2. **Points will be awarded according to Table A.**

#### **Division III. Hunter/Jumper**

1. Classes must be over fences.
2. **Points will be awarded according to Table A.**

#### **Division IV. Ridden Dressage**

1. All levels recognized by the USDF or the FEI are eligible.
2. **Points are earned according to Table E.**
3. Recognized levels: Intro, Training Level, First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special, and Musical Freestyle.

#### **Division V. Driven Dressage**

1. All levels recognized by the American Driving Society (ADS) and USEF are eligible for points.
2. **Points are earned according to Table F.**
3. Recognized levels: Training level, Preliminary Level, Advanced Level (or FEI).

## Division VI. Carriage Driving

1. Classes operated under American Driving Society (ADS) or United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), or other similar rules are eligible for points. Includes classes such as pleasure driving, disciplined rail pleasure driving, turnout, working, reinsmanship, freestyle reinsmanship, super reinsmanship, obstacle driving, scurry obstacle, timed marathon, pleasure marathon, roadster driving (Hackney roadster pony classes do not count) and concours d' elegance, which are open to all breeds.
2. **Points will be awarded according to Table A.**
3. Awards will be presented in 3 categories: single horse/pony, pair/tandem and four-in-hand/unicorn.
4. A hitch will be treated as a unit in determining high-point awards. Once members of a hitch are established, substitutions will not be permitted. If a substitution is made, the unit will be considered changed and points will be accumulated as a separate entry. If a hitch is separated, each horse/pony will retain the points earned in the hitch. A separate entry fee must be paid for each member of the unit.

## Division VII. Eventing

1. Events. Event Derbies and Combined Tests operated under United States Eventing Association, United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) or similar rules are eligible for points.
2. **Points will be awarded according to Table B.**

## Division VIII. Combined Driving Events/Horse Driving Trials/Arena Driving Trials

1. Events operated under American Driving Society (ADS), USEF or other similar rules are eligible for points.
2. **Points will be awarded according to Table D.**
3. Annual Awards will be presented in 3 categories: single horse/pony, pair,/tandem and four-in-hand/unicorn.
4. A hitch will be treated as a unit in determining high-point awards. Once members of a hitch are established, substitutions will not be permitted. If a substitution is made, the unit will be considered changed and points will be accumulated as a separate entry. If a hitch is separated, each horse/pony will retain the points earned in the hitch. A separate entry fee must be paid for each member of the hitch.
5. Best dressage, cones, or marathon given at an event will receive 5 additional points.

## Division IX. Endurance/Competitive Trail Riding or Driving

1. A horse/pony must be at least five (5) years old (by birth date) for points to count in this division.
2. Competitive Trail Rides are defined as those held in accordance with the North American Trail Ride Association (NATRC) or similar rules. Other examples of competitions may include Hunter/Paces or similar events.
3. Endurance rides are defined as those held in accordance with American Endurance Ride Convention (AERC) or similar rules.
4. **Points will be awarded according to Table C.** The horse/pony must fulfill all requirements of individual ride/drives entered. i.e.: time, veterinarian parameters, etc.
5. The ride/drive secretary, ride/drive manager, judge, sanctioning body secretary or other authorized person must sign to the Show Results Form confirming that all requirements for the ride/drive were fulfilled and that the official mileage of the ride is accurate. Ride/drive name, location, sanctioning body, judge, placing or finish must also be included.
6. Best Condition Award or Sweepstakes Winners at an event will receive 5 additional points.

## Division X-Western

1. Includes western pleasure, horsemanship, reining, trail, western riding, western parade horse, cowboy challenge, cowboy mounted shooting, extreme trail, roping, penning, working cowhorse and any other discipline traditionally performed in western tack and attire.
2. **Points awarded according to Table A.**

## Division XI-Timed Events (Ridden)

1. **Mounted timed events eligible for points include:** 3 Barrels, Poles, Figure 8 Stake Race, Keyhole and any games approved by the International Mounted Games Association or the United States Pony Club.
2. **Points awarded according to Table A.**

## Junior Exhibitor

1. A junior exhibitor is an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year.
2. A championship award will be awarded for the high-point junior exhibitor in each of the 10 divisions **who has earned a minimum of 5 points for the year.**
3. There is no limit to the number of divisions a junior exhibitor may compete.
4. If the horse/pony has multiple riders/drivers, the results must be reported on separate sheets (one for each junior exhibitor).

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### *Table of Points by Division*



**TABLE A** *In-Hand, English, Hunter/Jumper, Carriage driving, Western & Timed Events*

No in Class	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eight	Participation
Less than 3									0.5
3-4	3	2	1						0.5
5-9	5	4	3	2	1				0.5
10-14	6	5	4	3	2	1			0.5
15-19	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		0.5
20-24	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5
25-29	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
30+	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

**TABLE B** *Eventing*

Division	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Completion
Beg Novice	4	3	2	1			0.5
Novice	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5
Training	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Preliminary	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
Intermediate	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
Advanced	14	13	12	11	10	9	8

**TABLE C** *Competitive Trail Ride (or Drive)/Endurance Riding*

Division	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Completion
Up to 49 miles	4	3	2	1			0.5
50-99 miles	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5
100-150 miles	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

**TABLE D** *Combined Driving*

Division	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Completion
Training	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Preliminary	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
Intermediate	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
Advanced	14	13	12	11	10	9	8

**TABLE E** *Ridden Dressage*

Division	75% & over	70-74.99%	65-69.99%	60-64.99%	55-59.99%	55 & below
Intro	5	4	3	2	1	0.5
Training	6	5	4	3	2	0.5
First	7	6	5	4	3	1
Second	8	7	6	5	4	1
Third	9	8	7	6	5	2
Fourth	10	9	8	7	6	2
FEI Prix St Georges	11	10	9	8	7	2
FEI Intermediate I	12	11	10	9	8	3
FEI Intermediate II	13	12	11	10	9	3
Grand Prix	14	13	12	11	10	4

**TABLE F** *Driven Dressage*

Division	39.99 & under	40-44.99	45-49.99	55-59.99	50-54.99	60-64.99	65 & over
Training	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5
Preliminary	8	7	6	5	4	3	1
Intermediate	10	9	8	7	6	5	2
Advanced	14	13	12	11	10	9	4