

2008 AMERICAN MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OPEN COMPETITION PROGRAMS

2008 Guidelines. Please read carefully!

The American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) recognizes Morgans competing in events against all breeds with two special award programs—the AMHA High-Point Award and the Morgan Medallion Award. Open Competition participants automatically are entered in both programs when they submit results.

The AMHA High-Point Award presents a year-end award for outstanding performance by a Morgan horse in each of the program's 32 divisions. High-point awards are tabulated on an annual basis during the competition year, which runs from November 2nd of the previous year to November 1st of the current year.

The Morgan Medallion Award is a lifetime award presented to each Morgan meeting medallion requirements. Morgan horses may take as many years as needed to earn Medallion points. Each participant receives an official bronze, silver, gold, or for some divisions, platinum medallion when they have accumulated the necessary points in their division. Medallions are presented in seven areas: Carriage Driving, Eventing, Competitive Trail, Dressage, Endurance, Show, and Working Western.

Horses who earn five of the seven bronze medallions are presented with the Morgan Sport Horse Award, a trophy presented at the annual AMHA awards banquet.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

To be eligible for these awards, horses must be registered with the AMHA. Both the owner and all riders or drivers of the horse must be current AMHA members. Both the event (show) and the class entered must be open to all breeds. Morgan shows and classes do not count. Results must be submitted on the appropriate entry forms, which follow this article, along with appropriate documentations as described for each division. Entry forms may be duplicated by the participants. AMHA will not accept event results from prior years or incomplete entry forms.

Results will be audited. If there is a significant difference between the number of points reported by the owner and the

results reported by the show secretary, the entry will not be accepted and the horse will not be eligible for the program the following year.

All Open Competition entries must pay a registration fee of \$15 per horse per year, or a one-time fee of \$40 for the lifetime of the horse. The registration fee must accompany the registration form sent for the horse.

A horse may be entered in Open Competition at any time during the competition year prior to November 1st. Points will be added to the horse's file as they are earned. Points must be submitted before November 1st each year. **Points submitted after that date will be applied to the following year.** By entering points early, owners help speed the tabulation process. All results must be mailed within 30 days of the completion of the show or event unless otherwise noted on the entry form.

HIGH-POINT AWARD

The High-Point Award recognizes horses compiling the most points in each division during the year. Plaques are awarded to the champion and reserve champion of each division. Certificates are awarded third through sixth place. Award plaques are given to the overall high score junior exhibitor in four divisions. The champions in each division are recognized at the annual AMHA Awards Banquet. Awards for those unable to attend are mailed after the convention. The divisions are:

I. Open Shows (awards in nine divisions)

- A. In-Hand
- B. English Pleasure (includes English and hunter pleasure, road hack, bridle path hack, hunter hack, and saddle seat pleasure).
- C. Western Pleasure
- D. Pleasure Driving
- E. Hunter/Jumper (includes hunter divisions with at least one class over fences, and jumper classes).
- F. Equitation (includes all seats).
- G. Trail (English and western).
- H. Showmanship
- I. General (includes all other classes

es not listed above, including the following: park, games, roadster, races, working western [non-sanctioned events], gaited, Dressage classes judged by non USEF officials, etc).

II. Competitive Trail Riding and Driving

- A. Limited Distance
- B. Medium Distance
- C. Extended Distance
- D. Novice/Competitive Pleasure

III. Endurance Trail Riding

IV. Dressage (awards at each level)

- A. Training Level
- B. First Level
- C. Second Level
- D. Third Level
- E. Fourth Level
- F. Prix St. Georges
- G. Intermediare I
- H. Intermediare II
- I. Grand Prix

V. Working Western

- A. Reining
- B. Cutting
- C. Drafting
- D. Team Penning
- E. Roping
- F. Reining/Working Cowhorse

VI. Eventing

VII. Carriage (awards in two divisions)

- A. Carriage Pleasure Shows
 1. Single
 2. Pair
 3. Multiple
- B. Combined Driving Events
 1. Single
 2. Pair
 3. Multiple

Junior Exhibitor High-Point

- A. Carriage and Show
- B. Competitive & Endurance Trail
- C. Dressage
- D. Eventing

DETAILS OF DIVISIONS

I. Open Shows

AMHA High-Point Awards will be presented to Morgans who accumulate the most points in each of the nine show divisions.

