

# **EVUSA Year-End Horse High Point and Region Award Criteria**

## **General Criteria:**

- Point of Contact: Carolyn Bland and Awards Chairperson
- Award Year will run from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Eligibility for all award programs which are tied to specific locations (ie. Region) is based on:
  - To be eligible for yearly EVUSA horse awards starting in 2021, an additional fee of \$20/annual horse registration or \$85/lifetime horse registration must be paid to the EVUSA. Horses may compete in EVUSA recognized events without horse registration but will be ineligible for annual EVUSA horse awards. Registration must be completed online thru the EVUSA's membership web site. Award Points will accumulate from the initial date of horse registration.
  - For all horses declaring membership with a Club, eligibility is based on the club's address as registered with the EVUSA in the award year.
  - For all horses not declaring membership with a club, (i.e. independents) eligibility is based on the horse's owner's address as registered with the EVUSA in the award year.
- All awards will be awarded at the year-end awards ceremony (commonly held in conjunction with the EVUSA Symposium). Awards may be picked up at the awards ceremony, or someone from the team (coach, teammate) may pick it up. Awards that need to be mailed will incur a postage fee paid by the recipient.
- The committee and or EVUSA Board of Directors reserves the right to modify or change rules and requirements (ie: number of scores that count within zone awards) in an event of a pandemic, or other issues that may limit the number of competitions held in a competition year.
- SCORES
  - Scores shall be reported using the EVUSA's current online competition management system.
  - If scores are not reported as specified above, then scores need to be submitted in excel format within ten days of the close of the competition.
  - Only horses registered as annual horse registration or lifetime registration are eligible for awards.
  - Only members who are registered with the EVUSA and in good standing at time scores are earned are eligible for year-end awards.
  - Only US citizens are eligible for year-end awards.
  - Scores from either a single judge, or combination of judges (reported as combined score when using more than one judge) will count.
  - All scores that result in a tie, will be broken by the total number of competitions attended. For example, if one horse is scored with only three competitions, and the other in the tie went to four, that horse with more competitions will win the tie.

## EVUSA Recognized Class Horse High Point

- Categories awarded
  - EVUSA Recognized Class Horse High Point
    - Individual: 3\* 2\* Young Vaulters/Gold, 2\* Silver, 1\* Bronze, 1\* Copper, 1\* Trot. Men and Women scores will be separated for the individual horse awards.
    - Pas de Deux: 3\* Open, 2\* Open, 1\* Preliminary Canter, 1\* Trot
    - Squad: 3\* A, 2\* B, 1\*C, 1\* Trot
    - 2-Phase Squad: 2\* Open, 1\* Preliminary Canter, 1\* Trot
- Competitions eligible
  - All EVUSA recognized competitions from November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, **INCLUDING** Nationals and EVUSA (East and West) Festivals.
- Horses eligible
  - Horse must have been registered with EVUSA when points were earned (i.e. have been assigned an EVUSA Horse Number), and in good standing
  - Horse must have an active registration (annual or lifetime) in the EVUSA Horse Awards program
  - All vaulters must have been current EVUSA members in good standing while competing for their horse's points to count
- Scores eligible
  - Points are earned in EVUSA Recognized Event classes
  - Horses must have a minimum of three EVUSA recognized scores in a single division to qualify, i.e. horse must compete in three different competitions for trot squad in order to qualify for Trot Squad horse of the year.
  - Points are based on the FEI horse high point system.
    - The number of points awarded is based on the number of competitors in a class, with a max of 15 points assigned per class. For example, if there are five competitors in a class, the horse carrying the first-place vaulter will receive 5 points, second place 4 points, and so on.
    - A horse can earn points in multiple EVUSA recognized classes and for multiple vaulters and/or teams that he carries. For example, a horse might carry 3 vaulters in the same class, he would then earn points for all three qualified Vaulters.
    - Points will be awarded for every test. For example, points will be awarded individually for Bronze Comps RI, Bronze Freestyle and Bronze Comps RII. Points are not awarded for combined / "overall" placings, just actual physical appearances in the arena.
- Award placings
  - The single highest horse in each category

## EVUSA Regional Overall Horse High Point

- Categories awarded
  - EVUSA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
    - Identify the single horse from each Region with the highest total points from participation in the EVUSA Recognized Classes above.
- Competitions eligible
  - All EVUSA recognized competitions from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, **EXCLUDING** Nationals and EVUSA (East or West) Festivals. The Region is determined by the physical address of the competition.
  - Horse must be registered in the designated region to be eligible for regional points
  - Horse must compete in at least three of its regional competitions. No points outside of the region will be used in the regional horse high point calculation.
- Horses eligible
  - Horse must have been registered with EVUSA when points were earned (i.e. have been assigned an EVUSA Horse Number), and in good standing
  - Horse must have an active registration (annual or lifetime) in the EVUSA Horse Awards program
  - All vaulters must have been current EVUSA members in good standing while competing for their horse's points to count
- Scores eligible
  - Points are earned in EVUSA Recognized Event classes
  - Points are based on the FEI horse high point system.
    - The number of points awarded is based on the number of competitors in a class, with a max of 15 points assigned per class. For example, if there are five competitors in a class, the horse carrying the first-place vaulter will receive 5 points, second place 4 points, and so on.
    - A horse can earn points in multiple EVUSA recognized classes and for multiple vaulters and/or teams that he carries. For example, a horse might carry 3 vaulters in the same class, he would then earn points for all three qualified Vaulters.
    - Points will be awarded for every test. For example, points will be awarded individually for Bronze Comps RI, Bronze Freestyle and Bronze Comps RII. Points are not awarded for combined / "overall" placings, just actual physical appearances in the arena.
- Award placings
  - The single highest horse in each region

