

## ARAB, INC., BOB & DORIS BAKER HIGH POINT PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** To recognize, honor, and encourage the exhibiting of, competition with, and promotion of the Arabian, half Arabian, and Anglo Arabian horses by ARAB, Inc. members who provide services or other benefit to the organization.

**SCOPE:** ARAB, Inc. offers high point awards to the purebred Arabian horse, Half-Arabian horse, Anglo Arabian horse, junior exhibitor, special exhibitor, and the amateur adult exhibitors accumulating the greatest number of points, with ARAB, Inc. members, in horse shows, dressage shows, competitive events, clinics, demonstrations, parades, exhibits, and recreational riding.

### POLICY

1. The High Point program is divided into two categories:
  - Horse Category: Purebred and Half-Arabians compete against each other
  - Exhibitor Category: For Amateur & Youth exhibitors (not professionals)
2. There are seven Divisions under the Horse Category:

**Division 1 - USEF Rated Shows:** This includes all AHA/USEF approved horse shows that have six or more Arabian, half Arabian, and/or Anglo Arabian classes, and is divided into seven sections, but does not include rated dressage classes (see Division 3):

- 1A: Western Style
- 1B: Saddle Seat & Driving
- 1C: Hunter Pleasure
- 1D: Halter
- 1E: Sport Horse In-Hand
- 1F: Sport Horse Style
- 1G: Working Hunter/Jumper

**Division 2 - Unrated Shows and Other Events:** This includes all other horse shows and competitive events (except for rated dressage shows covered in Division 3). Included in this division are all open, Arabian Community, unrated, local, 4-H, and fair shows, as well as (rated or unrated) combined training events, endurance and competitive riding, competitive driving competitions, free style reining, team penning and vaulting contests.

**Division 3 - Dressage:** This includes all AHA, USEF, and USDF recognized dressage shows, and is divided into the following four sections:

- 3A: 1st Level and Below (introductory, walk-trot, green as grass, training, and first level)
- 3B: Second and Third Level
- 3C: Fourth Level and FEI
- 3D: Western Dressage

**Division 4 - Versatility:** This includes all competitive and noncompetitive, sanctioned and non-sanctioned events in which the horse participates with a member of ARAB, Inc.

**Division 5 – Recreational Riding:** This is open to all purebred and part Arabian horses, and includes time not in competition, whether training, trail or other non-competitive riding or driving; but is specific to a single horse and rider combination.

**Division 6 – Novice Horse:** This is open to all horses in their first year of showing, either at the Class A or non-rated level.

**Division 7 – Shagya Arabians:** This is open to all non-registered horses with Shagya Arabian blood. Horses gain points from all competitive and noncompetitive, sanctioned and non-sanctioned events in which they compete or participate with an ARAB, Inc. member.

**Division 8 - Non-Registered Arabians & Half-Arabians:** This is open to all non-registered horses with Arabian blood. Horses gain points from all competitive and noncompetitive, sanctioned and non-sanctioned events in which they compete or participate with an ARAB, Inc. member.

