CHAPTER 20: AHA AWARD AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

All AHA programs and events deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by hand delivery, postal service, fax, e-mail, internet or other electronic means.

PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

AWD 101. EARL E. HURLBUTT PRESIDENT’S AWARD

This award is given in honor of E. E. Hurlbutt, a founding member and the first President (1950-1955) of the Arabian Horse Association. This award is an original Edwin Bugouki bronze sculpture that was commissioned by Mr. Hurlbutt’s home Region 2 to honor Mr. Hurlbutt and all recipients of this award.

1. Purpose. This award is given to an individual for outstanding contributions made to the Arabian breed, the Arabian Horse Association and to our members
2. Procedure. The President of AHA selects the recipient of this award.
3. Description. The recipient award is a cast bronze piece of art, not a trophy.

AWD 102. DIRECTOR’S AWARD

1. Purpose. This award recognizes those members of AHA who have made contributions worthy of special recognition. This contribution can be in any of the copious activities that AHA encompasses.
2. Procedure. The directors and officers of AHA select the recipient of this award. To receive the award, a nominee must receive 18 votes from the Board of Directors. Previous recipients are not eligible for subsequent awards.
3. A suitable award will be presented to each recipient.

EQUINE RECOGNITION AWARDS

AWD 103. AHA/USDF ALL BREED DRESSAGE AWARD PROGRAM

AHA/United States Dressage Federation (USDF) All Breed Award Program. The owner of the horse must be a current member of AHA. To participate in the AHA/USDF All Breed Awards program horses with scores earned through AHA Recognized Shows or USEF/EC Open Shows must enroll with AHA and pay a $25 enrollment fee before September 1 of each year. (BOD 1/10) (Contact USDF for any additional requirements.)

The fee must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated prior to or within 30 days of the first competition. If after 30 days, the fee is $35. (BOD 11/04)

AWD 104. AMBASSADOR AWARD (BOD 8/04)

1. Purpose. This award is to recognize the registered Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian Horse(s) for outstanding achievement in representing the Arabian Horse community to the general public. To be eligible the horse must have achieved a unique accomplishment(s) that showcases our breed. A show record is not considered for this award. Deceased horses are not eligible to be nominated for or receive the Ambassador Award. Exclusions: Horses nominated by the September 1st deadline that die before the Awards Committee meets at that year’s Convention may be eligible to be considered for that year only. (BOD 5/05) (BOD 3/07)

2. Persons who wish to have their horse considered for this award:
   a. Must fill out an application including the horse’s bio (front and back) and may include one page of photos (front and back).
   b. Must include recommendation letters from three (3) current AHA members, including their member numbers.
   c. Submit it to the AHA office by September 1 of the current year.
   d. Each recommendation letter is limited to one (1) written/typed page front and back. (BOD 3/08)

   All applications will be reviewed by the Awards Committee at each Annual Convention where the winner(s) will be determined. The award recipient(s) will be published in the next possible issue of Modern Arabian Horse. (BOD 3/12) As this is a special, significant recognition award there will be a maximum of two (2) awarded each year. There may be years when there are no recipients.
3. A suitable trophy will be presented to each recipient. The owner of the horse selected has the option to purchase a duplicate award if the rider/driver/handler is different. (BOD 1/10) Maximum effort will be made to publicize the award recipients through all appropriate horse related periodicals.

AWD 105. COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE AWARDS

AHA offers annual year-end awards (not to exceed $1500 for each Fiscal Year) to distance riding organizations for the High Point Arabian and the High Point Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Competitive Trail Horses within that organization.

The following distance ride organizations may apply for an AHA High Point Competitive Trail Ride Breed Award:

1. Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association
2. Biltmore Estate Equestrian Center
3. Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (ECTRA)
4. Great Lakes Distance Riding Association
5. Hooves & Company Distance Riders
6. Indiana Arabian Horse Club Distance Program
7. Manitoba Trail Riding Club
8. Middle of the Trail Distance Riding Association (MOTDRA)
10. Ohio Arabian and All Breed Trail Society (OAATS)
11. Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association (OCTRA)
12. Saskatchewan Long Riders
13. South Eastern Distance Riders Association (SEDRA)
14. Upper Midwest Endurance & Competitive Riders Association (UMECRA)
15. Trail Riding Alberta Conference (TRAC) (BOD 5/09)

The above organizations may apply for an AHA High Point Competitive Trail Ride Breed Award in accordance with the following: (BOD 8/06)

