

## ARAB, INC., BOB & DORIS BAKER HIGH POINT PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** To recognize, honor, and encourage the exhibiting of, competition with, and promotion of the Arabian, half Arabian, and Anglo Arabian horses by ARAB, Inc. members who provide services or other benefit to the organization.

**SCOPE:** ARAB, Inc. offers high point awards to the purebred Arabian horse, half Arabian horse, Anglo Arabian horse, junior exhibitor, special, and the amateur adult exhibitors accumulating the greatest number of points, with ARAB, Inc. members, in horse shows, dressage shows, competitive events, clinics, demonstrations, parades, exhibits, and recreational riding.

### POLICY

1. The High Point program is divided into two categories:

Horse Category (both purebred and part Arabians compete against each other)  
Exhibitor Category (for amateurs and youth members)

2. There are seven Divisions under the Horse Category:

Division 1 - USEF Rates Shows: This includes all AHA/USEF approved class A, B or C rated horse shows that have six or more Arabian, half Arabian, and/or Anglo Arabian classes, and is divided into four sections, but does not include rated dressage classes included in Division 3:

1A: Western Style Riding

1B: English (Saddle Seat) Style Riding and Driving (English)

1C: Hunt Seat Style Riding and Sport Horse (including competitive driving, but excluding dressage)

1D: Halter

Division 2 - Unrated Shows and other Events: This includes all other horse shows and competitive events (except for rated dressage shows covered in Division 3). Included in this division are all open, Arabian Community, unrated, local, 4-H, and fair shows, as well as (rated or unrated) combined training events, endurance and competitive riding, competitive driving competitions, free style reining, team penning and vaulting contests.

Division 3 - Dressage: This includes all AHA, USEF, and USDF recognized dressage shows, and is divided into the following three sections:

3A: 1st Level and Below (introductory, walk-trot, green as grass, training, and first level)

3B: Second and Third Level

3C Fourth Level and FEI

Division 4 - Versatility: This includes all competitive and noncompetitive, sanctioned and non-sanctioned events in which the horse participates with a member of ARAB, Inc.

Division 5 - Purebred Arabian Ambassador Award: This is open to all purebred Arabians. Horses gain points from all competitive and noncompetitive, sanctioned and non-sanctioned events in which they compete or participate with an ARAB, Inc. member.

Division 6 – Recreational Riding: This is open to all purebred and part Arabian horses, and includes time not in competition, whether training, trail or other non-competitive riding, or driving; but is specific to a single horse and rider combination.

Division 7 – Novice: This is open to all horse and rider combinations where it is the rider's or the horse's first year of showing, either at the Class A or non-rated level. For 2008 there will be no charge to enter this Division. Any number of ARAB Inc. members who have not shown before may count their points on a nominated horse.

3. There are four (4) age Divisions and one Special Division in the Exhibitor Division. The Divisions are:

AE 1 - Junior Exhibitor - 8 years and under

AE2 - Junior Exhibitor - 9 to 13 years old

AE3 - Junior Exhibitor - 14 to 17 years old

AE4 - Adult Amateur Exhibitor - over 18 years old

AE5-Special Amateur Exhibitor - Special exhibitors are those who have mental or physical limitations that affect their major life activities, including riding and driving.

4. High Point Awards will be presented in the following areas:

High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse, in the Horse Category (neither to include Versatility or Ambassador Divisions).

High Point Junior Exhibitor and Reserve High Point Junior Exhibitor, in the Exhibitor Category.

High Point Adult Amateur Exhibitor and Reserve High Point Adult Amateur Exhibitor, in the Exhibitor Category.

High Point Special Amateur Exhibitor and Reserve High Point Special Amateur Exhibitor, in the Exhibitor Category.

1 - 6 places in Divisions 2, 4, 5, and 6; and 1 - 6 places in each section in Divisions 1 and 3, in the Horse Category.

1-6 places in each of the Exhibitor Divisions, in the Exhibitor Category.

7. Exhibitors/owners/lessees must be members in good standing with ARAB, Inc. at the time of nomination and the time of the awards. *In the Horse Category, riders, drivers, and handlers must also be members of ARAB, Inc., on October 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of competition, for points from their exhibition of the horse to be counted in the High Point program.*
8. *All owners and lessees of horses entered in a Horse Category, and all exhibitors entered in an Exhibitor Category, must work at least 3 hours during the calendar year in which the competition year is a part, in order to qualify to participate. Those persons who fail to perform such minimum service requirement shall forfeit their entry fee to the High Point Program. Work that will count includes service as a volunteer at any ARAB, Inc. sponsored show or other sponsored event, and service as an officer, function head (such as newsletter editor) or committee chair or member for ARAB, Inc..*
8. Any issue not covered specifically by these written rules will be determined by the decision of the High Point Committee appointed by the President, in a regular or special meeting. The Committee's decision will be final for that competition year of the High Point program.

