

Michigan State Pony of the Americas Club

Show Rules and Awards

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The rules in the current POAC, Inc. Official Handbook will stand as the rules for the show season with exception that all MSPOAC approved shows will count as their International point classification (i.e B&P, Promo, IBC, etc). The POA Official Handbook is included with a National POAC Membership. (Extra copies are available from the POAC, Inc. Home Office)

All classes must be shown in at 50% or more of the approved MSPOAC shows for the current show season to qualify for individual class awards or for those points to qualify for Overall High Point Awards.

Awards are as follows:

- I. Halter Division
 - a. Champion & Reserve Champion Weanling Filly
 - b. Champion & Reserve Champion Weanling Colt
 - c. Champion & Reserve Champion Weanling & Yearling Gelding
 - d. Champion & Reserve Champion Yearling Filly
 - e. Champion & Reserve Champion Yearling Colt
 - f. Champion & Reserve Champion Two Year Old Mare
 - g. Champion & Reserve Champion Two Year Old Stallion
 - h. Champion & Reserve Champion Two Year Old Gelding
 - i. Champion & Reserve Champion Three Year Old Mare
 - j. Champion & Reserve Champion Three Year Old Stallion
 - k. Champion & Reserve Champion Three Year Old Gelding
 - l. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Mare 46-51"
 - m. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Mare 51-54"
 - n. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Mare 54-56"
 - o. Champion & Reserve Champion Broodmare
 - p. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Stallion 46-51"
 - q. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Stallion 51-54"
 - r. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Stallion 54-56"
 - s. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Gelding 46-51"
 - t. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Gelding 51-54"
 - u. Champion & Reserve Champion Four & Older Gelding 54-56"
 - v. Champion & Reserve Champion Most Colorful

Points which count for the above awards shall be only POA halter classes held at MSPOAC approved shows. Showmanship points do not count toward Halter Awards. The handler need not be a current MSPOAC member, but the owner of the POA must have a current MSPOAC Membership for the POA to be eligible for year-end awards. POA's must comply with the Official Height Chart for all ages. (The POAC, Inc. Official Handbook contains the Official Height Chart).

II. Performance Division

a. Western Pleasure Awards

- i. Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Western Pleasure
 1. Points count from Junior Western Pleasure Only
- ii. Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Western Pleasure
 1. Points count from Senior Western Pleasure Only
- iii. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under Western Pleasure Walk/Jog
 1. Points count from 9 & Under Western Pleasure Walk/Jog Only
- iv. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under Western Pleasure Walk/Jog/Lope
 1. Points count from 9 & Under Western Pleasure Walk/Jog/Lope Only
- v. Champion & Reserve Champion 10-13 Western Pleasure
 1. Points count from 10-13 Western Pleasure Only
- vi. Champion & Reserve Champion 14-18 Western Pleasure
 1. Points count from 14-18 Western Pleasure Only

b. Hunter Under Saddle Awards

- i. Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Hunter Under Saddle
 1. Points count from Junior Hunter Saddle Only
- ii. Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Hunter Under Saddle
 1. Points count from Senior Hunter Under Saddle Only
- iii. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under Hunter Under Saddle Walk/Trot
 1. Points count from 9 & Under Hunter Under Saddle Walk/Trot Only
- iv. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under Hunter Under Saddle Walk/Trot/Canter
 1. Points count from 9 & Under Hunter Under Saddle Walk/Trot/Canter Only
- v. Champion & Reserve Champion 10-13 Hunter Under Saddle
 1. Points count from 10-13 Hunter Under Saddle Only
- vi. Champion & Reserve Champion 14-18 Hunter Under Saddle
 1. Points count from 14-18 Hunter Under Saddle Only

c. Performance Division -- Non-Timed Classes

- i. Champion & Reserve Champion Yearling Lunge Line
- ii. Champion & Reserve Champion Two Year Old Lunge Line
- iii. Champion & Reserve Champion Hunter Hack/Hunter Over Fences 18 & Under
- iv. Champion & Reserve Champion Western Reining/Riding 18 & Under
- v. Champion & Reserve Champion Trail Leadline 6 & Under
- vi. Champion & Reserve Champion Trail 9 & Under
- vii. Champion & Reserve Champion Trail 10-13
- viii. Champion & Reserve Champion Trail 14-18
- ix. In Hand Trail 2 & Under

d. Performance Division – Timed Event Classes

- i. Champion & Reserve Champion Timed Events Leadline 6 & Under
- ii. Champion & Reserve Champion Timed Events 9 & Under
- iii. Champion & Reserve Champion Timed Events 10-13
- iv. Champion & Reserve Champion Timed Events 14-18