1. The organization may request year-end highpoint awards for one or both of the following divisions: High Point Arabian, High Point Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian
2. Only one set of awards per organization per year will be presented.
3. The organization must approve/sanction a minimum of five competitive trail rides each year at a minimum of 25 miles in length.
4. The organization must have its own year-end high point system in place and must supply AHA the list of top three competitive trail horses in each division, including registered name of horse, registry of horse, name and address of owner and rider at the time of application.
5. To be considered for a year-end high point award, the horse must have completed a minimum of five Competitive Trail Rides sanctioned by this organization. Only competitive trail rides/miles may be counted. (BOD 8/01)
6. The winning horse must meet the registry and ownership requirements, be registered with AHA, CAHR or CPAR and be owned by a member of AHA.
7. Each organization approved for Highpoint awards will receive like awards for that year not to exceed $150 per each organization. (BOD 8/01)
8. The Organization must submit the application form at least 45 days prior to the presentation date for the award. The application must be complete and accurate and submitted to AHA Distance Ride Committee. The Distance Ride Chair and the Awards Committee Chair will approve all awards to be given after verifying that the organization and the winners meet all requirements.
9. Completion in one ride season (January 1 to December 31), of any and all AHA Regional Championship Competitive Trail Rides as well as the AHA National Championship Competitive Trail Ride shall earn bonus points at the rate of one point per mile, to be added to the Point score calculated from each organization’s own scoring system. (BOD 8/01)

AWD 106. DISTANCE HORSE PROGRAM (BOD 8/01)

Indicates rule change
The Arabian Horse Association offers annual year end awards to the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) highpoint Arabian and to the highpoint Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian in the middle distance category of 50-99 miles in addition to highpoint awards given to the 100 mile highpoint Arabian and highpoint Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. The awards are given to the horses with the most points at the end of the AERC ride season (December 1 – November 30). The points are calculated for mid distance awards from AERC Sanctioned ride of 50 or more miles but fewer than 100 miles in one day. (Clarification: if the rider enters a multi-day 100 mile event, that ride will count for the middle-distance awards. Only one-day 100 mile events do not count). A bonus of one point per mile will count for all AHA Regional Rides of a distance of 50 miles or more, but fewer than 100 miles. If the Regional ride were a one-day 100 mile ride, then the distance would be counted in the highpoint 100 mile award.

1. The highpoint horses must be registered with AHA, CAHR or CPAR and be owned by a current member of AHA.
2. The owner must apply to AHA on the official AHA form in order to be eligible for these awards. Along with the form, the owner must submit a copy of the horse’s AERC record showing the rides claimed on the AHA form. The form must be submitted to AHA’s office no later than December 30.
3. The points for mid distance awards are calculated using AERC’s point formula plus any bonus points for AHA Regional Rides of 50 miles or more but fewer than 100 miles in one day.
4. Any ties at the end of the year will be broken first by the number of Best Condition awards earned and second by the least number of rides ridden to earn the points.

AWD 109. HIGH-POINT HORSE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Awarded to the horse with the highest points accumulated within a calendar year. Points are accumulated from the date of enrollment or renewal (January 1 or later, through December 31)
Horse must be enrolled in the Horse Achievement Award Program. For rules and requirements, refer to Chapter 19. Previous High-Point Horse Achievement Award winners are not eligible to participate.

In the event of a tie to determine the High Point Horse the following criteria will be used: (BOD 8/12)

1. The Horse with the most National Championship points, including Open Competition (as stated in ACH 104.9).
2. The Horse with the most Reserve National Championship points, including Open Competition (as stated in ACH 104.9).
3. The Horse with the most National Championship Top Ten points, including Open Competition (as stated in ACH 104.9).
4. Flip a Coin.

**AWD 110. OPEN COMPETITION AWARD (BOD 3/09)**

1. Purpose. This award is to recognize the Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian Horse(s) for outstanding achievement in representing the Arabian Horse community in areas of Open Competition such as but not limited to: open reining, competitive trail, competitive endurance, combined driving, hunter, eventing, jumping, carriage pleasure driving, working western, and dressage.
2. This award is to recognize those horse(s) that have received acknowledgement at the higher levels of competition such as but not limited to regional championships, national competitions and international competitions open to all breeds and/or shown progressive and consistent accomplishment within the discipline.
3. To be considered for this award the Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian Horse(s) must have acknowledged and promoted the fact that they are a representative of the Arabian breed in some form; publications, demonstrations, or other public forums.
4. Deceased horses are not eligible to be nominated and/or receive this award (Exception: Horses nominated by the September 1st deadline that die before the Awards Committee meets at that year's Convention may be eligible to be considered for that year only).
5. Persons who wish to have their horse considered for this award or persons who know of an outstanding horse to be considered for this award must prepare a letter of particulars along with the recommendation letters from a minimum of three (3) AHA members, including their AHA member numbers and submit it to the AHA office by September 1st. All applications will be reviewed by the Awards Committee at each annual convention. The Committee will select the recipient(s) at that time. As this is a special, significant recognition award there will be a maximum of two (2) awarded each year. There may be years when there are no recipients.
6. A suitable trophy will be presented to each recipient. The owner of the horse selected has the option to purchase a duplicate award if the rider/driver/handler is different. Maximum effort will be made to publicize the award recipients through all appropriate horse related periodicals or other forms of communication such as the AHA website.
7. The cost of the trophy will be covered by sponsorships from various individuals and regional supporters and will be the responsibility of the Awards Committee. If this monetary support is not provided in any given year, this award will not be presented.
8. Should nominations be made in a year when financial support is not provided, those nominations will be carried over to the next year that the financial support is available.

