



Illinois Walking Horse Association

VERSATILITY HI-POINT AWARD PROGRAM

NOMINATION:

To nominate a horse for IWHA Versatility Hi-Point Award Program; follow these steps:

- Current year's IWHA dues must be paid. (Membership dues must be paid before points are earned)
- Horse's Owner and Rider **MUST** be a paid IWHA member.
- Horse and Rider are considered a team for the IWHA Versatility Award Program.
- Nomination form must be filled out completely and legibly. (Horse/rider team Must be nominated and form sent to the records person before any team can show to earn points in this program)
- Enclose \$20.00 nomination fee for Adult, \$10 nomination fee for Youth. Each Fee will cover (1) horse/rider team for (1) year in all divisions. Rider must select on nomination form as to either novice or Regular adult/youth for each division.
- Nominated "Horse" **MUST** be a registered Tennessee Walking Horse .

NOMINATION Divisions:

Versatility Hi-Point Award Program divisions are as listed:

- **MODEL:** Includes Categories- Model, Showmanship at Halter, Promotion, Good Seat & Hands
- **DRESSAGE:** Includes Categories- Green Test #1, Level I, Level II, Level III
- **WESTERN EVENTS:** Includes Categories- Western Riding , Basic Reining Patterns #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.
- **GAMES:** Water Glass, Egg & Spoon, Ride-A-Buck, and other non-timed events based on luck, skill or process of elimination.
- **EVENTS:** Includes Categories- Pole Bending, Barrels
- **TRAIL OBSTACLE:** Includes Categories- Trail Obstacle & Obstacles at Halter
- **DRIVING:** Includes Categories- Obstacle Driving, Versatility Driving & Pleasure Driving
- **PLEASURE RIDING 2 GAIT:** Includes Categories- English Pleasure 2-gait, 2-Gait Pleasure, Western Pleasure 2-gait
- **PLEASURE RIDING 3 GAIT:** Includes Categories- English Pleasure 3-Gait, 3-Gait Pleasure, Western Pleasure 3-Gait

IWHA VERSATILITY "NOVICE" HI-POINT AWARD PROGRAM

Have you ever.....

- ❖ Thought about entering Versatility Classes
- ❖ Fantasized about running poles or Barrels?
- ❖ Maneuvering through obstacles
- ❖ Dreamed of having the HI-Point award and taking the BLUE?

BUT.....are you too shy and/or your horse has never done those things and neither have you?

Here's your opportunity to take your thoughts, fantasies and dreams and make them a REALITY!!!!!!

The NOVICE PROGRAM is for you and your horse, as a team, Adult and Youth categories available! You can now enter this program and learn, score and WIN with Horse/Rider teams at your or your horse's level.

Here's How it Works:

CRITERIA:

1. Horse/Rider team must not have earned 3 blues in any Versatility division in which you are nominating for. You may have an AMATEUR Horse with experienced rider (No trainers) or Amateur Rider with experienced horse.(experienced horse can be a supreme or superior Versatility Champion). No Licensed Trainers please.
2. Must be an IWHA member. Out-of-State members must 'show a horse' or work at (1) IWHA show or function (in that point year) for points to be awarded.
3. Must declare Horse/Rider team as 'NOVICE' in specified IWHA Versatility Divisions. Horse/Rider team can not be nominated in the same Division for "NOVICE PROGRAM" and Regular IWHA Versatility Hi-POINT program. (e.g. Horse/Rider team can declare 'EVENTS' division (Barrels, Poles, ect..) as a "NOVICE" nomination but can not nominate the same Horse/Rider team in 'EVENTS' division for the regular IWHA Versatility Hi-Point Program. Horse/Rider team can nominate in Regular IWHA Versatility program for any other division such as MODEL or PLEASURE RIDING ect..
4. Horse/Rider team must be nominated in "NOVICE PROGRAM" division (7) days prior to entry into a Versatility show/class to accumulate points.
5. Horse/Rider team points are accumulated on a 12-month basis.
6. Horse/Rider Team may compete and earn points in either a novice class and/or regular versatility classes in the same nominated division.
7. Novice Team may continue to earn points in novice division in the year that the 3 blue ribbon criteria was achieved only.

IWHA VERSATILITY RULES:

1. All Rules, Division/class descriptions and criteria, Tack/Horse and Attire/Rider requirements will be the same as that described in the TWHBEA Versatility Program Handbook (except the 3-horse nominated to a division for an award and point calculations).
2. There will be NO 3-Horse restriction in the Divisions/Classes.
3. Point calculations will be according to the following examples:
 - ◆ **For 5 Horses in a class:**
 - 1st Place receives 5 points
 - 2nd Place receives 4 points
 - 3rd Place receives 3 points
 - 4th Place receives 2 points
 - 5th Place receives 1 point

 - ◆ **For 4 Horses in a Class:**
 - 1st Place receives 4 points
 - 2nd Place receives 3 points
 - 3rd Place receives 2 points
 - 4th Place receives 1 point

And so on.....

- ◆ **For 1 Horse in a Class:**
 - 1st place receives 1 point for showing (Horse/Rider team must perform for the judge before point is received).

NOTE: To be in the class, a horse must make the gate and be showing under the judge. A horse excused by the judge is counted as *in* said class. A scratched, withdrawn or no-show at the gate is *not* to be counted in class total.

4. Horse/Rider team points are accumulated on a 12-month basis.
5. Point Year runs thru 3rd weekend in October. May be adjusted by Versatility Chair to coincide with Year End Awards Presentation. Nominees will be notified of any change to these dates.
6. IWHA Versatility point books/sheets must be kept by the Horse/Rider Team.
7. Point books/sheets must be received by Versatility Records person within 5 days of season end. This date may be altered by the Versatility Chair upon notification of the nominees.
8. All point books/sheets must have a signed show bill included for each show in which points are to be tabulated.

Mission of this program: To encourage individuals to become members of the IWHA and participate in the Versatility program at a level in which they feel comfortable and safe. To encourage individuals who are members of IWHA to participate in the Versatility program and enjoy their horse (as a team) to the highest potential.