

Arabian Sport Horse



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Competition Points Program

Rulebook

Points based awards to recognize Arabian, Anglo-Arabian, Shagya Arabian, and part-bred Arabian horses and ponies competing in all levels of sport horse discipline competitions.

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The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Competition Points Program is designed to recognize performance achievements of Arabian-bred horses and ponies at all levels of sport horse disciplines in open all-breed competition as well as at Arabian breed venues.

This affordable program offers Year End High Point Awards for participation in sport horse disciplines. Points are earned based on placings (scores for Dressage) with bonuses for championships, special recognition (like high point awards or best condition in endurance), and for achievements at regional and national events.

Whatever your goals with your Arabian-bred sport horse partner, the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance's point program has something for you!

Disciplines:

Dressage

Eventing

Hunters

Driven Dressage

Endurance

Jumpers

Combined Driving

Western Dressage

Working Equitation

Carriage Driving

Sport Horse Suitability

Sport Horse In-Hand

Dressage Equitation

Hunter Equitation

This multi-faceted awards program was created exclusively for Arabian Sport Horse Alliance members' horses. The program includes categories for the traditional sport horse disciplines of Dressage, Jumpers, Hunters, Combined Driving, Driven Dressage, and Eventing plus the adjunct disciplines of In-hand and Suitability classes as well as Endurance (which shares its roots with the sport horse disciplines in the cavalry tests), Hunter Equitation, Dressage Equitation, Western Dressage, & Working Equitation.

Each discipline has separate categories for All-Breed competitions and for Breed Restricted (AHA) competitions where the discipline category exists in both. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in all categories. When participation by discipline levels is sufficient, categories may be subdivided by levels (or at least level groups like “lower” and “upper”).

Annual points are earned from class/ride/event results at schooling venues, value/lite venues, national governing body rated venues, area and national championships, and FEI sanctioned competitions. Points are weighted according to how high the horse placed (or scored for Dressage) and the rank of the venue.

A separate system for “Milestone” points is used to earn tiers of lifetime achievement points in individual performance discipline categories. A horse can earn Milestone levels in multiple performance disciplines. The three Milestone Award tiers are Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Additionally, if points towards a Milestone tier are earned at advanced levels of that discipline, the award includes the designation of “Elite”. Reaching Milestone Bronze Award levels in three different performance disciplines is the basis for the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Versatility Award.

Point Categories

Points are attached to the horse not the rider so open, AA, and Youth/Junior classes all earn points for the horse in each discipline division. The individual sport disciplines have separate all-breed and breed-restricted categories. Splits by level will be made as warranted by participation levels.

Special Categories

The Tally Forms include designations for Youth exhibitors and for Pony Divisions. Youth Champions and Pony Division Champions will be recognized in categories with participation in these sub-categories.

For the Youth category, it is the exhibitor's classification that counts; not whether or not the class is specific for youth or junior rider/handler/drivers so results where a youth shows against adults count towards this category. The results are still linked to the horse, so if a horse (or pony) is shown by multiple youths in the same discipline category, that horse/pony will accrue points from each youth exhibitor toward a total in that discipline.

For the Pony Division recognition, the classification of the class as restricted to ponies (or 14.2H and under for AHA) is what determines inclusion in this special category because the award is targeted at success in Pony Divisions.

Venue Specifications

Each discipline will be subdivided into All-Breed (Open) competition and Breed Restricted (AHA shows or classes restricted by breed like DSHB IBCs) competition venues to recognize the value of each of those kinds of competitions. All-Breed (Open) competitions offer opportunities to showcase how well Arabian-bred sport horses measure up to the performance standards that ultimately define the sport horse world. Breed Restricted competitions allow Arabian-bred sport horses to be measured against the best sport horses within the specific breed.

Discipline Division Specifications

General: All classes for young sport horses (these typically include a specific age restriction) are included in the “Suitability Under Saddle” or the “In-Hand” Divisions rather than under the sport discipline category under which they fall. Otherwise, the Discipline Divisions include all classes in that sport division’s governing body’s rules where the horse’s performance is judged unless noted as an exception. Para-Equestrian Dressage and Driving are included in their respective sport divisions.

