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PNWWDA HIGH POINT RULE BOOK

Live Shows

Show Rules

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PNWWDA LIVE SHOW HIGH POINT RULES

The following rules pertain only to live/on ground horse shows offering Western Dressage classes in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and British Columbia. No virtual/online shows are accepted for this program.

A. THE COMPETITION

- A.1 Show System Clarification: Recognized show “A” system shows are recognized EC or USEF and WDAA. Schooling show “B” system shows have an L graduate or HCBC or above, or a WDAA judge (for non USEF approved shows).
- A.2 One horse/one rider combination: Riders may compete with multiple horses, but each horse/rider combination accumulates points separately.
- A.3 Horse/Rider combination must ride in a minimum of two (2) PNWWDA Recognized live shows over the course of the High Point year. (Recognized shows are listed under “High Point shows” on the PNWWDA website.)
- A.4 Horse/Rider combination must submit at least four (4) scores from PNWWDA Recognized live shows to qualify for Division awards.
- A.5 Recognized show entries which are either “scratched” or “disqualified” do not count toward the two shows/four scores rule.
- A.6 Top four percentage scores will be averaged to calculate total points in Division and Level awards; lower scores will be discarded.
- A.7 Level high point will be calculated in the same manner as Division high point. Points are accumulated for each level (maximum two consecutive levels) in which the horse/rider combination entered.
- A.8 In case of a tie, the horse/rider combination with the highest single test score is the winner; if the highest test scores are the same, the next highest test scores will be considered until the tie is broken.
- A.9 Points may be submitted in Introductory, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5, and Freestyle. No other specialty classes, such as WD Equitation, WD Suitability, or WD Hack, will be counted.

- A.10 Year-end Official Standings: Standings are official as of January 1 following the High Point competition year.

B. COMPETITORS

- B.1 PNWWDA High Point competition is open to all competitors who are both WDAA and PNWWDA members in good standing.
- B.2 PNWWDA Divisions are Open (reserved for professional riders and trainers), Amateur 18 & over, Junior 14-17, Junior 13 & under.
- B.3 Junior age will be considered as the rider's age on December 1 of the competition year, and will be considered that age throughout the competition year. (Note: Individual show rules may be different).
- B.4 Horse/Rider combinations may only compete in one division. Riders changing divisions during the High Point year will forfeit any points accumulated up to the time of division change. Open division riders are typically professional horse trainers and coaches.
- B.5 Professional riders showing others' horses: the owner of the horse being shown, as well as the rider, must be a current member in good standing of both the PNWWDA and WDAA at the time of point submission. If the owner is not, he/she must join PNWWDA (and WDAA if they are not a current WDAA member) before the submitted show's high point 30-day membership deadline date.
- B.6 Horse/Rider combination may qualify for Level awards in a maximum of two consecutive Levels (for example, Introductory and Basic, Level 1 and Level 2, but not Basic and Level 2). In the event that a horse/rider combination submits scores in more than two levels or submits scores from non-consecutive levels, riders will be asked (via email) to declare for which levels they are qualifying, and that declaration will remain in effect through the remainder of the show year. Scores for Levels not declared will be discarded.

C. AWARDS

- C.1 All Year-end Awards will be presented at the PNWWDA Awards & Recognitions Ceremony/Ceremonies.

- C.2 The locations for awards ceremonies for the 2025 season are to be determined.

D. RECOGNIZED SHOWS

- D.1 PNWWDA Recognized shows are listed on the PNWWDA High Point shows schedule. Scores from any show not listed on the schedule prior to the show being held will not be accepted for points. This includes shows that had appeared on past High Point schedules. Any competitor who wants to show at a show that is not listed on the schedule should contact PNWWDA at PNWWDA@GMAIL.COM. It is the PNWWDA Board's discretion on whether to include a show that has not been listed at least 15-30 days prior to the show.
- D.2 No virtual/online shows will be accepted for the PNWWDA Live/on showgrounds High Point program.
- D.3 No more than two scores per Level will be accepted from one show per day. If more than two are submitted, the lowest scores will be discarded.
- D.4 The PNWWDA show year runs January 1 to November 30. Shows scheduled after November 30 through December 31 will be recognized as a PNWWDA High Point show in the following year, and recognized shows postponed due to unforeseen circumstances which are rescheduled after the last weekend in November will count toward the following year's PNWWDA High Point.

E. SCORE SUBMISSION

- E. 1 To submit scores for High Point, the rider must send a copy of the test face sheet containing the judge's signature, date of show, and percentage score either by mail to PNWWDA, P.O. Box 660, Williams, OR 97544 or email to: PNWWDA@GMAIL.COM. (Scores may be verified with show management before qualifying for high point submission. In case of a discrepancy between the show scores submission and the rider's submission, the show scores submission will prevail. It is the rider's responsibility to verify the recorded score at the show.)

NOTE: Be sure the copy of the test face sheet that you send contains all these items:

Test ridden (e.g., WDAA Basic Level Test 3)

Judge's signature
Name of show or show venue
Date of show
Rider's name
Horse's name (the name the horse showed under)
Final score points and percentage

You do not need to submit the part of the test score sheet containing comments, collective marks, or individual movement scores.

- E.2 Scores must be submitted to PNWWDA no later than 60 days after the date of the Recognized show in order to be counted (i.e., the deadline date); except for the November shows which must be submitted before January 1. The rider must be a current PNWWDA and WDAA member at the time of submission of the score sheet. If the rider is not, he/she must join PNWWDA (and WDAA if they are not a current WDAA member) before the submitted show's high point deadline date.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

- F.1 PNWWDA fees: PNWWDA Recognized High Point shows charges a one-time fee of \$25.00 per horse/rider combination per year per system (i.e., A or B system) to be paid at the time of Annual Membership dues. PNWWDA has no per class qualifying fees.
- F.2 Show management has the right to cancel a PNWWDA Recognized show at its discretion. PNWWDA has no authority to compel show management to hold a scheduled show or reschedule a show, or set any policies or rules governing the show. PNWWDA is not financially or otherwise liable for any claim brought in conjunction with any show.
- F.3 PNWWDA reserves the right to change these rules at any time at its discretion.