Points to count from all MSPOAC approved shows in the following events: Cloverleaf, Flags, Pole Bending, Straight Barrels, Figure 8 Barrels, Texas Rollback, Handy Horse, Keyhole, Go Go Race, Single Pole and Scurry Race.

III. Exhibitor Performance Awards

- a. Points in this division will be based on the Exhibitor and will accumulate regardless of the pony shown.
 - i. Western Horsemanship Division
 1. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under Boy
 2. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under Girl
 3. Champion & Reserve Champion 10-13 Boy
 4. Champion & Reserve Champion 10-13 Girl
 5. Champion & Reserve Champion 14-18 Boy
 6. Champion & Reserve Champion 14-18 Girl
 7. Champion & Reserve Champion Leadline Rider 6 & Under
 - a. Exhibitors in this event will be ineligible to ride in any other equitation/horsemanship class for older age groups at any given show
 - ii. Hunt Seat Equitation Division
 1. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under
 2. Champion & Reserve Champion 10-13
 3. Champion & Reserve Champion 14-18
 - iii. Showmanship Division
 1. Champion & Reserve Champion Leadline 6 & Under
 2. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under
 3. Champion & Reserve Champion 10-13
 4. Champion & Reserve Champion 14-18
 - iv. Bareback Horsemanship Division
 1. Champion & Reserve Champion 9 & Under
 2. Champion & Reserve Champion 10-13
 3. Champion & Reserve Champion 14-18
 - v. Open Costume Division
 1. Champion & Reserve Champion 18 & Under

IV. One Pony/One Rider High Point Award Division

- a. Points to count from any approved MSPOAC show, excluding halter and Hunter In Hand. Any rider may only place once in this Year End Award Division for his/her age group. Additional placing awards will also be given for places 3rd through 30th.
 - i. High Point & Reserve High Point Leadline Boy 6 & Under
 - ii. High Point & Reserve High Point Leadline Girl 6 & Under
 - iii. High Point & Reserve High Point 9 & Under Boy
 - iv. High Point & Reserve High Point 9 & Under Girl
 - v. High Point & Reserve High Point 10-13 Boy
 - vi. High Point & Reserve High Point 10-13 Girl
 - vii. High Point & Reserve High Point 14-18 Boy
 - viii. High Point & Reserve High Point 14-18 Girl