1) Dressage

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Intro* Level through GP including Freestyles, also FEI Young Rider Tests and FEI Pony Dressage at equivalent Level rank**)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA) (**Intro* Level through GP**)

2) Western Dressage

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Intro* through 4th Level including Freestyles**)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA (**Intro* through 4th Level**))

**Intro levels in Dressage and Western Dressage only earn Annual Points, and do not earn Milestone Points.*

***High Score Awards** will be given out for individual levels in Dressage and Western Dressage for enrolled horses with the highest median score of their top 3 scores.*

3) Dressage Equitation

- a) All-Breed Venues -Youth and Adult
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA) Venues – Youth and Adult

4) Hunters

- a) All-Breed Venues (**fence height categories ≤ 3’, 3’3” -3’6”, > 3’6”**)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (**AHA- Working Hunter Division**)

(All rider & horse/pony divisions within the USEF Hunter division that are judged on horse performance are included)

5) Hunter Equitation

- a) All-Breed Venues (fence height categories $\leq 3'$, $3'3'' - 3'6''$, $> 3'6''$)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA- Working Hunter Division)

6) Jumpers

- a) All-Breed Venues ($<.95\text{m}$, $1\text{m} - 1.2\text{m}$, $\geq 1.25\text{m}$)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA) Venues (**Jumper Division**)
All rider divisions and horse divisions within the USEF Jumper division.

7) Eventing

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Starter***, **Beginner Novice and Novice, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced**)
**Starter Level only earns Annual Points & does not earn Milestone Points.*

8) Working Equitation

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Intro, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters**)

9) Combined Driving

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Training, Prelim, Intermediate, Advanced**)

10) Driven Dressage

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Training, Prelim, Intermediate, Advanced**)

11) Carriage Driving

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Obstacle classes, Combination Classes, & any Pleasure Driving class except Park**)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA) Venues (**Carriage Pleasure Driving and Combined Driving Divisions**)

Points in driving divisions are recorded by individual horse whether they compete in single, pairs, or team divisions.

12) Distance Riding (“level” splits are endurance and limited distance/combined trail.)

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Endurance, Limited Distance, CTR**)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA) Venues (**Endurance, Limited Distance, CTR**)

For welfare reasons only sanctioned distance rides count for points. Introductory rides earn Annual points for completion, but do not earn Milestone points.

13) In-Hand

- a) All-Breed Venues (**DSHB in-hand {except for IBCs}, HB, FEH, YHS in-hand and YHS Free Jumping**)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA) Venues (**SHIH, DSHB IBCs, and other open world sport horse in-hand classes restricted by breed**)

In-hand classes earn Annual Points, but not Milestone Points. All sport horse discipline types are included together in the In-Hand category.

14) Suitability

- a) All-Breed Venues (**Materiale, DSHB Under Saddle, USEF/FEI Young Dressage Horse Classes (4-6 year old), Young Event Horse YEH, YHS under saddle, IHF under saddle, Dressage Suitability, Dressage Equitation, 5, 6 and 7/8 year old Jumpers.**)
- b) Breed Restricted Venues (AHA) Venues (**SHUS-d, SHUS-h, SHSH, Young Dressage Prospect Test**)

Suitability classes earn Annual Points, but not Milestone Points. All sport horse discipline types are included together in the overall Suitability category. Any performance class in the sport disciplines that is restricted by age to young horses and/or is designed to evaluate suitability for a sport horse discipline falls under this category.

Please feel free to ask whether or not specific classes are included in a category. Any breed restricted class is classified under the “Breed Restricted” venue even if that class is held at an All-Breed (Open) venue. DSHB Individual Breed classes are one example of a breed restricted class at an All-Breed (Open) show.

Discipline	Levels	
	Dressage	All-Breed
	Breed-restricted	
Western Dressage	All-Breed	Intro –Level 4
	Breed-restricted	
Hunter	All-Breed	≤ 3'
	Breed-restricted	3'3" - 3'6"
		> 3'6"
Jumpers	All-Breed	<.95m
	Breed-restricted	1m – 1.2m
		≥1.25m
Eventing	All-Breed	Starter - Advanced
Distance Riding	All-Breed	Endurance
	Breed-restricted	LD/CTR
		Intro
Combined Driving	All-Breed	Training -Advanced
Driven Dressage	All-Breed	Training -Advanced
Carriage Driving	All-Breed	---
	Breed-restricted	
In-hand	All-Breed	---
	Breed-restricted	
Suitability	All-Breed	---
	Breed-restricted	
Dressage Equitation	All-Breed	---
	Breed-restricted	
Hunter Equitation	All-Breed	≤ 3'
	Breed-restricted	3'3" - 3'6"
		> 3'6"
Working Equitation	All-Breed	Introductory - Masters

Visual guide to point categories

Splits by level will occur when sufficient entries in category exist to support at least be lower and upper level splits.