Shows may be rated or unrated (4-H

Table A: Show/Carriage Pleasure Driving/Dressage Working Western Point Chart

No. in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Partic.
3-4	3	2	1						
5-9	5	4	3	2	1				
10-14	6	5	4	3	2	1			
15-19	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
20-24	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
25-29	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
30+	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

*If classes are awarded through 6th place, 7th place points will be awarded for participating.

Table B: Competitive Trail Ride/Drive Point Chart

Number of Starting Riders (in any section)

	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1st-100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	
2nd-90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%		
3rd-80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%			
4th-70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%				
5th-60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%					
6th-50%	40%	30%	20%	10%						
7th-40%	30%	20%	10%							
8th-30%	20%	10%								
9th-20%	10%									
10th-10%										

Horses receive points according to the number of miles of the ride, plus additional points for placing 1st-10th, depending on the number of riders in the ride. Example: If you placed third on a 40-mile ride and there were more than ten starting riders, you would receive 40 points for the ride and 80 percent of the 40 (32) for a total of 72 points.

Table C: Eventing Point Chart

Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Completion
B. Novice	5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0
Novice	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Training	20	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Preliminary	40	32	28	24	20	16	12	8	4
Intermediate	80	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	8
Advanced	160	128	112	96	80	64	48	32	16

Table D: Combined Driving Events Point Chart

Division	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Completion
Training	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
Preliminary	16	12	10	8	6	4	2
Intermediate	32	24	20	16	12	10	5
Advanced	64	48	40	32	24	20	10

*Completion is defined as completing and/or receiving a score in each of the phases offered, without elimination, withdrawal, or retiring.

and schooling shows are eligible), but shows and classes must be open to all breeds. Points will be awarded according to Table A.

Hunter classes under saddle will be counted in the Hunter/Jumper division only if the horse/rider combination also competes in at least one over fences class in the same division. The submission of placings must include evidence that the competitor **completed** one or more over fences classes in that division or the under saddle class placing will be applied to the English pleasure award division. Placings in equitation over fences classes are

applied to the Equitation award.

Championship classes will count double. Shows using multiple judges will only count for one set of points. Exhibitors may use the highest placing for their points.

Overall show championship awards that 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. (Example: English Pleasure High-Point or Western Pleasure High-Point, not Junior Exhibitor or Overall High-Point.) Year-end show or club high-point awards will not count toward the final AMHA Open

Competition score.

Classes are grouped into nine divisions: In-Hand, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Pleasure Driving, Hunter/Jumper, Equitation, Trail, Showmanship, and General. Classes that do not fit in a specific division will be included in the General division. If the class is an open pleasure class (open to both English and western), please indicate whether you rode English or western so points for this class can be applied in the appropriate division.

A copy of the prize list or program from each show entered must be submitted with your open competition entry. Please attach each prize list to the entry sheet for that show. Results should be submitted on AMHA Entry Form A.

II. Competitive Trail Rides/Drives

The Competitive Trail section includes any ride or drive sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), the Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (ECTRA), the Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Association (UMECRA), or other competitive trail rides/drives approved by the AMHA Disciplines Council.

Four subdivisions are offered within the Competitive Trail Riding and Driving division: Limited Distance: consisting of rides 25-49 miles in length, Medium Distance: consisting of rides 50-79 miles in length, Extended Distance: consisting of rides 80-100 miles in length, and Novice and Competitive Pleasure for competitors in NATRC novice and competitive pleasure divisions. For multi-day rides one day of the medium distance ride must be at least 25 miles in length. Extended distance rides may be completed over a 2-3 day period. For 3-day rides, 2 days must each be a minimum of 25 miles long.

Points will be awarded in the competitive trail section according to Table B. Competitive Trail entries should be submitted on AMHA Entry Form B.

