

General Rules Pertaining to All Awards

- ILRHA points shall count only after payment of ILRHA membership has been made or after intention to join ILRHA has been made on entry form together with a blank check left with the ILRHA horse show office staff prior to the beginning of the ILRHA show in order for points obtained at that show to count towards year-end awards.
- Only ILRHA and ARHA points accumulated at ILRHA shows shall be eligible for high-point award consideration. Points awarded at other ARHA Charter events do not count toward any ILRHA year-end totals.
- Horse Owner(s) and Exhibitor must all be members in good standing with ARHA and ILRHA at the time of competition and at the time Year-End awards are totaled to be eligible for awards in the All Age Junior (AA Jr), All Age Senior (AA Sr), All Age (AA) , Amateur (Ama), Novice Amateur (NA), Youth (Yth) and Novice Youth (NY) divisions.
- Horse Owner(s) and Exhibitor must all be members in good standing with the ILRHA at the time of competition and at the time Year-End awards are totaled to be eligible for awards in the Green as Grass (GAG) and Walk-Trot Restricted Division (WTRD).
- Points are accumulated on a one horse/one rider basis for Ama, NA, Yth, NY, GAG, and WTRD awards. Points accumulated in the All Age divisions (AA, AA Jr., AA Sr.) are on the individual horse.
- Points shall accumulate according to the ARHA guidelines. These guidelines are published in the ARHA rulebook.
- **Specific to GAG & WTRD only:** If an exhibitor or horse is believed to be in the wrong division, the Show Manager or Show Secretary MUST be notified by the conclusion of the last day of the show weekend in which the discrepancy was found. If the alleged horse and/or rider are found to be in the wrong division/class, that exhibitor/horse will forfeit all prizes/points/placings won from show where discrepancy was found. All prizes/points/placings prior to this will remain unchanged.
- **Specific to GAG & WTRD only:** If an exhibitors horse passes away, a single substitute horse can be chosen to continue their original horses points throughout to the end of the year. Once a horse is substituted, that horse becomes the newly designated horse to replace the deceased horse. All points/show counts obtained by the deceased horse and rider will be added to new horse. A vet certificate of death must accompany next show. Points will start accumulating once written notification and death certificate has been made/provided to the Show Manager & Show Secretary. Any classes/points made with substitute horse before this has been/given/approved will not count towards year-end points.

Weekend Award Eligibility & Rules

- All above rules must be met.
- Exhibitor/Horse must show in a minimum of 1 (one) cattle class, excluding the WTRD.
- All classes offered for 1 (one) weekend, within each division will be totaled. Grand & Reserve do not count towards weekend totals.
- A minimum of Champion & Reserve will be awarded. The Board may add more awards if the funds are available.
- Ties for weekend awards will be broken using the following order: most # of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. until the tie can be broken.

Green As Grass

- Are non-professional exhibitors of any age with no or very limited showing experience. A GAG exhibitor can never have trained horses, given lessons and/or clinics or assisted in the training of horses for remuneration.
- Are in their first, second or third year of showing in any national association, including different disciplines, excluding conformation/halter.
- cannot have earned over \$500 combined money and/or acquired more than 100 points with any national breed/horse show organization or 1,000 ILRHA GAG points . Example: ARHA is a national organization whose points would count towards the allotted points listed here. Any class that is not designated by ARHA (ILRHA GAG, WTRD, etc), those points do not count towards these allotted points. To view your ARHA points, go to the ARHA website & look at the overall standings for the division shown in. Accumulation of points and monies earned are as of January 1st of the current show year.
- An exhibitor who has won a year-end title with any national organization is not eligible to enter this division.
- must be ridden in legal ARHA tack. Horses may be ridden two-handed in this division provided the exhibitor enters the class riding two-handed. Alternating from one to two-handed and vice versa in the pen is a DQ.
- must wear proper attire as described in the ARHA rulebook.
- cannot use any training equipment while competing.
- **Specific to GAG only (does not apply to WTRD):** may not show in Walk-Trot Restricted Division classes at the same show but may enter any ILRHA class or ARHA class for which they are eligible (see ARHA Rules).