Rules

- 1) Enrolled horses must be owned by a current member in good standing of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance. (Alliance membership is not required for Riders, Handlers, and Drivers.)
- 2) Enrolled horses must be recorded with the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance. (recording form available in members' area of <http://arabiansporthorsealliance.org/> or by contacting points@arabiansporthorsealliance.org)
- 3) Cost of enrollment is \$20 for the first division and \$10 for each additional division. The Dressage and Western Dressage High Score Programs are \$5 extra for each. Enrollment divisions encompass the discipline and the venue category. Enrollment in a division includes any levels and classes included within the discipline category for which the horse is eligible to compete. (For example: All Breed (Open) Jumpers is a separate enrollment category from Breed Restricted (AHA) Jumpers.)
- 4) Results to be reported for points must be submitted on the appropriate Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Point Tally Form. Tally forms should be submitted electronically or my mail (postmarked) within 30 days of the event. A link, electronic copy, or hard copy of the prize list, show bill, or event brochure (including date(s), class list, judge/official(s) name(s) and show secretary name and contact information) should be submitted if available.
Since scores are used to determine points in the Dressage category, we need to verify scores. USDF rated shows scores will be verified online. For schooling shows and other non-USDF shows dressage participants must also include a copy of the front page of the test sheets with show name, horse name, judge name, and score.
- 5) Each year of this program runs from December 1st through November 30th
- 6) Note that all classes and rides at USEF/AERC/USEA rated/sanctioned shows, distance rides, and events include participation or completion points so even if the horse doesn't place, points are earned toward the annual total and for the lifetime Milestone tier awards so remember to report all points eligible classes and rides to be sure you get credit. Dressage earns points based on scores so all scores above the minimum threshold for the level will earn points.

- 7) When participation levels warrant, discipline categories will be split by level. At a minimum with sufficient participation, there will be “lower level” and “upper level” splits in divisions with progressive levels.
- 8) Milestone points are earned in performance categories where developmental progression is part of the discipline. (Dressage, Western Dressage, Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Distance Riding, Working Equitation, Combined Driving, Driven Dressage, and Carriage Driving. In-Hand, Equitation, and Performance Suitability divisions do not earn Milestone Points -nor do the intro levels of Dressage & Western Dressage nor the starter level of Eventing.)
- 9) Both Annual and Milestone points are awarded based on class/ride/event placings (scores for dressage) with bonus points for special awards like high point, championships, and best condition. Points at value/lite/schooling venues are lower than points earned at national governing body rated venues (USEF, AERC, USEA, USAWE). All points (Annual and Milestone including any bonus categories) earned at FEI sanctioned venues are worth **three times** the normal amount. The USEF's "International Hunter Derby" will count as the Elite level for the Hunter Division so all points earned at IHD series venues are worth **three times** the normal amount.
- 10) Random verification will be done on submitted Point Tally Forms. Proven fraudulent reporting of results will be grounds for removal from the program and for revocation of membership in the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance.
- 11) Participants have 30 days to submit results from November shows. A panel of reviewers will audit the results. As a further step to verify results, individual preliminary results will then be shared with participants for review prior to finalization.
- 12) Additional awards may be offered by ASHA or by a sponsor. (For instance: “High Mileage”, High Score Dressage Freestyle, Top Anglo-Arabian in an all-breed over fences division, etc.)

Appendix: Points Tables

Please note that different disciplines use different tables to accommodate variations in competition structures and protocols. (See last table for Bonus Points.)

Basic points:

Tables for Hunters, Jumpers, Western Dressage**, Hunter Equitation**
Dressage Equitation**, Western Dressage Equitation**, Driven Dressage,
and Carriage Driving Divisions

Rated shows/events		
Placing*	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
1st	12	50
2nd	11	40
3rd	10	30
4th	9	20
5th	8	20
6th	7	20
7th	6	20
8th	5	20
9th	4	20
10th	3	20
11th	2	20
12th	1	20
Plus participation	1	10

*only actual awarded placements If a show awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

**Equitation divisions & WD Intro level do NOT earn Milestone Points, just Annual Points

Value/Lite/Schooling shows		
Placing*	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
1st	10	30
2nd	9	20
3rd	8	10
4th	7	10
5th	6	10
6th	5	10
7th	4	10
8th	3	10
9th	2	10
10th	1	10

