



Annual High Point Awards Program

Category One: Annual Awards for Recognized Competitions.

1.01. **Introduction.** The Category 1 Year-End Awards are intended to honor achievement of NTEA members and their horses at eventing competitions which are recognized by the United States Eventing Association (USEA) and/or Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) held within Area V from the Beginner Novice level and up, as well as USEA-recognized Future Event Horse (FEH) and Young Event Horse (YEH) divisions held within Area V. With the intention of encouraging competition on the national and international stage by NTEA members, the Category 1 Year-End Awards also honor achievement of members and their horses competing at recognized eventing competitions outside Area V as provided in paragraph 1.05.

1.02. **Membership for High Point Awards.** Horse and rider pairs are eligible for the High Point Awards, provided both the rider and the owner or lessee of the horse are members of NTEA at the time points are accrued. In the case of multiple owners of a horse, at least one owner or lessee must be a member of NTEA. In the case of a Youth member, his or her non-member parent or guardian may be the owner of the horse.

1.03. **Membership for Horse Awards.** While the horse may change riders or owners during the year, all riders of the horse and at least one owner or lessee must be members of NTEA at the time points are accrued. For FEH Awards, at least one owner or lessee must be a member of NTEA at the time points are accrued. The award will be presented to the owner(s) or lessee at the end of the competition year.

1.04. **Points Tabulation.** Points for awards count from the effective date of membership. They will be tabulated from December 1 through November 30 of the year, unless the Board determines otherwise. The Category 1 Points Keeper will automatically tabulate points from placings earned at recognized eventing competitions within Area V. *Please refer to the NTEA website for specifics regarding dates that Points will be posted and deadlines for inquiries/disputes regarding Points.*

1.05. **Earning Points for Placings Outside Area V.** For FEH, YEH, Grand Champion Horse and Beginner Novice through Intermediate levels, Category 1 points may be earned for placings at *no more than* two recognized eventing competitions outside Area V during a competition year, provided that (i) such placings are submitted to the Category 1 Points Keeper as stated in this paragraph, and (ii) points are also earned during the competition year in at least two competitions *within Area V*. For Advanced, ******* and ******** divisions, all placings from recognized eventing competitions in any Area may be submitted for Category 1 points. In order for out-of-area placings to count toward Category 1 awards, it is the rider's or owner's responsibility to submit placings earned outside Area V *in writing to the Category 1 Points Keeper, at the email address and by the deadline(s) identified on the NTEA website.* The event name, USEA Area, date, number of starters, division, and placing must be provided to the Points Keeper, along

with the names of the horse, owner and rider. *Please refer to the NTEA website from time to time for specifics regarding dates that Points will be posted, deadlines for submitting out of Area placings, and deadlines for inquiries/disputes regarding Points.*