**MEMBER AWARD PROGRAMS**

**AWD 111. DRESSAGE/WESTERN DRESSAGE RIDER AWARD PROGRAM (BOD 3/15)**

1. The Dressage/Western Dressage Rider Award is presented to those riders that satisfy the following requirements:
   a. The one-time rider nomination fee is $45 for each level of competition. No scores will be recorded before the nomination form and fee are received by AHA. The nomination forms and fees may be sent to AHA along with the first scores if they are included in the same envelope. (BOD 11/04)
   b. Riders must receive two scores of 60% or better at each level to qualify. The scores must be from two different judges for two different rides. If there are two or more judges per ride, the average scores will count. These scores are cumulative and do not have to be earned in one year. The rider must be a current member of AHA.
   c. Riders must compete on horses registered in the Arabian Horse Registry, the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Register.
   d. All Open Qualifying Show/Event Results Forms must be signed by the Show Secretary, Show Manager, or technical Delegate and postmarked before the competition date. Effective January 1, 1993, recordings for AHA Recognized competitions will no longer require a show report form but will be automatic. (Res. 7-93)

2. Certificates and Lapel Pins to be awarded as follows:
   a. Basic level (WD), certificate only.
   b. Training level (Dressage), certificate only.
   c. First level (Dressage/WD), pin and certificate.
   d. Second level (Dressage/WD), pin and certificate.
   e. Third level (Dressage/WD), pin and certificate.
   f. Fourth level (Dressage/WD), pin and certificate. (When applicable for WD)

These awards will be a one time only per level presentation.

**AWD 112. HIGH-POINT ADULT AND YOUTH AMATEUR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (BOD 3/07)**

Awarded to the Adult and Youth amateurs with the highest points accumulated within a calendar year. Points are accumulated from the date of enrollment or renewal (January 1 or later, through December 31)

Amateurs must be enrolled in the Amateur Achievement Award Program. For rules and requirements, refer to Chapter 19. Previous High-Point Amateur Achievement Award winners are not eligible to participate.

In the event of a tie to determine the High Point Adult Amateur or Youth Amateur the following criteria will be used: (BOD 8/12)

1. The Amateur with the most National Championship points, including Open Competition (as stated in ACH 104.9).
2. The Amateur with the most Reserve National Championship points, including Open Competition (as stated in ACH 104.9).
3. The Amateur with the most National Championship Top Ten points, including Open Competition (as stated in ACH 104.9).
4. Flip a Coin.

**MEMBER RECOGNITION**

**AWD 113. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

These certificates are used by AHA Committees who wish to give a formal “Thank You” to other than AHA members.

**AWD 114. VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**

1. Selection Guidelines for Member Organization, Regional and/or National level awards. These selection guidelines may be used for each level and adjusted appropriately. The member:
   a. Contributed significant service,
   b. Has made significant contribution,
   c. Promoted the breeds in some manner,
   d. Promoted the Member Organization, the Region and/or AHA by volunteering their time, expertise, or resources,
   e. Made a unique or creative contribution.

**MEMBER ORGANIZATION LEVEL AWARDS**
If a Member Organization or Region already has a guideline for selecting recipients, the Member Organization or Region is encouraged to continue to use that guideline.

2. The yearly nomination form will be available to Member Organizations in July. This form is to be filled out by anyone in the Member Organization who would like to nominate a recipient for recognition at the Member Organization level. Before the form can be passed out to the members to be filled out, the Member Organization should decide the following:
   a. The deadline for returning the form for selection of the recipients (which should then be put on the form in the space allotted).
   b. The manner in which the Member Organization will select the recipients (i.e., executive decision, selection committee, etc.). These decisions are entirely up to the Member Organization.
3. The number of awards per Member Organization depends on the number of adult AHA members in that Member Organization.
   a. If a Member Organization has 100 or fewer, then the Member Organization may select one recipient.
   b. Should the Member Organization have more than 100, the Member Organization may select up to two recipients.
   After selection of Member Organization level recipients, the Member Organization will forward the winning nomination form for each recipient to AHA, either postmarked/electronic transaction dated or faxed by September 15.
   AHA will distribute letters of congratulations, award certificates, and lapel pins to the winners. The certificate will state the Member Organization name as well as the name of the recipient.