*only actual awarded placements If a show awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

**Western Dressage Intro level does NOT earn Milestone Points, just Annual Points

Tables for In-hand and Suitability Divisions

Rated shows/events	
Placing*	Points (Annual)
1st	12
2nd	11
3rd	10
4th	9
5th	8
6th	7
7th	6
8th	5
9th	4
10th	3
11th	2
12th	1
Plus participation	1

*only actual awarded placements If a show awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

Value/Lite/Schooling shows	
Placing*	Points (Annual)
1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

*only actual awarded placements. If a show awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

Eventing and Combined Driving Tables:

Rated Events		
Placing*	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
1st	12	50
2nd	11	40
3rd	10	30
4th	9	20
5th	8	20
6th	7	20
7th	6	20
8th	5	20
9th	4	20
10th	3	20
11th	2	20
12th	1	20
Completion for Eventing and Combined Driving Rated Events		
Level	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
Starter**	---	---
BN-N	1	10
Training	2	15
Preliminary	5	20
Intermediate	7	25
Advanced	7	25

*only actual awarded placements If an event awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

** Starter Level does NOT earn Milestone Points, just Annual Points

Schooling (horse trials, combined tests)		
Placing*	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
1st	10	30
2nd	9	20
3rd	8	10
4th	7	10
5th	6	10
6th	5	10
7th	4	10
8th	3	10
9th	2	10
10th	1	10

*only actual awarded placements If an event awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

** Starter Level does NOT earn Milestone Points, just Annual Points

Table for Distance Divisions:

Sanctioned		
Placing*	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
1st	12	50
2nd	11	40
3rd	10	30
4th	9	20
5th	8	20
6th	7	20
7th	6	20
8th	5	20
9th	4	20
10th	3	20
11th	2	20
12th	1	20
Plus completion (even if didn't place)	1 for Intro completion	--
	2 for LD/ CTR	10 for LD/ CTR
	5 for 50 miles	15 for 50miles
	10 for 100 miles	25 for 100miles

*only actual awarded placements If a ride awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count. For welfare reasons only sanctioned distance events are eligible for earning points. Intro rides earn annual points for completion and no Milestone points.

Table for Working Equitation Divisions:

Rated Competitions		
Placing*	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
1st	12	50
2nd	11	40
3rd	10	30
4th	9	20
5th	8	20
6th	7	20
7th	6	20
8th	5	20
9th	4	20
10th	3	20
11th	2	20
12th	1	20
Completion for Working Equitation Rated Events		
Level	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
Introductory	1	10
Novice A/B	2	15
Intermediate A/B	5	20
Advanced	7	25
Masters	7	25

*only actual awarded placements If an event awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

Schooling Competitions		
Placing*	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
1st	10	30
2nd	9	20
3rd	8	10
4th	7	10
5th	6	10
6th	5	10
7th	4	10
8th	3	10
9th	2	10
10th	1	10

*only actual awarded placements If an event awarded 6 placings 7th place and below doesn't count.

Tables for Dressage Division:

Intro* & Training Level - 2nd level (rated show)		
Score range	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
≥ 74	12	50
72 -73.9	11	50
70-71.9	10	40
68-69.9	9	40
66-67.9	8	30
64-65.9	7	30
62-63.9	6	20
60-61.9	5	20
57-59.9	4	10
55-56.9	3	10
Plus participation	1	10

*Intro level does NOT earn Milestone Points, just Annual Points

Intro* & Training Level - 2nd level (Value/Lite/Schooling shows)		
Score range	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
≥ 74	10	30
72 -73.9	9	30
70-71.9	8	20
68-69.9	7	20
66-67.9	6	20
64-65.9	5	20
62-63.9	4	10
60-61.9	3	10
57-59.9	2	10
55-56.9	1	10

*Intro level does NOT earn Milestone Points, just Annual Points

3rd -4th Levels (rated show)		
Score range	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
≥ 72	12	50
70-71.9	11	50
68-69.9	10	40
66-67.9	9	40
64-65.9	8	30
62-63.9	7	30
60-61.9	6	20
57-59.9	5	20
55-56.9	4	10
53-54.9	3	10
Plus participation	1	10

3rd -4th Levels (Value/Lite/Schooling shows)		
Score range	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
≥ 72	10	30
70-71.9	9	30
68-69.9	8	20
66-67.9	7	20
64-65.9	6	20
62-63.9	5	20
60-61.9	4	10
57-59.9	3	10
55-56.9	2	10
53-54.9	1	10

