

**TRI-CITIES HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**HIGH POINT PROGRAM**  
(Revised March 2018)

The purpose of the Tri-Cities High Point Program (TCHPP) is to give Tri-Cities Horsemen's Association (TCHA) members an opportunity to compete for annual awards while promoting good horsemanship, sportsmanship and club participation. The TCHPP is open to riders of any age, discipline, riding ability and with any horse.

Participants compete as a horse and rider combination. Points are awarded to horse and rider combinations competing in TCHA gymkhanas.

The TCHPP year is October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. For example, the 2018 program year is from 10/1/2017 through 9/30/2018.

**Fees:**

The yearly fee is \$50.00; this is non-refundable. This fee is for one (1) rider and horse combination. You can participate with more than one horse but you will have to fill out a separate application and pay the \$50.00 fee for each combination. Riders may share the same horse, but must register separately.

You do not need to know what horse you will be using at the time of TCHPP registration. The horse you choose to use in the program must be determined and the High Point Chair must be notified before show points will start accumulating.

The fee helps cover the cost of the awards.

**Rules and Requirements:**

1. You must be a TCHA member. Your membership dues must be current for the participating year.
2. Current TCHA members must sign up for the TCHPP no later than the May meeting. If you become a new TCHA member at the May meeting or after you must attend all remaining meetings. **Points and meetings will NOT start accruing until the registration form is complete and the \$50.00 fee is paid**
3. You must attend at least five (5) TCHA monthly meetings during the TCHPP year. You are responsible for signing-in at each meeting. Signing-in by-proxy is not allowed. Updated meeting counts will be on the TCHA website after each monthly meeting. If you are unable, because of work, school or illness, to attend the required meetings, you have two options:
  - A. Pay a \$20 per missed meeting fee. Missed meeting fees must be paid by the end of the last TCHA Gymkhana
  - OR
  - B. Contact the High Point Chair for meeting replacement activities. One activity counts for one missed meeting – if you are missing 4 meetings, you will need to complete 4 replacement activities. Replacement activities must be complete by the end of the last TCHA Gymkhana. It is the rider's responsibility to make sure meetings/payments/replacement activities are accounted for properly.
4. You must ride in four (4) TCHA gymkhanas.

5. You will be required to help during each gymkhana show. This will include, but not limited to, arena and gate crew, course set-up, snack shack, set-up in the morning and clean up after the show.
6. You must respect the judge and others around you at all times. If you are acting inappropriately as decided by the Gymkhana Committee you will be asked to leave and you will lose your points for that day.
7. Any abuse to horse or rider, in or out of the arena, may result in disqualification from the TCHPP. The Gymkhana Committee will determine what qualifies as abuse.
8. If all requirements are not met then you will not qualify for the year-end awards.
9. Gymkhana event times will be posted on the TCHA website after each show. It is the rider's responsibility to contact the High Point Chair in a timely manner if he or she believes an error has been made in division placement or times posted. This must be done no later than 10 days after the times have been posted.
10. Points will be calculated after the 10-day grace period once times & divisions are posted after the last TCHA gymkhana of the season.

### **Points and Year-End Placing Calculations:**

1. Points will be accrued on all events at each TCHA gymkhana. This includes the four (4) events used for CSHA ratings as well as any additional events included at each TCHA gymkhana.
2. Times will include any penalties assessed.
3. The horse & rider's final year-end division (in which awards will be presented) will be determined by the official CSHA rating at the beginning of the last TCHA gymkhana. Points will be accrued through the last TCHA gymkhana.
4. When a horse & rider is re-rated to another division, the times ran in their previous division will be carried over to the new division. The times will be compared to the other TCHPP combinations in the new division. Points will be calculated compared to riders in the new division for all TCHA shows of that year.
5. Points are accrued for horse & rider combinations based on place standing for each event. All non-TCHPP riders are ignored on the time sheets and TCHPP rider's place standings are moved up where appropriate for a better chance at making points. Points will be awarded down to 9<sup>th</sup> place as follows:  
**1<sup>st</sup> - 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7, 4<sup>th</sup> - 6, 5<sup>th</sup> - 5, 6<sup>th</sup> - 4, 7<sup>th</sup> - 3, 8<sup>th</sup> - 2, 9<sup>th</sup> - 1**
6. In the event of a TCHPP single horse & rider combination in a division, combination times will be compared to "The Single Entry Placing Chart" in section 12.4 of the California State Horseman's Association Rule Book. Points will be accrued based on the compared times.
7. Bonus points may be accrued for volunteering at club events such as the Bombproofing Play Day (preparation, event, & clean up), arena workdays and other events as decided by the Gymkhana Committee. Riders may earn 20 points per day of volunteer work for club events. If the volunteer activity is used as a replacement activity for club meetings, then the rider will not earn bonus points. It is the rider's responsibility to alert the Gymkhana Chair whether a volunteer activity will count towards bonus points or as a replacement activity for meetings.
8. Year-End placing for a single horse & rider combination in a division will be based on the total points accrued as a percentage of total possible points. Total possible points will be determined by the number of events in a TCHPP year (ex: 6 events in 1 show, 10 points possible per event X 6 events = 60 points possible per show, 60 points per show X 6 shows in TCHPP year = 360 total possible points).

80% - 100%	High Point Champion
70 - 79%	Reserve High Point
60 - 69%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
50 - 59%	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
less than 50%	5 <sup>th</sup> Place

### **Replacement Horse Rules:**

1. A replacement horse may be used if a horse becomes injured, sick or dies and is unable to finish the season. The rider may re-register with a new horse for no additional fee. Written verification from a vet may be required.
2. Points for year-end awards will be determined by the Gymkhana Committee based on each individual situation.
3. The number of shows accumulated with the old horse will be rolled over.
4. Points accrued with the old horse will be pro-rated according to the number of shows completed with the old horse and combined with those accrued with the new horse. Pro-rating will be based on the number of shows completed with the old horse as follows:
  - Completion of one (1) show, keep 80% of points accrued
  - Completion of two (2) shows, keep 70% of points accrued
  - Completion of three (3) shows, keep 60% of points accrued
  - Completion of four (4) shows, keep 50% of points accrued
5. The new horse must be rated by CSHA at the beginning of the last TCHA gymkhana for the points to count.
6. If the new horse cannot be rated by the beginning of the last TCHA gymkhana and the rider did not accumulate enough points to place then the rider will receive a participation ribbon at year-end awards.
7. Replacement Horse Rules will not apply to horses that have been sold and replaced by new ones. If you purchase a new horse and want that horse to be in the TCHPP you will have to register and pay your fee. Your points will begin accruing after that.

### **Year-End High Point Awards:**

1. Gymkhana Committee approved awards will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> place winners of Divisions 1 through 7. Ribbons will be awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> place winners.
2. Gymkhana Committee approved awards will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of Open Division. Ribbons will be awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> place winners.
3. Gymkhana Committee approved awards will be awarded to Lead Line participants.
4. Awards will be presented at the annual Awards Dinner.
5. Awards will be based on the amount of money approved by the Board of Directors.
6. All riders are expected to help support the awards program if a fund-raiser is needed to offset costs.
7. Any returned checks may result in loss of awards if not taken care of in a timely manner.

In the event of a protest situation not covered in the TCHPP Rules, the Board of Directors will vote on a final outcome. All decisions are final.