

2025 MPtHA Year End Awards

Program Rules

This awards program for 2025 was approved by the Minnesota Pinto Board of Directors at its regular meeting on 4/21/2025.

In the event of a Jubilee show, one set of points will count from each judge toward Minnesota Pinto year-end awards. Supreme Class points are not eligible towards year-end points.

MPtHA reserves the right to adjust year end awards.

1. Minnesota Pinto Membership

The following applies for all Pinto Open Classes, Pinto Amateur and Pinto Youth Classes: The registered owner(s) or Lessee AND each exhibitor of the Horse/Pony/Miniature/Solid Pinto Horse must be current member(s) in good standing of MPtHA to earn points that apply to year-end awards.

For all OPEN/WSCA/ALL-BREED classes, each exhibitor of the Horse/Pony/Mini must be a current member(s) in good standing of MPtHA to earn points that apply to year-end awards.

Dues must be paid prior to the end of the first show the Equine is exhibited at for points to be awarded for year-end awards.

2. Points

Points will be awarded first using the PtHA point system per judge as shown below. Halter grand and reserve points will not count in computation of MPtHA High Point awards. For classes with two or less entries, 0.75 and 0.5 points will be awarded for *Minnesota Association points only*.

# of entries	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
8+	6	5	4	3	2	1
7	5	4	3	2	1	--
6	4	3	2	1	--	--
5	3	2	1	--	--	--
4	2	1	--	--	--	--
3	1	--	--	--	--	--
2	0.75	--	--	--	--	--
1	0.5	--	--	--	--	--

3. Results and Prizes:

Award recipients must verify accuracy of spelling of all names for exhibitor(s) and horse(s). Once Year End results are announced and presented at the awards celebration, the recipient must claim award/awards or report any errors to a MPtHA Board member within 14 days of celebration.

If a prize will be collected by someone other than the award recipient (“Designee”), advanced written permission to collect the award must be submitted to MPtHA Board. Recipients or Designee must be present to claim any prizes handed out at the celebration.

4. Pinto Open Division Awards:

Points to be calculated are only in classes designated on our show bill as “Open” classes. All points to be computed for each Open Pinto. All Open classes will be combined for High Point and Reserve High Point Awards for:

- a. Miniature
- b. Solid Miniature
- c. Pony
- d. Solid Pony
- e. Pleasure/Saddle Horse
- f. Stock Horse/Hunt Horse
- g. Solid Horse
- h. Ranch

5. Pinto Amateur Division Awards:

Points to be calculated only in classes designated on the show bill as “AM” (Amateur) classes. All points to be computed for each Amateur exhibitor/pinto combination. All Amateur classes will be combined for High Point and Reserve High Point Awards for:

- a. Amateur Walk-Trot 19+
- b. Amateur Solid Walk-Trot 19+
- c. Amateur Novice 19+
- d. Amateur Horse 19+
- e. Amateur Solid Horse 19+
- f. Amateur Pony/Mini 19+
- g. Amateur Solid Pony/Mini 19+

High point placings 3rd through 5th will be recognized in these same categories, pending the number of entries. For divisions with less than 10 qualifying year-end point earners, Top Five awards will only be presented to 50% + 1 of the eligible point earners. Amateur Walk-Trot Exhibitors that crossover during the year to Walk/Trot-Canter classes will only be awarded in the division requiring higher competence.

6. Pinto Youth Division Awards:

Points to be calculated only on classes designated on the show bill as “YA” (youth) classes. All points to be computed for each Youth exhibitor/pinto combination. All youth classes will be combined for High Point and Reserve High Point Awards for:

- a. Youth Walk/Trot 10 & Under
- b. Youth Solid Walk/Trot 10 & Under
- c. Youth Walk/Trot 11-18

- d. Youth Solid Walk/Trot 11-18
- e. Youth 13 & Under Horse/Pony
- f. Youth 14-18 Horse/Pony
- g. Youth 18 & Under Solid Horse/Pony
- h. Youth 18 & Under Pony/Mini (Driving/In-Hand Performance)
- i. Youth 18 & Under Solid Pony/Mini (Driving/In-Hand Performance)
- j. Youth 18 & Under Novice

High point placings 3rd through 5th will be recognized in these same categories, pending the number of entries. For divisions with less than 10 qualifying year-end point earners, Top Five awards will only be presented to 50% + 1 of the eligible point earners. Youth Walk-Trot Exhibitors that crossover during the year to Walk/Trot-Canter classes will only be awarded in the division requiring higher competence.

7. Youth Leadline 8 & Under

These classes are for entry-level youth who require the assistance of a handler. If a crossover occurs, (including showmanship and In-hand classes), during the year of an exhibitor from Leadline classes to Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot-Canter classes, awards will only be awarded in the division requiring higher competence. Youth Leadline division participants will all receive year end awards. Leadline awards are also awarded at all shows.

8. OPEN/WSCA/ALL-Breed Division

- a. Open Junior 17/Under
- b. Open Junior Walk-Trot 17/Under
- c. Open Senior 18 +
- d. Open Senior Walk-Trot 18+

9. In case of a tie:

In the event of any tie the award goes to the Horse/Pony/Mini/Amateur team with the most first place awards. If a tie still exists, second places will be totaled, then third places, etc.

10. Sportsmanship Awards:

A special award will recognize one adult member and one youth member who is genuinely a goodwill ambassador for Minnesota Pinto. This person is friendly to all and tries to help wherever they can. This person is the example of the club's ideal member. To be voted on by the general membership during the yearly election ballot. A drawing will take place in the event of a tie.

11. Youth Rookie of the Year:

This award is to recognize a youth member competing in their first year of PtHA ROM classes that require a canter and/or lope or driving. Walk/trot class points do not count towards this award. Exhibitors must complete an official Rookie of the Year application, including parent/guardian signature for Youth members by the last day of MPtHA's last show of the year. Applications can be found in the show office. Send the completed application to the MPtHA Secretary listed on the current year application

Applicants may not have shown in any ROM class at a PtHA approved show that required a canter or driving prior to the current show season. Applicants may not have competed and/or earned points in any PtHA approved outcross breed show in an event that required a canter or driving prior to the current show season. Only 1 (one) application is allowed per youth. All points to be computed on one youth exhibitor/pinto combination. The award will be per exhibitor/pinto combination. The Rookie of the Year will be awarded to the exhibitor/pinto combination with the highest point total from their best six performance classes.

12. YOUth Are Our Future Scholarships:

These \$100 scholarships are awarded to high point winners from each MPtHA horse show in the main youth all-around divisions (13/Under, 14-18 S/H, 14-18 P/S, Pony/Mini 18/Under). These scholarships can be accumulated over a show career and must be redeemed by the end of the exhibitor's 25th birthday year for any type of education beyond high school. The certificate must be presented to the association treasurer and the recipient must have a current MPtHA membership to redeem.

13. MPtHA Superhorse Award:

This is a PtHA sponsored award. The MPtHA Superhorse will receive a FREE (one year) PtHA membership!

The MPtHA Superhorse award will be drawn from ALL current year MPtHA DIVISION HIGH POINT WINNERS and presented at our awards banquet. One entry per division high point award will be entered into the drawing. The Superhorse will be awarded to the registered owner if drawn from the Open Division High Point Winners, or to the exhibitor if drawn from the Amateur or Youth Division High Point Winners. Membership from PtHA will be given for the year following the year the award was earned.