2018 AMERICAN MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OPEN COMPETITION PROGRAM

2018 Guidelines. Please read carefully as changes have been made!

The American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) recognizes Morgans competing in events against all breeds by awarding year end High Point and lifetime Medallion Awards within the Open Competition program.

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. Medallions are a lifetime award horses can earn after they hit certain milestones. Horses may take as many years as needed to earn these medallions.

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

GENERAL GUIDELINES

To be eligible for Open Competition:

- Horses must be registered with the AMHA and compete under the horse's AMHA registered name.
- The owner and all riders/drivers of the horse must be current AMHA Standard or Premium members or a Youth membership if they are under the age of 22. An Associate membership does not include competition privileges.
- **Results must be submitted online using the horse's Online Registry prior to November 1st.**
    - Instructions for entering points can be found in the Open Competition section under Programs on AMHA's website.
- The competition must be open to all breeds. Classes for Morgan horses only do not count. Open classes at Morgan shows are acceptable, e.g. the Carriage Driving division at Connecticut Morgan Open Horse Show.
- A horse can be entered in the program any time during the competition year prior to November 1st.
- Competition results may 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 decisions by AMHA are final.

ENROLLMENT FEES

- All Open Competition horses must pay either a yearly enrollment fee of $40 or horses can be enrolled for their lifetime for a one-time fee of $200. This lifetime enrollment is transferable and the horse stays in the program even if it is sold or leased.
- Retroactive points from up to 10 years may be added to the current year's points for a fee of $100 per year.

DISCIPLINES & ACCUMULATING POINTS

The Year-End Award recognizes horses with the most points in each division during the year. Ribbons and certificates are awarded to the champion and reserve champion of each division, including junior exhibitors. Points are assigned to the horses by AMHA staff. The number of points will be determined by the placing and whether the event is sanctioned or unsanctioned. 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)
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 not listed above, including the following: gymkhanas, barrel racing, games, roadster, races, gaited or competitions from other divisions in the program that do not qualify for an award in that division.)

II. Competitive Trail Riding and Driving
A. Limited Distance (rides 25-49 miles in length)
B. Medium Distance (rides 50-79 miles in length)
C. Extended Distance (rides 80-100 miles in length)
D. Novice/Competitive Pleasure (NATRC pleasure divisions)

III. Endurance Trail Riding
A. General (rides over 35 miles in length)
B. Limited Distance (rides 25-35 miles in length)

IV. Dressage (awards at each level)
A. Beginner/Schooling Dressage
B. Training Level
C. First Level
D. Second Level
E. Third Level
F. Fourth Level
G. Prix St. Georges
H. Intermediate I
I. Intermediate II
J. Grand Prix

V. Western Dressage (awards at each level)
A. Introductory Level
B. Basic Level
C. Level 1
D. Level 2
E. Level 3
F. Level 4

VI. Eventing
A. Sanctioned
B. Unsanctioned

VII. Working Western
(Reining, Cutting, Team Penning, Roping, Reining/Working Cowhorse, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Competitive Trail Challenges and Trail Trials)
A. Sanctioned
B. Unsanctioned

VIII. Carriage (awards in each division)
A. Carriage Pleasure Shows
1. Single
2. Pair
3. Multiple

B. Combined Driving Events
1. Single
2. Multiple

Junior Exhibitor Year-End
A. Open Show
B. Competitive Trail
C. Dressage
D. Western Dressage
E. Eventing
F. Working Western
G. Carriage
H. Endurance

High Point and Medallion Chart

High Points: Open Show, Carriage, Combined Driving, Eventing, & Working Western							
Placing	**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**	**5th**	**6th**	**Participation**
Sanctioned by recognized organization*	**12**	**10**	**8**	**7**	**6**	**4**	**2**
Unsanctioned	**7**	**6**	**5**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**1**
***Recognized organizations include: USEF, ADS, USEA, USDF, AERC,** NRHA, NRCHA, NCHA, USTPA, CMSA, ACTHA, ATTA, CSHA, TTCC, ETS, NATRC, ECTRA, UMECRA, CAA							

Medallions: Open Show, Carriage, Combined Driving, & Eventing*:*

Horses that place 1st – 4th in four or more classes at a competition earn 2 medallion points per competition. Horses that do not participate in at least 4 classes or do not earn 1st – 4th in 4 or more classes will earn 1 medallion point per competition.

Bronze Medallion: 40 points
Silver Medallion: 120 points
Gold Medallion: 160 points
Platinum Medallion: 300 points

Medallions: Working Western

Two points are awarded for participating in either sanctioned or unsanctioned working western event; a score or time must be received. Three points are awarded for placing 1st–6th in an unsanctioned class. Five points are awarded for placing 1st–6th in a sanctioned class.

Bronze Medallion: 30 points
Silver Medallion: 60 points
Gold Medallion: 100 points
Platinum Medallion: 150 points

High Points: ENDURANCE / CTR POINT SYSTEM																									
Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Points	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Endurance Medallions:
The number of medallion points earned will be equivalent to the number of miles of the ride.

Bronze Medallion: 500 miles
Silver Medallion: 1,500 miles
Gold Medallion: 3,000 miles

Competitive Trail Medallions:
The number of medallion points earned will be equivalent to the number of miles of the ride.

Bronze Medallion: 500 miles
Silver Medallion: 1,500 miles
Gold Medallion: 2,000 miles
Platinum Medallion: 3,000 miles

High Points: Dressage & Western Dressage
Yearly High Points determined by average of 5 scores at same level. Please submit your placing as well as your score when entering your results online. Scores will be verified on USDF Scorecheck.

Dressage & Western Dressage Medallions:
Horses earn 1 medallion point per class.

Bronze Medallion: Training, First & Second Levels
Silver Medallion: Third & Fourth Levels
Gold Medallion: FEI Levels

For questions or more information about the program, please contact AMHA at info@morganhorse.com or 802-985-4944 ext. 401.