

Virginia Appaloosa Horse Association
Open Point System -

1. The open point system allows all registered Appaloosa Horses (including non-characteristic) to compete in open events to include shows, trail rides to include judged and endurance; dressage and 4-H to accumulate points to win year end awards. 4-H shows will only be counted under the 4-H division and those points will not be counted in other divisions.
2. The owner of the horse must be a paid member of the VaApHC in good standing prior to the event or show. In the event more than one owner is listed on the registration papers, one owner must be a member of the VaApHC to be eligible to participate in the open point system. Post marked dates will be logged in as the official date of point registration.
3. The owner, (youth or adult) must register by completing the open show point registration form, submission of the appropriate fee and a copy of the horse's papers (front and back) to the open show point keeper prior to the attendance of the first event for points to count.
4. All fees must be paid by check or money order.
5. All show/event reports must be recorded on the official VaApHC report form. Forms may be photocopied by the participants. All forms must contain the signature and phone number of the event secretary for verification of results. In addition, for points to be counted a prize list or event schedule must be included with the report. Points will not be counted if the show/event report is not fully completed and the prize list or schedule included.
6. All show/event reports must be mailed to the point keeper within 30 days of the event for points to count. Official postmark will determine eligibility.
7. The open point system will run from January 1st through November 1st each year.
8. You must participate in at least one club event (either ride or work the event) in order to be eligible for points to count.
9. VaApHC events or sponsored events will carry double points.
10. Year end awards will be presented to the champion and reserve in each division. The member having accumulated the most points at the end of the designated point year will be the champion. The next highest score will be the reserve. Points will be determined by the number of entries in each class.
11. It is the responsibility of the owner to keep the point keeper posted of any changes as soon as they occur. Such changes include ownership, stallion to gelding, and any name changes.
12. Point distribution will be as follows: 1st – 8 points; 2nd – 7 points; 3rd – 6 points; 4th – 5 points; 5th – 4 points; 6th – 3 points; 7th – 2 points and 8th – 1 point.
13. Points will be published in the newsletter. Mistakes should be brought to the point keeper's attention within 30 days of the newsletter publication.
14. Award recipients must notify the point keeper if they are unable to attend the annual meeting and awards presentation to accept their award and make arrangements to have the awards picked up. Thirty days following the awards banquet, if no arrangements have been made by the recipient to pick up the award, the award will become the property of the VaApHC.
15. Any person owing money to the VaApHC must settle debts by December 1st to be eligible for year end awards.
16. Any questions which may arise that are not covered in these rules must be referred in writing to the Board of Directors. Their decision is final.