1.06. Year End High Point Awards.

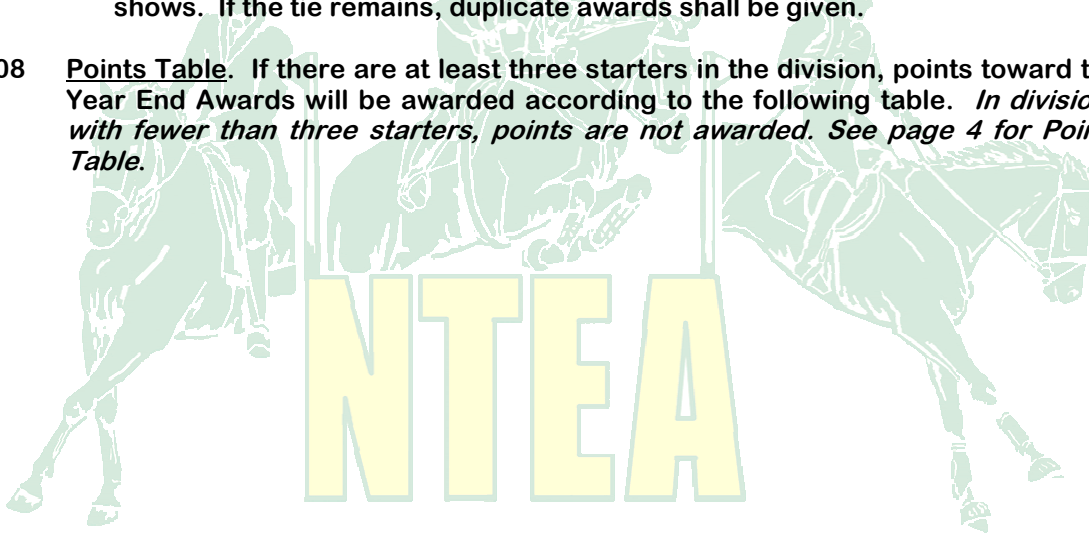
- (a) NTEA will present Year End High Point Awards to horse and rider pairs for Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places in the following categories: Senior Beginner Novice, Junior Beginner Novice, Senior Novice, Junior Novice, Senior Training, Junior Training, Senior Preliminary, Junior Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced.
- (b) In order to be eligible for these awards, the horse and rider pair must earn points at two or more recognized eventing competitions during the year *within Area V for Intermediate divisions and below or in any Area for Advanced divisions.*
- (c) Points automatically accrue for divisions of horse trials and combined tests at the levels of Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate for USEA recognized competitions within Area V. To earn points at these levels for no more than two placings at recognized eventing competitions outside Area V, the member must submit placings to the Points Keeper as provided in paragraph 1.05.
- (d) Points accrue for Advanced, ******* and ******** divisions of recognized eventing competitions in any Area. To earn points at these levels for competitions outside Area V, the member must submit placings to the Points Keeper as provided in paragraph 1.05.
- (e) Placings in “Intro” or “Starter” divisions (and other divisions which do not meet the minimum USEA definitions for “Beginner Novice” points to apply) at USEA-recognized horse trials and combined tests within Area V qualify for NTEA Category 2 “Schooling Competition” awards. Such placings must be submitted according to NTEA rules for Category 2 competitions (i.e., on the NTEA Category 2 Points Form, signed by the Show Secretary, and submitted to the Category 2 Points Keeper by the deadline). See the NTEA website for the rules for Category 2 Points Rules.
- (f) For divisions with phases at different competitive levels, points are awarded in the category corresponding to the lowest level phase. For example, points for an IP division with dressage and show jumping at Intermediate and cross country at Preliminary would be awarded in the Preliminary category.
- (g) When a category is divided between Junior and Senior, members who are 21 years of age or younger as of January 1 of the current competition year accrue points for awards in the Junior category. Members who are 22 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current competition year accrue points in the Senior category.
- (h) A horse and rider pair qualifying for a Year End High Point award in more than one category shall be eligible to receive an award in only one category. The rider may select the category in which they will receive the award.
- (i) If there is a tie for a Year End High Point Award, it shall be broken in favor of the horse and rider pair with points earned at the fewest shows. If the tie remains, duplicate awards shall be given.

1.07. Horse Awards.

(a) Grand Champion Horse. NTEA will present the Grand Champion Horse Award to the horse with the greatest number of points earned from placings in recognized YEH divisions and recognized Beginner Novice and up divisions. In order to be eligible for this award, a horse must earn points at two or more recognized eventing competitions during the year *within Area V for YEH divisions and Beginner Novice through Intermediate divisions and in any Area for Advanced divisions.* Points may also be awarded for certain placings outside Area V (see rules in paragraph 1.05). If there is a tie for Grand Champion Horse, it shall be broken in favor of the horse with points earned at the fewest shows. If the tie remains, duplicate awards shall be given.

(b) FEH and YEH Awards. NTEA will present FEH and YEH Awards for Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places in the following categories: FEH, Four-Year Old YEH and Five-Year Old YEH. In order to be eligible for these awards, a horse must earn points at two or more USEA recognized FEH or YEH competitions during the year within Area V. Points may also be awarded for certain placings outside Area V (see rules in paragraph 1.05). If there is a tie, it shall be broken in favor of the horse with points earned at the fewest shows. If the tie remains, duplicate awards shall be given.

1.08 Points Table. If there are at least three starters in the division, points toward the Year End Awards will be awarded according to the following table. *In divisions with fewer than three starters, points are not awarded. See page 4 for Points Table.*



NTEA Category One Annual Awards Program – Points Table

Recognized Event Type	Number of Starters	Placings						
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Completion
Combined Test; FEH or YEH Competition	3 and over	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	.5	0
FEH or YEH Championships	3 and over	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	0
Horse Trials	19 and Over	8	7	6	5	4	3	0
	11-18	7	6	5	4	3	2	0
	3 - 10	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Adult Team Challenge; Area Championships	19 and over	9	8	7	6	5	4	0
	11-18	8	7	6	5	4	3	0
	3 - 10	7	6	5	4	3	2	0
American Eventing Championships	19 and over	10	9	8	7	6	5	2
	11-18	9	8	7	6	5	4	2
	3 - 10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
CIC * - ***	19 and over	11	10	9	8	7	6	3
	11-18	10	9	8	7	6	5	3
	3 - 10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
“Classic Series” 3-Day w/ Steeplechase; <i>or</i> CCI * - ****	19 and over	12	11	10	9	8	7	4
	11-18	11	10	9	8	7	6	4
	3 - 10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4