- V. High Point & Reserve High Point Top Hand (One Rider/Multiple Ponies)
 - a. Points to count from all approved MSPOAC shows, excluding halter and Hunter In Hand. Points will accumulate from all ponies ridden by one rider. Any Rider competing for this award will be ineligible for the MSPOAC High Point One Pony/One Rider Division in their age group. Rider must designate prior to the first show of the current year to the club secretary/point keeper, the High Point Division they will be competing for. If no designation is made, points for the rider will be posted to the MSPOAC High Point One Pony/One Rider Division. Additional placing awards will also be given for places 3rd through 30th.
- VI. High Point and Reserve High Point 18 & Under Walk/Trot
 - a. Points to count from all approved MSPOAC shows, for the 18 & Under walk/trot classes only.
- VII. Adult Performance Awards
 - a. JPFC
 - i. High Point & Reserve High Point JPFC 2 Year Old
 - ii. High Point & Reserve High Point JPFC 3 Year Old
 - iii. High Point & Reserve High Point JPFC 4 & 5 Year Old
 - 1. Both pony and rider MUST be nominated for the current year JPFC program. Junior pony to be any Two, Three, Four or Five year old tentatively registered POA. Points to count from any approved MSPOAC JPFC class, for which the rider is eligible, excluding halter. Points will only count for One Pony/One Rider combinations. Any rider may place only once in this Year End Award Division. Placing awards will also be given for placings 3rd through 30th. Classes to count are JPFC Hunter Under Saddle, JPFC Western Pleasure and JPFC Trail.
 - b. High Point & Reserve High Point One Pony/One Rider 19 & Over Walk/Trot/Canter
 - i. Points to count from all approved MSPOAC shows, excluding halter and Hunter In Hand, and will only count per one pony/one rider combinations. The same pony/rider combination is eligible for both the JPFC division and the 19 & Over divisions. Placing awards will also be given for places 3rd through 30th.
 - c. High Point & Reserve High Point Non-Pro 19 & Over Walk/Trot
 - i. Points to count from all approved MSPOAC Shows, for the Non-Pro 19 & Over Walk/Trot classes only and Non-Pro Showmanship. This is based on one pony/one rider. To be eligible for this award the exhibitor must have provided the Michigan POA Club with their Non-Pro Card. Placings awards will also be given for places 3rd through 30th.
 - d. High Point & Reserve High Point Non-Pro 19 & Over Walk/Trot/Canter
 - i. Point to count for all approved MSPOAC shows, for the Non-Pro 19 & Over Walk/Trot/Canter classes only and Non-Pro Showmanship. This is based on one pony/one rider. To be eligible for this award the exhibitor must have provided the Michigan POA Club with their Non-Pro card. Placing awards will also be given for places 3rd through 30th.
 - e. High Point & Reserve High Point Select 40 & Over Walk/Trot
 - i. Points to count for all approved MSPOAC shows, for the Select 40 & Over walk/trot classes only. This award is based on one pony/one rider.
 - f. In Hand Triad
 - i. Points to count for all approved MSPOAC shows, for the In Hand Pony in Halter, Lunge Line and In-Hand Trail. Placing awards will also be given for places 3rd through 30th.

VIII. Special Awards

a. Graduating Youth Member

- i. This award is to be presented to any MSPOAC youth member in their last year competing in the youth division of the MSPOAC. The qualifying youth member must apply for this award in writing to any current officer or Director of the MSPOAC no later than October 1st of their final year in the youth division. Award to be determined by the current awards committee.

b. Afton Newton Leadline Award

- i. This award is to be presented to the Overall High Point Leadline Horsemanship 6 & Under Champion. It is sponsored by Tom and Carol Newton of South Haven, Michigan in honor and memory of their daughter Afton Newton.

IX. MSPOAC Open Show Awards

a. Open Show Champion & Reserve Champion Halter

- i. Points to count from all Open and 4-H Shows EXCLUDING MSPOAC CLASSES & OUT OF STATE POA CLASSES. Showmanship points do not count toward Halter Awards. To qualify for this award, the same POA must enter a minimum of one MSPOAC approved show during the current show season. Only registered POA ponies are eligible for this award.

b. Open Show Champion & Reserve Champion Performance

- i. Points to count from all Open and 4-H Shows EXCLUDING MSPOAC CLASSES & OUT OF STATE POA CLASSES. All performance classes count including showmanship, costume and equitation. To qualify for this award, the same rider and POA must enter a minimum of one MSPOAC approved show during the current show season. Only registered POA ponies are eligible for this award. Points to count from one pony/one rider combinations.

c. How To Get Points for Open Show Awards

- i. A printed form will be available to all members for the purpose of keeping track of points and is also available on the www.mipoa.com website. Points to count from all Open and 4-H shows excluding MSPOAC classes and out of state POA classes. Points to be reported to the Open Show Point Secretary on these forms.
- ii. All classes in Open shows will be counted as "A" points, the same as for MSPOAC shows. Anyone not putting the number of entries on the form will not receive points for that class.
- iii. Show season runs from January 1st through December 31st. Show results for all Open shows held prior to June 30th must be post-marked no later than July 15th of the current year. Shows held between July 1st and December 31st must be post-marked no later than January 15th of the following year.

- iv. Refer to Article IX, Section A.