III. Endurance Trail Rides

The rules for this section follow the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) guidelines. All rides following AERC guidelines are eligible for points. AMHA Open Competition forms must be submitted to AMHA. Ride flyers do not need to be included for sanctioned rides. Endurance Ride entries should be submitted on AMHA Entry Form B using the AERC point system. Endurance points may be obtained by contacting the AERC directly at 866/271-AERC, or via email at aerc@foothill.net. Point standings are also available online at www.aerc.org.

IV. Dressage

To be eligible for the yearly high-point dressage awards, five scores from the same level must be submitted. These scores must be from at least four competitions and be from at least four different USEF dressage judges. The Morgan obtaining the highest median percentage from its top five scores will be the winner of the level. To find the median of five scores, list the scores in order of percentages earned, from highest to lowest. The middle, or third score, is the median average. Therefore, be sure to send the five highest scores the horse earned during the year that meet the above requirements.

Entries should list all five scores on AMHA Entry Form E and have a copy of the cover page from each of the five tests attached. This page must include the name of the competition, horse's name, date of competition, judge's name, and the percentage score. Do not send the actual test, only a copy. AMHA will confirm that each judge is USEF recognized. Scores from non-recognized judges will not count toward year-end high-point or Medallion Awards. Please be sure the judge's name is readable.

A horse MUST compete in and finish a ride at the highest test offered for the level in which they are competing (e.g. Training Level 4). You do not need to place in test as per 55% but must include a copy of test at the highest level.

Owners of horses who are not able to submit scores from at least four different competitions may still submit scores as earned and accumulate them to count toward the horse's Medallion. Results should be submitted on entry form E.

V. Eventing

Points will be awarded for Eventing final scores according to AMHA Table C. Results should be submitted on entry form C.

A. For combined tests at unrecognized competitions, which consist of only two components (usually dressage and stadium jumping), a factor of 0.25 is applied to values shown in Table C. For combined tests at recognized competitions, a factor of 0.5 will be applied to the point table.

B. For recognized horse trials, a factor of 1.0 will be applied to points in Table C. For unrecognized horse trials, a factor of 0.5 will be applied.

C. For USEA 2-Day Events at the Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels, a factor of 2.0 will be applied to points in Table C.

D. For USEA 3-Day Events at the Preliminary (CCI* = International or CCN* = National), Intermediate (CCI** or

CCN**), or Advanced (CCI*** or CCN***) level, a multiplying factor of 3.0 will be applied to points in Table C. For USEA 3-Day Events at the Advanced level (CCI****), a factor of 4.0 will be applied to points in Table C.

E. A factor of 2.0 will be used for placings in an area championship (qualification required).

F. A factor of 3.0 will be used for placings in the inaugural (2004) and subsequent American Eventing Championships (AEC) (qualification required according to criteria listed in *Eventing USA*, Issue 4, p. 39, 2003).

VI. Working Western

Working Western points may be earned at a show operated under National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reining Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) or National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) rules. Points will be awarded for Working Western according to Table A. You must attach your score sheet along with your show placing for Working Western points to count. Results should be submitted on entry form A.

VII. Carriage

All competitions must have a minimum of three horses in the class to be counted for AMHA Open Competition year-end points. No year-end points will be awarded to any horse less than 3 years of age competing in carriage pleasure shows, driving tests, or arena trials or to any horse less than 4 years of age (5 years for horses in a pair or other multiple turnout and 6 years for horses competing as a single in international events or FEI championships) competing in combined driving events or driving trials.

Carriage is broken into two divisions: Carriage Pleasure and Combined Driving.

For all Carriage Driving competitions 5 points will be awarded for high-point champion and 3 points will be awarded for high-point reserve championship based on an accumulation of points received.