REGIONAL LEVEL AWARDS

Regions are allowed two Regional level recipients.
4. Each Member Organization should select two nominations to send to the Regional Director for the Regional level.
   a. These two need not include those of the recipients at the Member Organization level, but may include them if deemed appropriate.
   b. At the point of nominating a member for the Regional level, the Member Organization president (or whoever has been appointed to handle nominations) should check the box on the nomination form to indicate a nomination for the Regional level. Nomination forms may be obtained from AHA.
   c. The deadline to forward Regional level nominations from Member Organizations to the Regional Director is August 31.
5. Regional Directors, prior to receipt of nominations from Member Organizations, will need to decide how the selection of the two Regional recipients will be made (i.e., executive decision, selection committee).
   a. The person(s) in charge of handling this program for each Region will need to notify the AHA office of the two Regional recipients, postmarked/electronic transaction dated or faxed by October 31.
   b. The certificates will state both the Region’s number and the recipient’s name.
   c. Letters of congratulations, award certificates, and lapel pins will be given out during a ceremony at the AHA Annual Convention.

NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS

6. National level nominations must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated or faxed to the AHA office by October 15.
   a. The National Level Award nominations must be generated from:
      1) Member Organizations, or
      2) Regional recipients, or
      3) Original nominations suggested by the Regional Director, or
      4) Appointed person.
      5) President or Executive Board of AHA
   b. The certificates will state both the Region’s number and the recipient’s name.
   c. Letters of congratulations, award certificates, and lapel pins will be given out during a ceremony at the AHA Annual Convention.

ANNUAL AWARD LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

Member Organization: The Member Organization level recipients receive a letter of congratulations, an award certificate and lapel pin with the stylized AHA logo. To denote recipients at the Member Organization level, the certificate and the pin contain a single horse head from the stylized AHA logo.
Regional: The Regional level recipients receive a letter of congratulations, an award certificate and lapel pin with the stylized AHA logo. To denote recipients at the Regional level, the certificate and the pin contain a double horse head from the stylized AHA logo.
National: The National level recipients receive a brass and wood plaque and lapel pin, both with the triple horse head from the stylized AHA logo.

MEMBER ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION

AWD 115. AHA CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM

1. Award Categories.
   a. Breed Promotion/Community Involvement.
      Breed Promotion/Community Involvement category may include any outreach activity that goes beyond the Arabian Horse Community. Examples: farm tours, demonstrations at all-breed events, clinics for 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Parades, Mini-Seminars.
   b. Membership Recruitment or Retention.
      Membership Recruitment or Retention category may include membership recruitment and retention campaigns. There are many ways to measure success: by saving money, recruited more members, lost fewer members, or increased member participation.
   c. Communication.
      Communication category may include any type of communication (newsletters, directories, websites, videos, speakers) that were targeted to Members, Non-members and/or the public.
   d. Club Projects.
      Club Projects category includes projects that are specific to that individual club and its members. Examples: trail ride, fun class at the horse show, stallion service auction.
2. Rules.
   a. All entries must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated by August 15 of the current year.
b. The only programs eligible for entry are those produced and implemented between August 1 of the preceding year and August 1 of the current year. Club entry must include the final results of the program or project.

c. Clubs may submit more than one entry in each category, as long as each entry represents a separate and distinct program or project. Clubs may also enter any number of award categories.

d. Entry form and program worksheet are required. Entries that do not include all required information will not be judged.

e. Complete a separate entry form for each award entry. Label all components of each entry with your club name, contact name and entry category.

f. Send one copy of each entry.

g. Entries become the property of AHA and will not be returned. AHA has the right to display your entry at any AHA Event or reprint the text in any AHA publications.

h. Visual information (photos, videos, etc.) is optional for any entry.


a. Profit motive is not necessarily a judging criteria.

b. A panel of three judges selected by the Membership Committee will select the winners.

c. All decisions of the judges are final.

d. Awards might not be given in each category.

e. AHA will notify all entrants by October 1.

4. Awards.

a. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

b. All awards will be presented at the AHA Membership Convention.

c. First place will be named in each category and awarded a certificate.

d. Club of the Year will be given a special award. The Club of the Year award will be selected from the first place winners in each category. All first place winners are eligible for Club of the Year.