X. MSPOAC Show Information and Rules

a. Only MSPOAC Family, Individual, or Junior Members (showing a POA or POA's owned by a MSPOAC Family or Individual Member) are eligible for MSPOAC Year End Awards

b. For horse show purpose, the age of the exhibitor is January 1st, and will be the age the exhibitor shows as all year long.

- c. Exhibitors are responsible for all information in making entries. Proper names, registration numbers, ages, heights of ponies and proper identity and age of child riding or handling pony shall be given for each class entered.
- d. All ponies, regardless of age, must be measured at all MSPOAC approved shows, unless they present a Permanent Height Card (PHC) issued by the POAC, Inc. prior to showing.
- e. Ponies with a PHC need not be measured, but must present card with the ponies' papers at each show. Unmeasured ponies or ponies without proper measuring card or papers will not be allowed in the show ring. Owner is responsible for getting ponies to the measuring area at the announced or posted time.
- f. Official POA measurement guides as listed in the POAC, Inc. Official Handbook will be used.
- g. All points are tabulated in accordance with the International POAC Show Rules, with the exception that all classes in MSPOAC shows will be counted as Class "A" points. In the event that a class is not filled, compute points as stated in the POAC official Show Rules. In all "A" shows Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Senior Champion, Reserve Senior Champion, Junior Champion, Reserve Junior Champion mare, stallion and gelding are awarded extra points in order that they receive an equal number of points as the most points received by any pony placed above in the same sex division, plus the usual points for Grand, Reserve Grand, Senior, Reserve Senior, Junior and Reserve Junior Champion. In addition, at all approved MSPOAC shows, bonus points will be given to large classes in the following manner; halter classes, one bonus point will be given for each four ponies over six competing in a class, and performance classes, one bonus point will be given for each eight ponies over six competing in a class.

First	12 Points
Second	11 Points
Third	10 Points
Fourth	9 Points
Fifth	8 Points
Sixth	7 Points

Placings: Six Placings in a class are required for full points. For less than a full class, award sixth place points to the lowest placing in class, fifth place points to next higher placing etc. For example assuming there are three ponies in the class, compute points as follows:

First – 9 Points Second – 8 Points Third – 7 Points

- h. No unrestrained ponies will be allowed in the show ring at any time.
- i. No state points are awarded for Group Classes, Walk/Trot Pleasure Open, Leadline Walk/Trot Pleasure, Hunter In Hand, Fun Classes or any other class noted on the show bill as non-pointed.
- j. In MSPOAC Shows where there is a division of a specific class into age groups, a pony can earn points for only one age group, even if ridden in more than one age group by a different rider. The owner must designate when making entries which division the points are going to be scored in, if not previously designated to the Show Secretary or Point Secretary. Whenever it is possible, it is advisable for the Point Secretary and Show Secretary to have your designation for the Show Season. However, this could be changed before any show. "Exception to this rule is Article II., Section D., MSPOAC Champion Performance Pony Division (Timed Events)"

- k. Each child is entitled to points from each division, (Western Riding/Reining, Pleasure, Trail, etc.) regardless of class designation, as long as the rider is a member. These points will count to MSPOAC High Point One Pony/One Rider or Top Hand Awards.
- l. All Youth riders competing for MSPOAC show awards must submit a copy of their official birth certificate to the MSPOAC Secretary before September 1st of the current show season. Points will not be tallied for any youth rider who does not have a copy of their birth certificate on file with the MSPOAC Secretary.
- m. Any member or person shall be suspended and denied privileges of the MSPOAC for failure to settle accounts when due with the MSPOAC or for giving an NSF check for entry fees or any other fees or charges connected with the exhibition of ponies or activities of the MSPOAC. (SUSPENDED/DENIED PRIVILEGES – shall include, but are not limited to loss of all state points and awards, and suspended person's shall be denied participation in any MSPOAC sponsored show, futurity, or any other activity sponsored by the MSPOAC). Any member or person having given an NSF check to the MSPOAC will be fined \$25.00 for each occurrence in addition to any and all bank charges for same and will be placed on a cash basis until further review by the MSPOAC Board of Directors.