3. There are four age Divisions, one Special Division, and one Novice Division in the Exhibitor Division. The Divisions are:
  - AE1 - Junior Exhibitor - 10 years and under
  - AE2 - Junior Exhibitor - 11 to 13 years old – Categories AE1 & AE2 may be combined.
  - AE3 - Junior Exhibitor - 14 to 18 years old
  - AE4 - Adult Amateur Exhibitor – 19-39 years old
  - AE5 – Adult Amateur Exhibitor – 40 & Over
  - AE6 - Special Amateur Exhibitor - Special exhibitors are those who have mental or physical limitations that affect their major life activities, including riding and driving.
  - AE7 – Novice Exhibitor - Exhibitors in their first year of competing at rated and/or non-rated events.
4. High Point Awards will be presented in the following areas:
  - High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse, in the Horse Category (excluding Recreational, Versatility, Arabian Ambassador, Shagya Arabians & Non-Registered Arabians & Half-Arabians Divisions)
  - High Point Junior Exhibitor and Reserve High Point Junior Exhibitor, in the Exhibitor Category.
  - High Point Adult Amateur Exhibitor and Reserve High Point Adult Amateur Exhibitor, in the Exhibitor Category.
  - High Point Special Amateur Exhibitor and Reserve High Point Special Amateur Exhibitor, in the Exhibitor Category.
  - 1 – 6 places in each of the Horse Divisions, in the Horse Category will receive an award & certificate of participation.
  - 1 – 6 places in each of the Exhibitor Divisions, in the Exhibitor Category will receive an award & certificate of participation.
  - In each division, all participants will receive a certificate for enrolling in the program, regardless of how many entrants.
5. Exhibitors/owners/lessees must be members in good standing with ARAB, Inc. at the time of nomination and the time of the awards. In the Horse Category, riders, drivers, and handlers must also be members of ARAB, Inc., on October 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of competition for points from their exhibition of the horse to be counted in the High Point program.
6. Any issue not covered specifically by these written rules will be determined by the decision of the High Point Committee appointed by the President in a regular or special meeting. The Committee's decision will be final for that competition year of the High Point program.

## **DIVISION RULES**

### **DIVISION 1 - USEF ARABIAN RATED SHOWS:**

1A: Western Style: Classes to count are Western Pleasure, Cutting Horse, Reining, Working Cow Horse, Trail, Western walk-trot, Western Side Saddle, and any other western oriented classes where the horse, not the exhibitor, is judged.

1B: Saddle Seat & Driving: Classes to count are Country English Pleasure and Country English Pleasure Driving, English Pleasure and Pleasure Driving, Informal Combination, Park, walk-trot with saddle seat tack, Native Costume, English Side Saddle with a saddle seat horse, English Show Hack, and any other English oriented class in which the horse, not the exhibitor is judged.

1C: Hunter Pleasure: Classes to count are Hunter Pleasure, English Side Saddle with a hunter style horse, walk trot with a hunter style horse and other classes where the horse is show under hunter style and the horse, not the exhibitor, is judged (excluding Sport Horse Under Saddle, Hunter Under Saddle/On The Flat, and Working Hunter).

1D: Halter: Classes to count are halter, most classic head and most classic Arabian

1E: Sport Horse In-Hand: Classes to count are sport horse in hand.

1F: Sport Horse Style: Classes to count are Sport Horse Under Saddle, Sport Horse Show Hack, Carriage Driving, and other classes where the horse is shown under working hunter or dressage style (excluding Hunter Pleasure, Dressage, Working Hunter & Jumper classes) and the horse, not the exhibitor, is judged.

1G: Working Hunter/Jumper: Classes to count are Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Jumping, and other classes where the horse is shown under working hunter or jumper style (excluding Hunter Pleasure & Sport Horse classes) and the horse, not the exhibitor, is judged.

**DIVISION 2 - UNRATED SHOWS AND OTHER EVENTS:**

This Division includes all horse shows and competitive events not included in horse Division 1 or 3. Included in this Division are all open, unrated, local, 4-H, FFA, and fair shows, as well as (rated and unrated) combined training events, competitive driving competitions (not to include dressage driving) and vaulting contests. All classes of the type listed in all sections of Divisions 1 and 3 are to count, as well as any other classes or events in which the horse, rather than the exhibitor, is judged. (Equitation, showmanship, or horsemanship classes in which the rider, not the horse, is being judged will not count in this Division).

**DIVISION 3 - DRESSAGE:**

Dressage competition at officially recognized shows by USDF, USEF, and/or AHA, including Arabian and open dressage shows. Also included are dressage driving competitions. Placings in each section will be determined by averaging the highest % scores from three different judges for any tests within such section. Two of the judges must be "r" or above. Dressage Division results may also be submitted as number in class and placing, in order to consider such rides for awards in the Exhibitor Divisions and the High Point and Reserve High Point Horse.