## **DIVISION RULES**

### **DIVISION 1-USEF ARABIAN RATED SHOWS:**

**1A - Western Style Showing:** Classes to count are western pleasure, stock horse, cutting horse, reining, working cow horse, trail, lead line with western tack, western walk-trot, western side saddle, western riding, versatility, western showmanship, gymkhana classes (shown under western tack), and any other western oriented classes where the horse, not the exhibitor, is judged.

**1B - English (Saddle Seat and Driving) Style Showing:** Classes to count are country English pleasure and country English pleasure driving, country pleasure combination, English pleasure and English pleasure driving, informal combination, park, formal driving, formal combination, walk-trot with saddle seat tack, lead line with saddle seat tack, native costume, English side saddle, show hack, roadster, and any other English oriented class in which the horse, not the exhibitor is judged.

**1C - Hunt Seat Style and Sport Horse Riding and Driving:** Classes to count are hunter pleasure, hunter on the flat, hunter over fences, jumper, hunter hack, sport horse under saddle, sport horse show hack, competitive driving (except dressage driving), lead line, hunter walk-trot, gymkhana (shown with other than western tack), and other classes where the horse is shown under hunt style or dressage tack (except for dressage classes qualifying for Division 3) and the horse, not the exhibitor, is judged.

**1D - Halter:** any halter, most classic head, most classic Arabian, get of sire, produce of dam, sport horse in-hand, and any other conformation class.

### **DIVISION 2- UNRATED SHOWS AND OTHER EVENTS:**

This Division includes all horse shows and competitive events not included in horse Division 1 or 3. Included in this Division are all open, unrated, local, 4-H, FFA, and fair shows, as well as (rated and unrated) combined training events, competitive driving competitions (not to include dressage driving) and vaulting contests. All classes of the type listed in all sections of Divisions 1 and 3 are to count, as well as any other classes or events in which the horse, rather than the exhibitor, is judged. (Equitation, showmanship, or horsemanship classes in which the rider, not the horse is being judged, will not count, in this Division).

### **DIVISION 3-DRESSAGE:**

Dressage competition at officially recognized shows by USDF, USEF, and/or AHA, including Arabian and open dressage shows. Also included are dressage driving competitions. Placings in each section will be determined by averaging the highest % scores from three different judges for any tests within such section. Two of the judges must be "r" or above.

Dressage Division results may also be submitted as number in class and placing, in order to consider such rides for awards in the Exhibitor Divisions and the High Point and Reserve High Point Horse.

### **DIVISION 4-VERSATILITY:**

This Division is for the horse that participates in several different areas. It is a combined division for all equine endeavors. In addition to the competitive areas covered in Divisions 1 - 3, it also includes parades, exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics or any other equine event. The horse must participate in 3 entirely different areas to qualify in this Division. This would include different styles of showing as well as participation in the other areas mentioned. Points for this Division are accrued in the same manner as those in other Divisions and may be accumulated for events counted in other Divisions.

### **DIVISION 5 - PUREBRED ARABIAN AMBASSADOR AWARD:**

This division has been established for the promotion of the purebred Arabian. Points for this Division are accrued in the same manner as those in other Divisions and may be accumulated for events counted in other Divisions. Additional points will be given in this Division only for events that promote the Arabian horse, as follows:

1 point for non-sanctioned fun trail ride, schooling or demonstration horse, participation in a clinic, showmanship class, equitation class, etc. If the participant wishes more points for a specific event, or for achievements not directly addressed in these rules, a written description must be sent to the High Point chairperson and the committee will make the decision for each event on an individual basis.

## AMATEUR EXHIBITOR CATEGORY:

All of the classes/events listed in the Horse Category are included in the Exhibitor Category. Also included in this Category are classes that are judged on the exhibitor and not the horse, such as equitation (stock seat, saddle seat, horsemanship, and hunt seat) or showmanship (halter). Other competitive events will be used for the attainment of points as well. These include: judging contests, horse bowl, hippology, youth team tournament, AHA Achievement awards programs, etc.