AMHA High-Point Carriage Awards will be presented in three categories: single, pair/tandem (referred to as a pair), and four-in-hand/unicorn (referred to as a multiple). For purposes of these awards, within a given combined driving competition (but not in carriage pleasure shows), a pair can comprise a pair and a spare and a multiple can comprise a four-in-hand plus one spare if so entered at the event. The pair or multiple thus entered and declared will be treated as the entry for purposes of the AMHA High-Point program. If a pair or multiple is separated, each horse will retain their points earned in the pair or multiple.

A separate entry fee must be paid for each member of the pair or multiple.

A. Carriage Pleasure Shows

One year-end award is presented in each section (single, pair, multiple) and includes classes such as working pleasure, turnout, reinsmanship, obstacle driving, and timed marathon that are open to all breeds. Table A is used to tally points in carriage pleasure shows. Results should be submitted on entry form A.

Sligh rallies: Points for each class awarded according to Table A factored by 0.5.

One-day shows: Points for each class awarded according to Table A factored by 1.0.

Two-day shows: Points in Table A factored by 2.0.

Three-day or more shows: Points in Table A factored by 3.0.

For Morgan shows (or others) that an open carriage division is offered and takes place over a lesser (or greater) number of days than the other portions of the show, the number of days used for scoring will be the number of days for the carriage division, not the show itself.

B. Combined Driving Events

A second year-end award is presented to Morgans at CDEs, where each phase (dressage, marathon, and timed obstacles) is considered a class, and the final placing is also counted as a class. For shows to be counted in the CDE division, the show prize list must designate the competition as a CDE, driving trial, arena trial, or driving test. Shows without this designation will be counted in the Carriage Pleasure division. Competitors receive points for each phase (dressage, cones, marathon) and points are accrued in the overall placing of the event. CDE points will be awarded according to Table D. Results should be submitted on entry form D.

Combined Tests (dressage and cones): Use points for in Table D each phase (and overall) factored by 0.5.

Arena Trials (dressage, cones, hazards): Use points in Table D for each phase (and overall) factored by 0.5.

Driving Trials (3 phases, 1-day event): Use points in Table D for each phase factored by 0.5 and overall placing is scored from Table D factored by 1.0.

Combined Driving Event (3 phases, 2 or 3-day event).

2-Day Events: Points in Table D for each phase and overall factored by 1.0.

3-Day Events: Points in Table D for each phase and overall factored by 2.0.

International Events (3 days or more on home or foreign soil): Points in Table D for each phase and overall factored by 3.0.

Junior Exhibitor High-Point

A junior exhibitor championship plaque is awarded based on the points accumulated by each junior exhibitor in: Show and Carriage, Endurance and Competitive Trail, Dressage, Eventing. There is no limit to the number of divisions in which a junior exhibitor may compete.

The rider/driver must list his or her age on the entry blank to be eligible. A junior exhibitor is an individual who has not reached his or her 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. The age of an individual on December 1 will be maintained throughout the following competition year.

Morgan Medallion Award

Specially designed medallions are presented to each Morgan that meets the Medallion requirements. Horses may take as many years as they need to earn the required points or miles.

Medallions are presented at the end of the year. A horse may only win one Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Medallion in each of the seven divisions.

Medallion Requirements

	Show	Carriage Driving	Working Western	Endurance	Competitive Trail	Eventing	Dressage
Bronze	30 points	30 points	30 points	500 miles	500 miles	40 points	Training, First & Second
Silver	120 points	90 points	60 points	1,500 miles	1,500 miles	120 points	Third & Fourth Levels
Gold	300 points	150 points	100 points	3,000 miles	2,000 miles	160 points	FEI Levels
Platinum					3,000 miles	300 points	

Dressage:

- For Bronze, the horse must earn eight Training, First, or Second level scores from at least five shows. At least four scores must be from First or Second level.
- For Silver, the horse must earn eight Third and Fourth level scores in at least five shows. At least three scores must be at Fourth level.
- For Gold, the horse must earn eight Prix St. Georges through Grand Prix level scores in at least five shows. At least two scores must be at the Grand Prix level.
- The final average score for each medal must be at least 55%.

