

## **TRI-CITIES HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

### **HIGH POINT PROGRAM**

(Revised December 2021)

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 the 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 1st through September 30th of the following year. For example the 2022 program year is from 10/1/21 through 9/30/2022.

#### **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 registration. The horse you choose to use in the program must be determined and the High Point Chair must be notified before points will start accumulating. First point show of the 2022 season is May 7th.

The fee helps cover costs of awards.

#### **Rules and Requirements:**

1. You must be a TCHA member. Your membership dues must be current for the participating year.
2. Points, work and meeting requirements WILL NOT start occurring until the TCHPP registration form is complete and the \$50.00 fee is paid.
3. It is the rider's responsibility to make sure show count and work requirements are accounted for properly.
4. You must ride in four (4) TCHA Gymkhanas (Region 5 Gymkhanas DO NOT count towards TCHPP - please be aware of which organization is running the gymkhana). 2022 TCHA Gymkhana dates are: May 7th, June 4th, June 25th, July 9th, July 30th, and August 6th.

5. You must help with at least one (1) of the arena workdays to prepare and keep the arena in shape for competition. 2022 Arena workdays will be added during the season as needed. You will be required to sign in on the workday log to meet this requirement. Signing-in by-proxy is NOT allowed.
6. You must attend a minimum of three (3) TCHA monthly meetings in person or via zoom. Zoom will be provided for those that cannot attend in person. (October 2021 - September 2022)
7. You will be required to help during each gymkhana show you are competing in. This will include, but limited to: arena and gate crew, course set-up, set-up in the morning and clean up after the show. You are required to sign-in on show day log to meet these requirements. Signing-in by-proxy is NOT allowed.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. If all requirements are not met, you will not qualify for the year-end awards.
11. Points will be calculated after a 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 and 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.
4. When a horse and 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 and 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 9th place as follows:

**1st – 10, 2nd – 8, 3rd – 7, 4th – 6, 5th – 5, 6th – 4, 7th – 3, 8th – 2, 9th – 1**

6. Bonus points may be accrued during the season for volunteering at club events such as the Bombproofing Play Day (preparation, event, and clean up), Obstacle Challenges and other events decided by the Gymkhana Committee. Riders may earn 10 points per day of volunteer work for club events. If the rider is competing on multiple horses, bonus points will only be applied to one horse and rider combination - points will default to the combination that will earn the highest prize as a result of added bonus points. Bonus points cannot be split between multiple horse and rider combinations.
7. Year-End placing for a single horse and rider combination in a division will be based on the total number of points accrued during the 2022 TCHPP year. 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 events X 6 events = 60 points possible per show, 60 points per show X 6 shows in TCHPP year = 360 total points possible). The person with the most points earned in each division will become the High Point Champion for that division. Second place (Reserve High Point Champion) will follow, having the second most amount of points earned in each division, etc. Prizes are awarded up to 5th place.
8. In the event of a division only having one TCHPP single horse and rider combination, combination times will be compared to "The Single Entry Placing Chart " in section 12.4 of the California State Horsemen's Association Rule Book. Points will be accrued based on the compared times. Year-End placing for said single horse and rider combination in a division will be based on the total points accrued as a percentage of total possible points.

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

**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. The new horse must be rated by CSHA at the beginning of the last TCHA gymkhana for the points to count.
5. 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 prize at year-end awards.
6. 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 begin accruing after that.

**Year-End Highpoint Awards:**

1. Prizes will be awarded according to place winners of Divisions 1 through 7 for those who meet TCHPP requirements for the 2022 season. Participation prizes for those who do not meet TCHPP requirements may be awarded as funds allow.
2. Prizes will be awarded to Lead Line participants.
3. Awards will be presented at the annual Awards Dinner.
4. Awards will be based on the amount of money earned by TCHPP.
5. All riders are expected to help support the awards program if a fund-raiser is needed to offset costs.
6. 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.