

Clinic – Figuring WSCS High Point Awards

Each Club and Zone has their own way of figuring high point awards for their year end awards programs. WSHGD encourages all Clubs and Zones to have written instructions on how high point awards are calculated to prevent misunderstandings amongst their members. Below are a list of the Special Awards offered by WSHGD and how each of the winners is selected.

HIGH POINT INDIVIDUAL EVENT (Age Division) HORSE: A perpetual plaque is awarded to the winners in Leadline, Buckaroo, Junior, Intermediate, Senior A, Senior B, Super Senior A, and Super Senior B. Beginning in 2011, two or more riders are required to compete at the Washington State Championship Show (WSCS) to be eligible for the award. If less than two riders, age groups will be combined. Leadline will remain a stand alone age division. All others will move up to the next higher age division with the exception of Super Senior B which will combined with Super Senior A. To determine the winner, a spreadsheet listing all of the riders in their respective age division is utilized. Each clean time ridden at the WSCS is recorded. Once all riders in the age group are recorded, the spreadsheet is sorted to show fastest time to slowest time. Disqualifications automatically receive zero points. A set of points is awarded in each of the seven individual events. The rider running the fastest time against the riders in their age group (in each event) receives 10 points, 2nd fastest – 8 points, 3rd fastest – 6 points, 4th fastest – 5 points, 5th fastest – 4 points, 6th fastest – 3 points, 7th fastest – 2 points, and 8th fastest – 1 point. On occasion, all placings will not fill due to disqualifications and/or fewer contestants. Points for these unfilled placings are discarded. With the WSCS format of running by class (ABCD), all times in all classes are recorded on the spreadsheet. If the horse is ridden by two or more people that happen to be in the same age division, only the horse's fastest time will be recorded by all of the horse's riders. Other times ridden by the horse's other riders will be "red-tagged" and not be included in figuring placings. The horse in each age division with the most points is the winner. A perfect sweep would be 70 points.

CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL EVENT GAMES HORSE: The same process is used as that found in the High Point Individual Event (Age Division) Horse Award however ALL clean times for ALL age divisions (Leadline excluded) are contained on the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is sorted fastest to slowest in each individual event and the points are awarded 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Again, only the fastest time ridden on a horse shared between riders is utilized. A perfect sweep would be 70 points.

CHAMPION ALL AROUND GAMES HORSE: The points determined when placing the Champion Individual Event Games Horse are added to points earned in team events to select the winner. A perfect sweep would be 150 points (70 points in individual events and 80 points in team events). The horse MUST receive points in both individual and team events. There is a possibility that a high-scoring individual event horse may have more total points than points recorded by a team horse placing under them in individual events. Again...the horse MUST receive points in both individual and team events to win. Only the fastest time run in each team event (even if ridden by more than one person) will be utilized, all others will be "red-tagged" and not included in figuring placings. In each of the following team events – Bareback Relay, Cowhide Race, Rescue Race, Team Baton, Team Flags, Team Poles, Two Man Stake, and Two Man Three Barrel – the times are recorded on a spreadsheet then sorted fastest to slowest. Points are awarded 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

GAMES CLUB OF THE YEAR: Clubs sending riders to the WSCS must supply the WSCS Committee Chair with a current membership roster at least two weeks prior to the WSCS. Riders belonging to more than one club must designate which club they are riding for. Non-Club members may NOT pledge their WSCS points to a club. For ease of figuring this award, a separate column is added to the spreadsheet used to figure the Champion All Around Games Horse. All times for individual events, including those that had been previously "red-tagged", are utilized in awarding the points 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 based on fastest time in each event. Additionally, all riders on each team (not just the horse as figured in All Around Games Horse) need to have points awarded to them for each event – again 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1. For example, in Team Baton four riders will receive 10 points if they were the fastest team in Team Baton, Team Flags, Team Poles, and Bareback Relay. Two riders will receive 10 points if they were the fastest team in Cowhide, Rescue, Two Man Stake, and Two Man Three Barrel. The spreadsheet is then sorted by club. Each club member's total points are added with other club members' points to obtain a final tally on the club's points. The club with the most points is the winner.

TIES: For all High Point Awards (includes age group, high point individual, and all-around horse) in case of any ties the tie will be broken by giving the award to the person with the most first places. If this does not break the tie, the person then with the most 2nd places will become the winner. Tie-breaking method will continue down through 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, etc. until the tie is broken.