Show:

- (a maximum of two points is awarded for a show competition.)*
- One point is awarded for each show provided the horse wins a ribbon (1st-6th place), or is in a class of 25 or more.
 - Two points are awarded for each show if the horse wins four ribbons, one of which must be a first or second.

Trail:

- (Competitive and Endurance)*
- Medallion miles are awarded according to the number of miles of a completed ride.
 - For NATRC Novice and Competitive Pleasure divisions, competitors may only submit miles for only up to 6 rides or 240 miles, whichever is less.

Working Western A:

- (Reining, Cutting, Drafting and Working/Reining cowhorse)*
- One point is awarded provided the horse receives a score at a competition.
 - Three points are awarded provided the horse places (1st-6th)

Working Western B:

- (Team Penning and Roping-Timed events/scores)*
- One point is awarded provided the horse receives a time at a competition.
 - Two points are awarded provided the horse places (1st-6th)

AMHA Sport Horse Award

To receive the Morgan Sport Horse Award, horses must earn medallions in five of the seven medallion divisions. This award represents a lifetime of achievement.

Carriage:

Some additional requirements are mandatory for Carriage Driving Medallions. Each member of a hitch will receive points individually. To earn a Silver Medallion, the horse must have completed at least two CDEs at the Preliminary Level or higher. To earn a Gold Medallion, the horse must have completed at least two combined driving events at the Intermediate or Advanced Level. Completion is defined as completing and/or receiving a score in each of the phases offered, without elimination, withdrawal, or retiring.

1. Carriage Pleasure Driving

- One-half point is awarded for each sleigh rally, provided the horse wins a ribbon (1st–6th place).
- One point is awarded for each carriage driving pleasure show, provided the horse wins at least one ribbon (1st–6th place).
- Two points are awarded for each 1-day carriage driving pleasure show if the horse wins four ribbons, one of which must be a first or a second.
- Three points are awarded for each 2-day carriage driving pleasure show if the horse wins four ribbons, one of which must be a first or a second.
- Four points are awarded for each 3 (or more)-day carriage driving pleasure show if the horse wins four ribbons, one of which must be a first or a second.

2. Combined Tests, Arena Trials, and Driving Trials

- One-half point is awarded for completion of each of these competitions.
- One point is awarded if the horse wins a ribbon (1st–6th).

3. Combined Driving Events

A) Training level

- One point is awarded for completion of each CDE at this level.
- Two points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon (1st–6th).

B) Preliminary level

- Two points are awarded for completion of each CDE at this level.
- Three points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon (1st–6th).

C) Intermediate level

- Two points are awarded for completion of each CDE at this level.
- Four points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon (1st–6th).

D) Advanced level

- Two points are awarded for completion of each CDE at this level.
- Five points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon (1st–6th).

Eventing:

A) Beginner Novice or Novice Level

- One point is awarded for completion of each recognized horse trials at these levels. One half point is awarded for completion of each unrecognized horse trials at these levels.
- Two points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon within the number of places awarded by the event or 10 places, whichever is greater. For unrecognized horse trials, 1 point will be awarded for placing 1st through 6th place.

B) Training Level

- Two points are awarded for completion of each recognized horse trials at this level. One point is awarded for completion of each unrecognized horse trials at this level.
- Four points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon within the number of places awarded by the event or 10 places, whichever is greater at each recognized horse trials, at this level. For unrecognized horse trials, Three points will be awarded for placing within the number of places awarded by the event or 10 places, whichever is greater.

C) Preliminary Level

- Four points are awarded for completion of each horse trials at this level.

- Eight points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon within the number of places awarded by the event or 10 places, whichever is greater.

D) Intermediate Level

- Six points are awarded for completion of each event.
- Twelve points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon within the number of places awarded by the event or 10 places, whichever is greater.

E) Advanced Level

- Ten points are awarded for completion of each event.
- Twenty points are awarded if the horse wins a ribbon within the number of places awarded by the event or 10 places, whichever is greater.

F) Medallion points earned will be multiplied by 2 for placing in an area championship.

G) Medallion points earned in the inaugural or subsequent AEC will be multiplied by 3.