

# 2008 MWA HIGH POINT PROGRAM

The MWA High Point Program started many years ago for the TWH exhibitors to be able to show at local shows and not have to travel many, many miles to show their horses (at that time, horse shows were held in Milwaukee WI, Sioux Falls SD and WaterlooIA). Our program has been revamped through the years and we now offer year-end awards for our plantation, lite shod, trail pleasure, trail riding, driving, versatility and rookie walking horse owners.

Premium lists will be mailed, emailed and/or posted on the MWA website.

Only registered TWH can show in classes listed under the MWA High Point Program.

Horses cannot show in another TWH division (plantation, lite shod, trail pleasure, country pleasure) at the same show, but may show in other classes for which they qualify.

Horses may change divisions from show to show.

## **Rules for Showing Plantation, Lite Shod and Trail Pleasure TWH Horses**

Eligibility – Only registered TWH owned by MWA members will be eligible for year-end awards. If the horse is owned by more than one person, both owners shall be current MWA paid members and only one owner needs to pay the “Nomination Fee” each year, which makes all horses owned by them eligible for year-end awards.

Horse that is sold during the show season will retain points earned at the time of sale provided the annual nomination fee has been paid. Points will continue to accrue provided the new owner is a paid MWA member and also has paid the annual nomination fee. The new owner may pay the fee at time of purchase.

A horse must be shown under their full registered name. Owners must enter this same name for the horse at all approved shows.

Approved Shows – Only horse shows within the State of Minnesota and shows sponsored by the MWA that offer TWH classes will be approved. Nominated horses can acquire points toward annual year-end awards only at approved shows.

## Requirements and Computations of Earning Points toward Year-End Awards

Horse must accrue a minimum of 20 points (except for the Rookie Division) to be eligible for year-end awards. There are no minimum points in the Rookie Division.

Points will not be counted in any class that is more restrictive than the class listed in the current MWA High Point Championship Listing. Points will be counted in classes that have been split (i.e., Model – Stallions/Geldings and Mares).

Regular class points will be counted as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place – 20 points	4 <sup>th</sup> Place – 8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 16 points	5 <sup>th</sup> Place – 4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – 12 points	6 <sup>th</sup> Place – 1 point

Stake/Championship class points will be counted as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place – 30 points	4 <sup>th</sup> Place – 12 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 24 points	5 <sup>th</sup> Place – 6 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – 18 points	6 <sup>th</sup> Place – 1.5 points

Half points will be counted in classes that have less than three (3) entries, i.e., regular classes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 10 points and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 8 points and in stake/championship classes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 15 points and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 12 points.

Eligible classes for year-end awards are as follows:

Model Class – open to any registered TWH

Plantation

- Open English 2 gait
- Open English 3 gait
- Amateur English 2 gait
- Amateur English 3 gait
- Amateur/Owned/Trained (AOT) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Amateur/Owned/Trained (AOT) 3 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Juvenile Rider (17 yrs & Under) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Junior Horse (4 yrs & Under) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Open Western 2 gait
- Open Western 3 gait

Lite Shod

- Open English 2 gait
- Open English 3 gait
- Amateur English 2 gait
- Amateur English 3 gait
- Amateur/Owned/Trained (AOT) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Amateur/Owned/Trained (AOT) 3 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Juvenile Rider (17 yrs & under) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Junior Horse (4 yrs & under) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Open Western 2 gait
- Open Western 3 gait

Trail Pleasure

- Open English 2 gait
- Open English 3 gait
- Amateur English 2 gait
- Amateur English 3 gait
- Amateur/Owned/Trained (AOT) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Amateur/Owned/Trained (AOT) 3 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Juvenile Rider (17 yrs & under) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Junior Horse (4 yrs & under) 2 gait Optional Tack (OT)
- Open Western 2 gait
- Open Western 3 gait

## **Rules for Rookie of the Year**

The rider hasn't shown a Tennessee Walking Horse in a riding class prior to January 1, 2008.

To be eligible for the Rookie class, an adult must be a MWAHA member. Children 17 and under are eligible if one of their parents is a MWAHA member.

The rider will only be eligible for Rookie status through the 2008 show season.

The same horse/rider combination must be shown throughout the year.

MWAHA sponsored shows (Early Bird, Southern MN Classic, MN Celebration) will offer one "Rookie" class at each show. Registered walking horses in all divisions are eligible to show in this class.

There is no nomination fee for the Rookie Of The Year Award. Points will be tabulated for the rider/horse combination showing and placing in any TWH class at MWAHA horse shows (Early Bird, Southern Minnesota Classis, Minnesota Celebration).

If the "Rookie" rider chooses to earn points towards other year-end awards in the MWAHA High Point Program, they must pay the nomination fee. Their horse will then be eligible to earn points in their respective divisions (Plantation, Lite Shod, Trail Pleasure) at all MWAHA sponsored shows, plus the Washington County Fair Horse Show and the Minnesota State Fair Horse Show.

## **Rules for Trail Riding Awards**

Rider/driver must be a current member of MWAHA (except in the Youth Divisions, in which the owner of the horse must be a member of MWAHA).

Horse/mule must have one registered TWH parent.

Hours ridden/driven must be written in the MWAHA Trail Riding Log Book(s).

No hours can be logged that were accumulated prior to the treasurer receiving the Trail Riding Application, applicable fees and MWAHA dues for the following year.

Hours will be logged from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

Log book(s) must be turned in by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

Youth 12 & Under (minimum number of hours = 35)

Youth 13 – 17 (minimum number of hours = 50)

Adult 18 – 39 (minimum number of hours = 50)

Adult 40 – 59 (minimum number of hours = 50)

Adult 60 & Over (minimum number of hours = 50)

Driving – driver any age (minimum number of hours = 35)

## **IRON BUTT TRAIL RIDING AWARDS**

This program will be continuous from year to year as long as the rider pays an annual fee of \$10.00 and is a current MWAHA member.

The nominated rider can be any age and a current member of MWAHA (except for youth under the age of 17 where one of their parents is a current member of MWAHA).

Hours can be logged on any horse or mule where either the sire or dam is a registered TWH.

Hours ridden must be written in the MWAHA Trail Riding Log Book.

Hours can be logged starting at any time during the year upon receipt of the \$10.00 fee plus membership dues for the current year.

Log books must be turned in every year by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

New log books will be sent upon receipt of membership dues and trail riding fee. The hours previously ridden will be included in the new log books.

Pins or patches will be awarded whenever the rider accumulates the following hours:

50  
100  
150  
500  
750

Upon reaching 1000 hours, an embroidered jacket will be given.

Pins or patches will be also awarded whenever the rider accumulates the following hours:

1250  
1500  
1750

Upon reaching 2000 hours, saddlebags (or something comparable) with embroidered logo and 2000 hours will be given.

Earned awards will be given at the annual MWAHA Membership/Exhibitor Meeting/Banquet.

Trophies and Awards – A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each class (except for the Juvenile and Rookie classes where a Runner-Up award will be given). Size, style and cost of said awards will be determined by the MWAHA Board upon suggestion of the High-Point Program committee. These awards will be presented at the annual MWAHA Membership/Exhibitor Meeting/Banquet.