



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 held within Area V from the Starter level and up, as well as USEA-recognized Young Event Horse (YEH) and New Event Horse (NEH) 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(d).

1.02. Membership for High Point Horse/Rider Awards. Both the rider and the owner or lessee of the horse must be members in good standing 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 High Point 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 in good standing 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 will be tabulated from December 1 of the previous calendar year through November 30 of the current competition year, unless the Board determines otherwise. The Category 1 Points Keeper will tabulate points from placings earned at recognized eventing competitions as reported in the official results on USEA's website. *Please refer to the NTEA website for specifics regarding dates that Points will be posted and deadlines for inquiries/disputes regarding Points.*

1.05. Year End High Point Horse and Rider Awards.

- (a) NTEA will present Year End High Point Horse/Rider Awards to horse and rider pairs for Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places as follows:
- For Starter – Preliminary levels, awards will be given in three categories – Junior, Amateur and Professional
 - For Intermediate and Advanced levels, awards will be given in two categories – Junior/Amateur and Professional
- (b) For purposes of these awards:

- A youth's current registration with USEA as a Junior applies. A youth rider who is not registered with USEA is considered a Junior to the end of the year in which s/he turns 18.
 - An adult's current registration with USEA as an Amateur applies. All other USEA-registered adult riders are considered Professionals. An adult rider who is not registered with USEA is considered a Professional.
 - Any question about a rider's proper designation should be addressed with USEA.
- (c) In order to be eligible for these awards, a horse and rider pair must earn points during the competition year from: (i) two or more recognized eventing competitions *within Area V for Training and below*, (ii) *at least one recognized eventing competition within Area V for Modified, Preliminary and Intermediate levels*, or (iii) *at least two recognized eventing competition anywhere for the Advanced level*.
- (d) If a horse and rider pair is eligible for these awards under 1.05(c), then the pair may also earn points from two competitions outside Area V. For Advanced level, there is no limit on the number of competitions outside Area V.
- (e) 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.
- (f) A horse and rider pair qualifying for a Year End High Point Horse/Rider Award in more than one level shall be eligible to receive only one award. The rider may select the level in which they will receive the award.
- (g) If there is a tie for a Year End High Point Horse/Rider Award, it shall be broken in favor of the horse and rider pair with points earned at the fewest events. If the tie remains, duplicate awards shall be given.

1.06. Year-End High Point Horse Awards.

- (a) Grand Champion Horse. NTEA will present the Grand Champion Horse Award to the horse with the greatest total number of points earned under Section 1.05 (combining points for all riders, at all levels) and under Section 1.06(b) as a YEH or NEH. If there is a tie for Grand Champion Horse, it shall be broken in favor of the horse with points earned with the fewest riders. If the tie remains, then it shall be broken in favor of the horse with points earned at the fewest events. If the tie remains, duplicate awards shall be given.
- (b) YEH and NEH Horse Awards. NTEA will present YEH and NEH Horse Awards for Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places in the following categories: Four-Year Old YEH and Five-Year Old YEH, as well as for NEH. In order to be eligible for these awards, a horse must earn points at two or more USEA recognized YEH or NEH competitions during the year within Area V. Such a horse may also earn points from two recognized competitions outside Area V. If there is a tie, it shall be broken in favor of the horse with points earned at the fewest events. If the tie remains, duplicate awards shall be given.

1.07 Points Table. Points toward the Year End Awards will be awarded according to the following table.

NTEA Category One Annual Awards Program – Points Table

Recognized Event Type, Beginner Novice and above	Number of Starters	Placings						
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Completion with -0- DR penalties and -0- cross country jumping penalties
Combined Test; YEH or NEH Competition	3 and over	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	.5	0
	1-2	1.5	1.25					
FEH Championships	3 and over	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	0
	1-2	2	1.75					
Horse Trials	19 and Over	8	7	6	5	4	3	0
	11-18	7	6	5	4	3	2	0
	3-10 1-2	6 3	5 2.5	4	3	2	1	0
National 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 1-2	7 3.5	6 3	5	4	3	2	0
"Classic Series" 3-Day w/ Steeplechase; or CIC * - ***	19 and over	10	9	8	7	6	5	1
	11-18	9	8	7	6	5	4	1
	3-10 1-2	8 4	7 3.5	6	5	4	3	1 1
American Eventing Championships or CCI * - ****	19 and over	11	10	9	8	7	6	2
	11-18	10	9	8	7	6	5	2
	3 - 10 1-2	9 4.5	8 4	7	6	5	4	2