PsG – Grand Prix Levels (rated show)		
Score range	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
≥ 70	12	50
68-69.9	11	50
66-67.9	10	40
64-65.9	9	40
62-63.9	8	30
60-61.9	7	30
57-59.9	6	20
55-56.9	5	20
53-54.9	4	10
50-52.9	3	10
Plus participation	1	10

PsG – Grand Prix Levels (Value/Lite/Schooling shows)		
Score range	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)
≥ 70	10	30
68-69.9	9	30
66-67.9	8	20
64-65.9	7	20
62-63.9	6	20
60-61.9	5	20
57-59.9	4	10
55-56.9	3	10
53-54.9	2	10
50-52.9	1	10

Table for Bonus Points (All Divisions):

Bonus Points		
Special Recognition Award	Points (Annual)	Milestone Points (Lifetime)*
Performance Class Champion	20	50
Performance Class Reserve Champion	10	40
High Point Champion or High Point Horse [^]	20	50
High Point Reserve Champion or Reserve High Point [^]	10	40
Best Condition (Endurance) ^{^^}	50	75
High Vet Score (Endurance) ^{^^}	25	50
In-Hand Class Champion	20	--
In-Hand Class Reserve Champion	10	--
Regional/Area/Zone Champion ^{**}	50	75
Regional/Area/Zone Reserve Champion ^{**}	30	60
Regional/Area/Zone Top Ten (or Top 5)	20	50
Regional/Area/Zone Participation (ONLY)#	5	20
National Show Champion ^{**}	100	150
National Show Reserve Champion ^{**}	80	100
National Show Top Ten (or Top 5)	60	75
National Show Participation (ONLY)#	20	40
FEI Sanctioned Competitions ^{***}	All points (Basic, Bonus, & Milestone) x 3	

*Milestone Points are not earned for In-Hand, Equitation, or Suitability Divisions or Intro levels in Dressage/WD, or the Starter level in Eventing.

**Regional/Area/Zone/National Champions and Reserve Champions earn the points from that category; they do not also earn Top Ten/Top5 points.

#Participation points for horses that compete in a regional or national level class/ride/event and do not place, but do complete the class without disqualification

[^]Only one High Point/High Score Award counts per associated class/ride

^{^^}High Vet score points are given only if horse was recognized as High Vet score without Best Condition.

^{***} USEF International Hunter Derby Venues are also included in the venues that earn 3x point values.

Award Tiers for Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Milestone Awards:

Discipline	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Distance All Breed	810	1620	2430
Distance Breed Restricted	350	700	1050
Eventing	585	1170	1755
Combined Driving	585	1170	1755
Driven Dressage	585	1170	1755
Carriage Driving All Breed	630	1260	1890
Carriage Driving Breed Restricted	1080	2160	3240
Dressage All Breed	945	1890	2835
Dressage Breed Restricted	1320	2640	3960
Jumpers All Breed	750	1500	2250
Jumpers Breed Restricted	735	1470	2205
Hunters All Breed	1125	2250	3375
Hunters Breed Restricted	2625	5250	7875
Western Dressage All Breed	1125	2250	3375
Western Dressage Breed Restricted	1500	3000	4500
Working Equitation All Breed	750	1500	2250

Points levels for Milestone tiers vary by discipline due to the differences in competition structure between disciplines. A formula was applied to each discipline to obtain the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels for the individual disciplines; while the target numbers differ, those numbers represent similar challenge levels to earn the three Milestone tiers.

Elite Designation for the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Milestone Awards

Level requirements for “Elite” designation of Milestone Awards. If any of a horse’s Milestone Points earned toward a tier are at or above the following levels then the award will include the “Elite” designation to signify that the horse has competed at an advanced level:

Discipline	Elite Level
Distance	100 mile
Eventing	Preliminary
Combined Driving	Preliminary
Driven Dressage	Preliminary
Dressage	Prix St. George
Jumpers	1.1m
Hunters	1.1m
Western Dressage	Level 4
Working Equitation	Intermediate

Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Versatility Award:

Horses that earn Bronze Milestone Awards in three different* disciplines will be awarded an ASHA Versatility Award. This award requires both versatility of athleticism and dedication to achieve sustained success in three different sport disciplines. *For the purposes of this award, the three disciplines must not include both the all breed & breed restricted categories of the same discipline. Otherwise any of the disciplines that earn Milestone points count toward this special award.

