

Garden State Paint Horse Club
2026 YEAR END AWARD RULES AND POINT SYSTEM
Revised 12/2025

Year End Awards - OPEN DIVISION:

1. Owner of the award winning horse must be a member of GSPHC
2. Only show points accrued after membership payment is received by GSPHC will count toward Year-End Awards. **(All Membership Applications must be separate from all other documents and paid separately with a check payable to GSPHC.)**
3. All GSPHC shows will count.
4. HIGH POINT AWARDS will be given to the Regular Registry Horse that acquires the highest number of points in the following categories. Reserve Awards will be given to the second highest point horse in these categories:
 - a) Regular Registry Halter Stallions (includes Performance Halter Stallions)
 - b) Regular Registry Halter Mares (includes Performance Halter Mares)
 - c) Regular Registry Halter Geldings (includes Performance Halter Geldings)
 - d) Regular Registry Performance Horse
(Not including halter - Color Classes – Green)
 - e) Regular Registry Ranch Performance
5. Only APHA point earning classes **with two (2)** or more entries will count toward the High Point & Reserve High Point Awards, including weanlings.
6. In order to qualify for a year-end award, the horse must be shown to a majority of the GSPHC judges (shows). In 2026, *you must show to 6 judges per class with the exception of weanlings.*

Year End Awards - OPEN SOLID REGISTRY DIVISION:

1. All rules governing the Breeding Stock Division will be the same as the Open Division for Regular Registry Horses.
2. HIGH POINT OPEN SOLID REGISTRY AWARDS will be given to the Solid Registry Horse that acquires the highest number of points in the following categories. Reserve Awards will be given to the second highest point Breeding Stock horse in these categories:
 - a) Solid Registry (All Sexes)
 - b) Solid Registry Performance Horse (not including Halter)

* At the discretion of the GSPHC Board of Directors, this division may be combined (A&B) for GSPHC year end awards, if it has been determined that there was a lack of participation.
3. Only APHA point earning classes **with two (2)** or more entries will count toward the High Point & Reserve High Point Awards.
4. In order to qualify for a year-end award, the horse must be shown to a majority of the GSPHC judges (shows). In 2026, *you must show to 6 judges per class with the exception of weanlings*

Year End Awards - AMATEUR & NOVICE AMATEUR DIVISIONS:

1. The Amateur / Novice Amateur must be a member of GSPHC
2. Only show points accrued after membership payment is received by GSPHC will count toward year-end awards. **(All Membership Applications must be separate from all other documents and paid separately with a check payable to GSPHC.)**
3. The award winning horse/rider combination must be owned by the Amateur / Novice Amateur or Amateur's / Novice Amateur's Family and must comply with APHA's ruling on Amateur / Novice Amateur Ownership Status.
4. The Amateur / Novice Amateur must have a current APHA Amateur / Novice Amateur Card and Number.
5. Year-end awards are for a Horse and Rider combination.
6. All GSPHC shows will count including **the GSPHYC SHOW**.
7. **HIGH POINT AMATEUR AWARD will be given to the Horse and Rider combination and a Reserve Award to the second highest point Horse and Rider Combination that acquires the highest number of points in the following categories:**
 - a. **All Amateur Classes will count including Amateur Halter and Games, etc.**
8. HIGH POINT NOVICE AMATEUR AWARD will be given to the highest point Horse and Rider combination and a Reserve Award to the second highest point Horse and Rider combination. **(Points for Amateur Halter are applied to ONLY the Amateur Division (ONLY Novice Amateur Classes will count towards the Novice Amateur High / Reserve High Point Awards. ONLY Amateur Classes will count towards the Amateur Division including Amateur Halter).**
9. Only APHA point earning classes **with two (2)** or more entries will count toward the High Point & Reserve High Point Awards.

10. In order to qualify for a year-end award, the horse and rider combination must be shown to a majority of the GSPHC judges (shows). In 2026, *you must show to 6 judges per class with the exception of weanlings*

Year End Award - YOUTH DIVISION & Novice Youth:

1. The youth must be a member of GSPHC
2. Only show points accrued after membership payment is received by GSPHC will count toward year-end awards. **(All Membership Applications must be separate from all other documents and paid separately with a check payable to GSPHC)**
3. The Youth or Youth's Family must own the award winning horse and must comply with APHA's ruling on Youth Ownership Status.
4. Year-end awards are for a Horse and Rider Combination.
5. All GSPHC shows will count ***including the GSPHYC SHOW.***
6. **HIGH POINT YOUTH AWARD will be given to the Horse and Rider combination and a Reserve Award to the second highest point Horse and Rider Combination that acquires the highest number of points in the following categories:**
 - a. **All Youth Classes including Youth Halter, Fence Classes, WR, Games & Reining, etc.**
(Points for Youth Halter are applied to ONLY the Youth Division (13&U or 14-18) (ONLY Novice Youth Classes will count towards the Novice Youth High / Reserve High Point Awards. ONLY Youth Classes will count towards the Youth Division
 - a) Youth must be 13 Years and Under. Age is determined as of January 1st of the current year.
 - b) Youth must be 18 & U Age is determined as of January 1st of the current year.
 - c) Novice Youth. (Only classes listed as Novice Youth Classes will count towards the award.
7. Only APHA point earning classes ***with two (2)*** or more entries will count toward the High Point Awards.
8. In order to qualify for a year-end award, the horse and rider combination must be shown to a majority of the GSPHC judges (shows). In 2026, *you must show to 6 judges per class*

Year End Award – YOUTH WALK TROT DIVISION:

1. The Walk-Trot Youth must be a member of GSPHC.
2. Only show points accrued after membership payment is received by GSPHC will count toward year-end awards. **(All Membership Applications must be separate from all other documents and paid separately with a check payable to GSPHC.)**
3. The horse need NOT be in the rider's name.
4. Year-end awards are for a Horse and Rider Combination.
5. All GSPHC shows will count ***including the GSPHYC SHOW.***
6. **Youth must be between 5 - 10 Years Old and under. Age is determined as of January 1st of the current year**
7. HIGH POINT WALK-TROT YOUTH AWARD will be given to the highest point horse and rider combination and a Reserve Award to the second highest point Horse and Rider Combination in the following youth classes. All Walk Trot Youth Classes will count:
8. Youth Halter will NOT be included in this award.
9. In order to qualify for a year-end award, the horse and rider combination must be shown to a majority of the GSPHC judges (shows). In 2026, *you must show to 6 judges per class*

Year End Award – Amateur WALK TROT DIVISION: (Including SPB Amateur Walk Trot)

1. The Walk-Trot Amateur must be a member of GSPHC.
2. Only show points accrued after membership payment is received by GSPHC will count toward year-end awards. (All Membership Applications must be separate from all other documents and paid separately with a check payable to GSPHC.)
3. The award winning horse/rider combination must be owned by the Amateur / Novice Amateur or Amateur's / Novice Amateur's Family and must comply with APHA's ruling on Amateur / Novice Amateur Ownership Status.
4. Year-end awards are for a Horse and Rider Combination.
5. All GSPHC shows will count ***including the GSPHYC SHOW.***
6. HIGH POINT WALK-TROT AMATEUR AWARD will be given to the highest point horse and rider combination and a Reserve Award to the second highest point Horse and Rider Combination in the following youth classes. All Walk Trot AMATUER Classes will count:
7. Amateur Halter will NOT be included in this award.
8. In order to qualify for a year-end award, the horse and rider combination must be shown to a majority of the GSPHC judges (shows). In 2026 *you must show to 6 judges per class* Only APHA point earning classes ***with two (2)*** or more entries will count toward the High Point Awards.

POINT SYSTEM:

1. GSPHC Point Tabulation is as follows:

Horses:	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Over 6 entries	6	5	4	3	2	1
5 entries	5	4	3	2	1	
4 entries	4	3	2	1		
3 entries	3	2	1			
2 entries	2	1				

2. **Only APHA point earning classes *with two (2) or more entries* will count toward the High Point Awards.**
3. Horse or Horse/Rider Combination must be shown at a majority of the GSPHC shows to qualify for a year-end award.
4. Halter GRAND and RESERVE Champions at GSPHC shows will be awarded the following:
 - A) RESERVE CHAMPION Stallion, Mare or Gelding will receive a total of ONE POINT more than the highest pointed horse in that sex division.
 - B) GRAND CHAMPION Stallion, Mare or Gelding will receive ONE POINT more than the Reserve Champion Horse in that sex division.

EXAMPLE: If the Stallion wins a class where there were three horses competing, and is reserve Champion, He will get one more point than the highest pointed horse class in the Stallion Division. If one of the other Stallion classes had six horses, he will get seven points (rather than just three points for winning his class).

Halter classes that have less than 3 entries will **ONLY** be eligible for Division High Point and Division Reserve High Point Award Points. Halter classes that have 3 or more entries will receive points for Class awards and High Point/Reserve High Point Awards

LEADLINE – Leadline is an individually sponsored class held at all GSPHC Shows. The GSPHC Board of Directors have elected to follow the APHA Rules regarding

GSPHC Weekend High Points – In order for points to count towards weekend high point awards, there must be a minimum of (2) *two* horses showing in the class. Classes that run with less than two points will not qualify for weekend points or year end award points.