

2017 NESAs Rulebook

This program is designed to promote and recognize the versatility of the Standardbred breed through horse shows, trail rides and other public events.

Rules

1. All members of the SPHO-ME New England Standardbred Awards Program must be residents of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont.
2. All horses must be Standardbreds, registered with the United States Trotting Association. Proof of registration includes a copy of papers or a tattoo.
3. All exhibitors, (and the horse's owner/lessee (if different)) must be a member of a New England SPHO organization. Proof of (ownership) lease may be required.
4. All horse and rider combinations must be registered with the SPHO-ME New England Standardbred Awards program for an annual fee of \$20 BEFORE FIRST EVENT PARTICIPATING (if paid by 3/1 (\$30 after 3/1).)
5. Points must be submitted on the official SPHO-ME New England Standardbred Awards points form (www.sphomaine.net/forms/) and be signed by the event secretary or manager. Point forms must be accompanied by an official class list or event brochure, and must be postmarked within 30 days of the event. However, December points must be received no later than December 30th, for the purpose of finalizing awards.
6. Participants must participate in each division for which they wish to qualify, at a minimum of 3 separate events.
7. Points will be compiled by the NESAs Points Secretary.
8. A committee of at least 3 non-NESA participants will audit all points after the program deadline in order to allow participants to submit final point forms.
9. Horse and rider teams who compete in both 2 and 3-gait classes will not be eligible for year-end awards in both divisions. Points will be awarded in the higher total of the two categories. This is to encourage schooling in the 3-gait division.
10. Dressage exhibitors cannot win the same year end award twice with the same horse.
11. The Rules Committee will be comprised of at least 3 non-participating NESAs members. Disputed or interpretation of rules must be submitted in writing to the SPHO-ME President, who will forward this to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will respond in writing within 30 days.
12. If a participant is unable to attend the year-end banquet to accept an award(s), the participant is responsible for making arrangements for delivery.

Divisions

1. Fitting & Showmanship
2. In-Hand
3. Gait Pleasure
4. Gait Pleasure
5. Equitation
6. Dressage
 - a. Intro level
 - b. Training level AND ABOVE
7. Driving (PLEASURE)
8. Combined Driving
9. Roadster – Includes under saddle and to bike.
10. Jumping/Hunter Over Fences
11. Combined Training (2 or 3-phase event)
 - a. Beginner Novice & Below
 - b. Novice & Above
12. Competitive Trail/Endurance
13. Hunter Pace/Fox Hunt
14. Non Competitive Trail Rides
15. Demos
16. Run the Gamut (gymkhana and everything else)
17. High Point Junior Exhibitor (1st-6th)
18. High Point Senior Exhibitor
19. High Point Rookie Horse
20. High Point Green Horse
21. High Point Senior Horse
22. High Point War Horse
23. Versatility
24. Overall High Point Horse

Division Specifications

Fitting & Showmanship – Any class that is judged on the handler's ability to fit and show a horse in halter or bridle. Includes grooming classes.

In-Hand – Any class where horses are judged on conformation either standing or on the line, and then at a walk and trot or jog on the line. Emphasis shall be placed on type, conformation, substance, quality, and manners.

2-Gait Pleasure – Any class that is judged on horses who walk and trot and/or alternate gait only. Includes hunter on the flat. This includes all classes of this type including, but not limited to, Standardbred-only pleasure classes, OPEN pleasure classes, pleasure classes that allow alternate gaits, etc.

3-Gait Pleasure – Any class that is judged on horses that walk, trot and/or alternate gait, and canter/lope. Includes hunter on the flat. This includes all classes of this type including, but not limited to, Standardbred-only pleasure classes, OPEN pleasure classes, pleasure classes that allow alternate gaits, etc.

Equitation – Any class that a rider's ability is judged. Includes equitation over fences.

Dressage – Any dressage event where individual USEF or USDF are judged. Must submit 5 scores from a minimum of 3 separate judges. The median score of the 5 highest scores submitted will be used to determine award placement. There are two divisions for year-end awards: Intro level & Training level and above. (This may be expanded in the future)

For year-end overall high point divisions, you must also submit the number of entries in each class and the placing within the class to accumulate overall points.

Driving – Any pleasure or performance driving class where the horse is shown in a 2 or 4 wheeled vehicle. This includes Reinsmanship and timed events, such as driving derbies.

Combined Driving – For year-end awards, this is considered a single division.

The following list describes the types of Combined Driving events that make up this division:

“Three-Day Event” consists of three distinct Competitions taking place on separate days.

“Two-Day Driving Event” may consist of either: Driven Dressage and Cones on the first day, followed by a Marathon on the second day; or Driven Dressage on the first day, followed by the Marathon and Cones on the second day.

“Driving Trial” usually taking place on one day, consists of Driven Dressage, followed by the Marathon and Cones, in either order. The Marathon is only one section.

“Arena Trials” may be held in a suitable indoor or outdoor arena. May consist of dressage only or dressage with cones

“Combined Test” consists of any two competitions, but typically consists of Driven Dressage and Cones.

DRIVING DERBY- CONSISTS OF CONES/HAZARD COURSE

NEW! Roadster – Includes under saddle and to bike.