Walk/Trot Restricted

- are non-professional exhibitors of any age with no or very limited showing experience.
- may only enter only designated **WTRD** classes. Exhibitor may not cross enter into any other divisions. This includes that they cannot enter the ILRHA Ranch Riding Open W/T Jackpot. Once an exhibitor shows in WTRD classes at a specific show, that exhibitor may not show in any walk, trot, and lope class at that show. They can change divisions at the next show if they desire.
- Horses can be ridden by different exhibitors in any class. Walk/Trot Restriction applies to the exhibitor showing the horse, not the horse.
- must be ridden in legal ARHA tack. Horses may be ridden two-handed in this division provided the exhibitor enters the class riding two-handed. Alternating from one to two-handed and vice versa in the pen is a DQ.
- must wear proper attire as described in the ARHA rulebook.
- cannot use any training equipment while competing.

Year End Award Eligibility & Rules

Year-end Awards

- In the event there is a tie, Tie is broken by who has the most 1st places for the whole year. If there is still a tie, the same will be completed but for 2nd places, then 3rds and so on until the tie has been broken.
- If there is a tie on awards that are voted on, the tie breaker will go before the ILRHA board & be voted on between the tied individuals.

Double Point Shows

- All points earned during the show offering double points, will be doubled when being counted for year-end awards. (Doubled points do not count for the weekend high point.)
- Example: If Rider achieves 4 points under 1 judge & 8 under the 2nd judge, they will have earned 24 points towards year end awards. They will have 12 points when calculating for the April weekend award. ARHA points scale is used, which can be found in the ARHA rulebook.

- A double points show will meet 1 of the shows needed to qualify for year-end awards.

Individual Classes

- Awards will be presented at the annual Awards Banquet.
- To be eligible for ILRHA Year End Class Awards, an exhibitor/horse is required to enter a class at no less than three (3) ILRHA shows.
- Qualification for Year End Awards in Two-Year Old Ranch Riding requires entry into a minimum of 2 shows scheduled after June 1st, as the class is not offered before June 1st.
- First and Second place awards will be presented to the top two (2) point earners in each class provided there are a minimum of two horses entered in that class. Additional placing awards may be given upon the decision of the Board when funds are available.
- Grand/Reserve points are NOT included in Conformation class totals.
- Ties for class standings will be broken using the following order: # of times shown in class, most # of 1st places, 2nd places, etc.

Auxiliary Awards Eligibility & Rules

If these awards are chosen to be given, use these rules to determine the correct recipient. The following awards are dependent on funds & to be decided by the Board Members.

Top Cow Horse

Points are totaled in the following classes: Cutting, Herd Work, Ranch Roping, Ranch Cutting, Ranch Boxing, Working Cow Horse, and Working Ranch Horse. Must attend a minimum of 3 shows to qualify.

Top Performance Horse

Points are totaled in the following classes: Ranch Trail, Ranchmanship, Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining, Ranch Showmanship, and Horsemanship. Must attend a minimum of 3 shows to qualify.

Overall Division

8 divisions will be offered: AA Jr., AA Sr. Ama, NA, Yth, NY, GAG, & WTRD. Points are totaled for all classes offered in each division. Points are pulled from Individual class points.

Rookie of the Year

First time showing ILRHA member. Must participate in a minimum of 3 shows. Which classes to be used: of all members that qualify, take the classes that are offered to all qualifying divisions. Rookie of the Year is awarded to the individual/horse combo with the highest point total in those classes.

Trainer of the Year

Points will be tabulated for all trainers competing in Open/All Age/Sr./Jr. classes. The trainer with the most points for all horses they have shown will be awarded the Trainer of the Year. Show attendance minimum does not pertain to this award.

Mr./Miss You Can Count On Me

ILRHA membership is asked to nominate individuals for the below categories & provide reasoning(s) as to why they deserve the award. The ILRHA General Membership then votes on who should receive each award. The individual with the most votes receives the award.

MVP

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Most Organized

The Show Secretary(ies) for all ILRHA shows determines who is eligible for this award. If there are multiple exhibitors earning the award, the ILRHA Board can decide to award more than 1 (one) individual.