**DIVISION 4 - VERSATILITY:**

This Division is for the horse that participates in several different areas. It is a combined division for all equine endeavors. In addition to the competitive areas covered in Divisions 1 - 3, it also includes parades, exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics or any other equine event. The horse must participate in three entirely different areas to qualify in this Division. This would include different styles of showing as well as participation in the other areas mentioned. Points for this Division are accrued in the same manner as those in other Divisions and may be accumulated for events counted in other Divisions.

**DIVISION 5 - RECREATIONAL RIDING:**

This division has been established to include horses that may not compete at events or do extra activities beyond competition. This division includes riding time not in competition, including training, trail riding, or other non-competitive riding/driving. The division applies to a single horse & rider combination. Only one rider can be used for this division.

**DIVISION 6 – NOVICE HORSE:**

This division is designed to promote new horses competing at both rated and unrated competitions. The horse must be in his or her first year of showing. This division includes showing in riding classes, halter/sport horse in-hand, and any other class judged on the horse, not the exhibitor. The horse may have as many riders/handlers as desired.

**DIVISION 7 – SHAGYA ARABIANS:**

This division is to include our members' Shagya Arabians. Shagya Arabians are only eligible to compete in this division, and this division will not count towards the overall High Point Horse.

**DIVISION 8 - OTHER NON-REGISTERED ARABIANS & HALF-ARABIANS:**

This division is to include our members' horses that still have Arabian blood but are not registered with the Arabian Horse Association. It can include horses registered as National Show Horses, Half-Saddlebreds, Morabs, or other associations, but the horses may NOT be registered with the AHA. Horses entered in this division are not eligible for any other divisions, and this division will not count towards the overall High Point Horse.

**AMATEUR EXHIBITOR CATEGORY:**

1. All of the classes/events listed in the Horse Category are included in the Exhibitor Category.
2. Also included in this Category are classes that are judged on the exhibitor and not the horse, such as equitation (stock seat, saddle seat, horsemanship, dressage seat and hunt seat) or showmanship. Other competitive events will be used for the attainment of points as well. These include: judging contests, horse bowl, hippology, youth team tournament, AHA Achievement awards programs, etc.
3. Exhibitors may enter only one Amateur Exhibitor Category.

## PROCEDURES FOR ALL DIVISIONS, SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

1. There is no minimum required number of entries in any Division or Section.
2. The cost to enter the ARAB, Inc. High Point Program each year is \$10 per horse with unlimited categories and \$10 per amateur category.
3. Enrollments into the program are due on July 31 of each year. Points will be counted from all events held between January 1 and November 30 of each year.
4. The final date of report submission is December 1 of each year.
5. It is entirely the members' responsibility to see that the High Point chairperson receives the point information.
6. You may send your reports to the High Point Chairperson either by paper mail or through email.
7. For horse categories, the report for AHA recognized events may be a printed out copy (or copy/pasted copy for email) of the horse's record from the AHA website or the Arabian Horse Datasource. The reports must include the horse name, class name, number of entrants & placings.
8. For exhibitor categories, you may also use the show record available through AHA, but you must include the rider's name under each class entered.
9. For non-rated categories, the member should note the classes being submitted, the number in the class, the horse, the exhibitor, and the placing, on the show bill, and submit a copy of such show bill. This may be done by email also.
10. For Horse Division 3 and exhibitors competing in dressage, the member should submit (either by print mail or through email) a show record from the USDF and/or AHA website. It is best if you include both if possible. This should include the tests being submitted, the name of the horse, the number of entrants and placing in the test, the percent score, and the name of the judge and the judge's rating.
11. For other events, for Horse Divisions 4 and 5 and Exhibitor Categories, a log or memorandum may be submitted containing the details. For Horse Division 6, a log should be submitted containing all time to be considered. Email is acceptable for reporting this.
12. January 1 through November 30 is the time period allowed for point attainment. Points attained before or after these dates will not be recorded. If you attend an AHA event held late in the season and the results are not verified online, please contact the High Point Program Chair to let them know you will need an extension.
13. In the event a nominated horse(s) is sold or leased, points will be transferable provided the new owner or lessee is an ARAB, Inc. member in good standing. If the new owner or lessee is not a member, application should be sent as soon as possible to the Membership Chairman of ARAB, Inc. The High Point chairperson must be notified in writing that the sale or lease has occurred.
14. Competitors are strongly advised to maintain a record of their points during the competition year to make it easier for point submission.
15. All nominees for high point must be active ARAB, Inc. members.
16. A horse may be shown by multiple riders/handlers as long as each rider/handler is at least an Associate Member of ARAB, Inc.
17. The same horse may be shown by more than one amateur (or junior) exhibitor with each person attaining his/her points for classes shown.
18. A horse may be nominated in more than one Division or Section. Points placed in one division will not be placed in any of the other horse Divisions, with the exception of the Versatility Division and the Arabian Ambassador Divisions. When sending in reports, a nominee MUST designate in which Division he/she wishes the points to count. Points will be randomly distributed in the Divisions entered if a designation is not made.
19. All Divisions entered are counted for the over-all High Point Horse with the exception of the Recreational, Versatility, Arabian Ambassador, Shagya Arabians & Non-Registered Arabians & Half-Arabians Divisions.
20. Points earned in competitive events below the Regional level will be as follows:

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| ▪ First Place   | 9 points |
| ▪ Second Place  | 8 points |
| ▪ Third Place   | 7 points |
| ▪ Fourth Place  | 6 points |
| ▪ Fifth Place   | 5 points |
| ▪ Sixth Place   | 4 points |
| ▪ Seventh Place | 3 points |
| ▪ Eighth Place  | 2 points |
| ▪ Participation | 1 point  |

(horse entered, shown and judged, not placed)

These points will be adjusted downward if there are fewer than eight horses in the class. The maximum number of points will be adjusted downward in a class if there are fewer than eight. If there are more than twenty horses in a class, and separate section awards are not given, these points will then be doubled. Parades, clinics, demonstrations and exhibitions which are competitively placed are also included in the above.

21. Points earned at Regional level and above will be as follows:

- National Champion 60 points
- Res. Natl. Champion 50 points
- Natl. Top 10 (remaining 8) 40 points
- Natl. Semi-Finalist (no further placing) 30 points
- Nationals Participant 4 points
- Regional Champion 30 points
- Regional Res. Champion 20 points
- Regional Top 5 (remaining 3) 15 points
- Regional Finalist (no further placing) 10 points
- Regional Participation (no placing) 2 points

#### **DRESSAGE DIVISION**

For High Point and Reserve High Point Horse and Exhibitor, the points delineated above for placings will be used, with the following additions:

- High Point of Show or Level 12 points
- Res. High Point of Show or Level 6 points
- Achievement of AHA Reg. Qualifying Score 3 points
- Attainment of USDF Bronze Medal 15 points
- Attainment of USDF Silver Medal 30 points
- Attainment of USDF Gold Medal 50 points

#### **JUNIOR EXHIBITOR CATEGORY- 4-H AND FFA SHOWS**

- Local 4-H and FFA show trophy 5 points
- Blue (A rating on project) 3 points
- Red (B rating on project) 2 points
- White (C rating on project) 1 point

#### **STATE 4-H AND FFA SHOWS**

- 1st 12 points
- 2nd 11 points
- 3rd 10 points
- 4th 9 points
- 5th 8 points
- 6th 7 points
- 7th 6 points
- 8th 5 points
- 9th 4 points
- 10th 3 points
- Finalist 2 points  
(made cut but did not place further in class)
- Participant 1 point  
(entered, shown, judged but not placed)

If there are 30 or more horses in the class, these points are to be doubled.