### PROCEDURES FOR ALL DIVISIONS, SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

1. There is no minimum required number of entries in any Division or Section.
2. It is entirely the members' responsibility to see that the High Point chairperson receives the point information. The reports **MUST** be sent to the High Point chairperson by December 15 of the competition year. For Horse Divisions 1, 4, and 5 and all Exhibitor Categories, the data (including horse or rider name, class, number of entrants, and placing) should be in the form of a print-out from the AHA web site (plus additional data for non-rated competitions and events, as noted below). For exhibitor print-outs, the member must identify the horse for each class submitted for points; and for Horse Divisions, the member must identify the exhibitor of the horse for each class submitted for points. For Division 2, the member should note the classes being submitted, the number in the class, the horse, the exhibitor, and the placing, on the show bill, and submit a copy of such show bill. For Horse Division 3 and exhibitors competing in dressage, the member should submit a print out from the USDF web-site and should include the tests being submitted, the name of the horse, the number of entrants and placing in the test, the percent score, and the name of the judge and the judge's rating. For other events, for Horse Divisions 4 and 5 and Exhibitor Categories, a log or memorandum may be submitted containing the details. For Horse Division 6, a log should be submitted containing all time to be considered.
3. January 1 through November 15 is the time period allowed for point attainment. Points attained before or after these dates will not be recorded.
4. The cost for each Division in both the Horse Category and Amateur Exhibitor category is \$7.50 per Division. **For 2008, the Novice Division is exempt from this fee.** The correct fees and nomination forms must be sent together. There is no deadline for nominations. Only points from the date of the nomination shall count. **POINTS ACHIEVED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF THE NOMINATION WILL NOT BE COUNTED!**
5. In the event nominated horse(s) is sold or leased, points will be transferable provided the new owner or lessee is an ARAB, Inc. member in good standing. If the new owner or lessee is not a member, application should be sent as soon as possible to the Membership Chairman of ARAB, Inc. The High Point chairperson must be notified in writing that the sale or lease has occurred.
6. Competitors are strongly advised to maintain a record of their points during the competition year.
7. A complete list of all nominations will be printed in the ARAB, Inc. newsletter in the spring. Any objection to such listing must be raised within one (1) month of publication. Nominees are strongly encouraged to attend the annual Banquet, where the award will be presented.
8. All nominees for high point must be active ARAB, Inc. members. They **MUST** provide a minimum of three (3) hours of service during the year of competition to the organization at recognized events or as an officer or committee chair or member. **For 2008, the service requirement is waived, for the Recreational Division only.**
9. A horse may be nominated in more than one Division or Section. Points placed in one division will not be placed in any of the other horse Divisions, with the exception of the Versatility Division and the Arabian Ambassador Divisions. When sending in reports, a nominee **MUST** designate in which Division he/she wishes the points to count. Points will be randomly distributed in the Divisions entered, if a designation is not made. **Points should be noted by the member for submission in all Divisions/Categories.**
10. All Divisions entered are counted for the over-all High Point Horse with the exception of the **[Recreational?]** Versatility and Arabian Ambassador Divisions.
11. The same horse may be shown by more than one amateur (or junior) exhibitor with each person attaining his/her points for classes shown.
12. Points earned in competitive events below the Regional level will be as follows:

First Place	9 points
Second Place	8 points
Third Place	7 points
Fourth Place	6 points
Fifth Place	5 points
Sixth Place	4 points
Seventh Place	3 points
Eighth Place	2 points
Participation (horse entered, shown and judged, not placed)	1 point

These points will be adjusted downward if there are fewer than 8 horses in the class. The maximum number of points for first place will be equal to the number of horses in the class if there are fewer than eight. If there are more than 20 horses in a class, and separate section awards are not given, these points will be adjusted downward. Points earned in competitive events below the Regional level will be as follows:

13. Points earned at Regional level and above will be as follows:

National Champion	60 points
Res. Natl. Champion	50 points
Natl. Top 10 (remaining 8)	40 points
Natl. Top 20 Finalist (no further placing)	30 points
Nationals Participant	4 points
Regional or State Champion	30 points
Regional Res. Champion	20 points
Regional Top 10 (remaining 8)	15 points
State Top Ten (remaining 8)	10 points
Regional Finalist (no further placing)	10 points
Regional or State Participation (no placing)	2 points

#### **DRESSAGE DIVISION**

For High Point and Reserve High Point Horse and Exhibitor, the points delineated above for placings will be used, with the following additions:

High Point of Show or Level	12 points
Res. High Point of Show or Level	6 points
Achievement of IAHA Reg. Qualifying Score	3 points
Attainment of USDF Bronze Medal	15 points
Attainment of USDF Silver Medal	30 points
Attainment of USDF Gold Medal	50 points
Qualified for USEF Nationals	20 points
USEF Natl. Champion	60 points
USEF Res. Natl. Champion	50 points
USEF Natl. Top Ten (remaining 8)	40 points
USEF Natl. Participant	5 points

#### **JUNIOR EXHIBITOR CATEGORY - 4-H AND FFA SHOWS**

Local 4-H and FFA show trophy	5 points
Blue (A rating on project)	3 points
Red (B rating on project)	2 points
White (C rating on project)	1 point

#### **STATE 4-H AND FFA SHOWS**

1st	12 points
2nd	11 points
3rd	10 points
4th	9 points
5th	8 points
6th	7 points
7th	6 points
8th	5 points
9th	4 points
10th	3 points
Finalist (made cut but did not place further in class)	2 points
Participant (entered, shown, judged but not placed)	1 point

If there are 30 or more horses in the class, these points are to be doubled.