Roadster under saddle to be shown at a jog trot, road gait and then trot at speed. To be judged on performance, speed, quality and manners. Roadster to Bike must be driven in a two-wheeled bike or cart. Driver shall wear stable colors. Roadsters shall enter the ring clockwise at a jog trot and then show at the road gait; turn counterclockwise at the jog trot, show at the road gait and then trot at speed.

Trot is the gait required. No pacers

Hunter Over Fences – Hunter over fences division where the horses are judged on suitability as a hunter on the basis of style and movement, conformation, and overall picture, as well as on the quality of the rounds themselves (not based on time). Follows USEF rulebook.

Jumping – Any show jumping class where horses are ridden over a course of jumping obstacles. Judging is based on faults incurred for refusals, run-outs, rails down, falls, and time. Follows USEF rulebook.

Combined Training – (Eventing) Any 2 or 3-phase event which includes dressage, cross country and/or stadium jumping. Submit division, number of horses and placing. Jump sizes based on USEF rules.

Levels: (jump sizes based on USEF rules)

Intro: max jump 18 inches

Elementary: max jump 2'

Beginner Novice: max jump 2'7

Novice: max jump 2'11

Training: max jump 3'3

Prelim: max jump 3'7

Points: 1st (10), 2nd (9), 3rd (8), 4th (7), 5th (6), 6th (5), 7th (4), 8th (3), Completion of class (1)

For year-end overall high point divisions, you must submit the number of entries in each event and the placing within the event.

Competitive Trail/Endurance – Any event that does not award ribbons will receive 10 points.

Hunter Pace/Fox Hunt – Any event of this type, typically not judged, ribbons awarded will receive 10 points.

Non-Competitive Trail Rides/Drives – Any trail ride that is considered non-competitive. Participants will track mileage on the NESAs points form and submit monthly. Awards will be based on highest mileage.

Pleasure horse division: includes riding, driving, trail, training time, one on one time with your horse- Certificate program, must be an SPHO member but no horse registration fee required, based on hours logged.

Demos – Any organized exhibition made available to the general public with emphasis on education and breed promotion.

Demo where the horse does not perform (on display) will be awarded 5 points.

Demo where the horse performs ridden or driven before an audience will be awarded 10 points.

Points will be awarded per day for multi day events. If event is a mix of display and performance or unclear, points will be determined by the rules committee.

Run the Gamut – Any class that does not fit into another category. This includes, but is not limited to, combination ride and drive, command, costume, games, pocket pattern, trail class, Blue Ribbon jumping class

High Point Junior Exhibitor – This division is open to all riders under the age of 18 and is based on equitation and showmanship only. The exhibitor's age is determined as of January 1st in the current year. Year-end champion ribbons will be awarded to places 1st through 6th in this division.

High Point Senior Exhibitor – This division is open to all riders 18 and over and is based on equitation and showmanship only. The exhibitor's age will be determined as of January 1st in the current year.

High Point Rookie Horse – Open to horses in their first year of showing. Equitation and showmanship will not count towards this award.

High Point Green Horse – Open to horses in their second year of showing. Equitation and showmanship will not count towards this award. DELETE

High Point Senior – Open to horses that have been showing for three or more years. Equitation and showmanship will not count towards this award.

High Point War Horse – This division is open to all Standardbreds who fit one of the following criteria: over 100 lifetime starts, over \$200,000 in lifetime earnings, or over 20 years of age. Equitation and showmanship will not count towards this award. Exhibitor to provide proof of status upon registration for the NESAs program year.

Versatility – This award is based on the top (5) qualifying divisions (divisions 1-17) one of which must be driving. Points from the participant's top (5) divisions will be added together to determine total points.

Overall High Point Standardbred – This award is based on the total of all divisions entered. Year-end Champion and Reserve ribbons will be awarded.

All divisions will award Champion and Reserve Champion.

Junior division will award 1st through 6th place.

Overall High Point Standardbred will award Championship and Reserve.

Point System

Classes open to Standardbreds only

Scored as follows:

X = # of participants

1st place = X

2nd place = X – 1

3rd place = X – 2

4th place = X – 3

5th place = X – 4

6th place = X - 5

*Any class labeled as a championship class shall have its points doubled. A day-end champion shall receive 10 points for champion and 5 points for reserve champion.

Classes open to all breeds

Scored as follows: $X = \#$ of participants

1st place = $X + 6^{**}$

2nd place = $X + 5$

3rd place = $X + 4$

4th place = $X + 3$

5th place = $X + 2$

6th place = $X + 1$

** If there is only 1 exhibitor in the class, 5 points shall be awarded for the win.

Exhibitors not placing in a class, but completing the class, will receive 1 point. Must include on the points form.

A reserve ribbon will receive 1 point.

*Any class labeled as a championship class shall have its bonus points doubled. A day-end champion shall receive 10 points for champion and 5 points for reserve champion.

Any Classes not placed or with all one placing:

Awarded 5 points (for example-Blue Ribbon jumping classes)

4H Shows

Submitted Point forms must specify American or Danish system of pinning. If American system points will be awarded as above.

If Danish system:

1st place= 8 – Blue

2nd place = 7 – Red

3rd place= 6 - White

If class is pinned using both systems, points will be scored by the American system.