### **EVUSA Horse High Point:**

In 2014, the AVA Horse of the Year became the Horse High Point Award. The Technical Committee created the AVA Horse of the Year Award in 1994 to honor the organization's most outstanding vaulting horse that year. A unique bronze horse-head sculpture, donated by AVA sustaining members Gail Ostendorf and Colette Garrison (in memory of Halali and Dimple) serves as the perpetual trophy.

- Competitions eligible
  - All EVUSA recognized competitions from November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, **INCLUDING** Nationals and EVUSA (East and West) Festivals.
- Horses eligible
  - Horse must have been registered with EVUSA when points were earned (i.e. have been assigned an EVUSA Horse Number), and in good standing
  - Horse must have an active registration (annual or lifetime) in the EVUSA Horse Awards program
  - All vaulters must have been current EVUSA members in good standing while competing for their horse's points to count
  - The horse with the most cumulative points from all of its EVUSA recognized classes will be awarded as Horse High Point.
- Scores eligible
  - Points are earned in EVUSA Recognized Event classes
  - Horses must participate in a minimum of three EVUSA recognized shows to qualify
  - Points are based on the FEI horse high point system.
    - The number of points awarded is based on the number of competitors in a class, with a max of 15 points assigned per class. For example, if there are five competitors in a class, the horse carrying the first-place vaulter will receive 5 points, second place 4 points, and so on.
    - A horse can earn points in multiple EVUSA recognized classes and for multiple vaulters and/or teams that he carries. For example, a horse might carry 3 vaulters in the same class, he would then earn points for all three qualified Vaulters.
    - Points will be awarded for every test. For example, points will be awarded individually for Bronze Comps RI, Bronze Freestyle and Bronze Comps RII. Points are not awarded for combined / "overall" placings, just actual physical appearances in the arena.
- Award placings
  - The single highest horse

## USEF Vaulting Horse of the Year

- POC: Linda Bibbler/Kathryn Dennison
- Categories awarded
  - Team Horse of the Year
  - Pas de Deux Horse of the Year
  - Individual Horse of the Year
- Competitions eligible
  - All USEF recognized competitions from December 1st (of prior year) to November 30<sup>th</sup> (USEF competition year)
- Horses eligible
  - Horse MUST have a USEF number and be registered for the current year and be in good standing with USEF.
  - Horse MUST be owned by a USEF member who is registered, and in good standing with USEF, for the current year
- Scores eligible
  - Horse must compete in and all sections of a class (i.e. compulsories, freestyle, freestyle or compulsories, tech test, freestyle), carrying the same vaulter for all sections of a class.
  - The horse score from all judges are added and averaged (note, this will be a different number of scores depending on how many judges and format of judges -- for example for FEI it reflects only the scores of Judge A; while for a USEF class with three judges (old format where every judge judges everything) it would be nine scores for a three round class
  - Average horse score for the class (i.e. for all rounds, per vaulter) must be a 6.0 or higher.
  - The three highest overall scores (averaged from three different USEF competitions) in each category (Team, PDD, Individual) are averaged.
  - Note: if two or more individuals compete on the same horse, horse scores are averaged based on each vaulter. We have therefore linked the vaulters name to the horse for reporting purposes; only the highest average horse score (from one of the vaulters) will be used towards the award.
- Award placings
  - USEF announces Horse of the Year as well as Reserve Horse of the Year in each category. However, a ranked list is published of all horses who qualified, and ribbons are awarded to top five in each category awarded by USEF.
- Reporting for this award:
  - Horse name
  - Horse USEF number
  - Owner's name
  - Owner's USEF number
  - Vaulter name (or PDD identifier, or Squad identifier)

- Vaulteer USEF number (leave blank for PDD and Squad)
- Average horse score for the division (i.e. overall sections, and for each vaulteer separately, if the horse carries more than one in the same division), if over 6.0

USEF Rule:

GR1141 Vaulting 1. Eligibility. See GR1110. 2. Points are based on the following: To be eligible for an award, a horse must have participated in a minimum of three USEF recognized vaulting competitions. Only horses that carry the same vaulteer/s for all classes in a division are eligible. The horse must receive a qualifying average horse score of 6.000 or greater. Only the highest average horse score for each award category in a competition will be converted to points for this program. The sum of the three highest point totals (one from each competition) will be used to determine award winners in each category. Points will be used to determine awards only in the competition year in which they are earned. A National High Point Award will be given in the following categories: Individual Vaulting Horse, Pas de Deux Vaulting Horse, and Team Vaulting Horse