

## NYSMHS High Score Awards (2024-2025)

### ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for High Score Awards, a member of the NYSMHS must own the horse. If the horse is co-owned, all owners of the horse must be members of the NYSMHS. Junior Exhibitors and Equitation Riders must be junior members or part of a family membership.

For the High Score Program, a Family Membership will include (2) adults and all junior exhibitors of the family.

A horse owned by an Entity qualifies for the High Score Program.

Ownership of the horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's score.

The award goes to the owner of the horse at the time of winning its last points in competition, providing the owner is a NYSMHS member.

*Points will count from the date dues are paid.*

### SCORING RULES:

Winners will be horses or exhibitors scoring the highest number of points within a category.

For any show that is not a USEF Rated All Morgan Show, the entry form must be accompanied by a prize list with the show secretary's name and address.

Points from the Western New York Morgan Show, the New York Morgan Regional Championship Show and the Morgan Grand National & World Championship Show will count double.

Points from Non-rated Horse Shows with a Morgan Division will be counted as "B" points.

A maximum of (5) approved shows will count in each category submitted. The limit of shows will not apply to the Promotion category.

To be eligible for a category a horse must have a minimum of (3) qualifying ribbons for the season.

Points will be scored between January 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Except for Pleasure Trail which will include rides from the previous year's November and December.

Point submission is the responsibility of the owner of the horse.

*At this time, the program is **free** for NYSMHS members. This could change in the future.*

There will be no ties. Ties will be broken by using the horse with the most first place ribbons, most second ribbons, and so on.

Each entry in the Leadline Category will receive a participation ribbon. This category will not be placed.

All results must be submitted on the electronic form after each show.

The points will be calculated by the High Score Committee from the entries submitted.

An over-all Grand Champion Horse and Grand Champion Jr. Exhibitor will receive our club horse trophy. Each entry is automatically entered in these categories, with the following categories not to count: Promotion and Versatility. In each Grand Champion Category, only one trophy will be awarded.

Presentations will be made at the Annual Year-End Banquet where the total points will be available for review after the award presentations. Results will not be given out prior to the presentations.

The following awards will be given: Award and Championship ribbon, Reserve Championship ribbon, plus ribbons to sixth place in all categories except Leadline and Walk-Trot where all participants will receive a ribbon.

**Points Shall Be Awarded as Follows:**

Qualifying Classes

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
A	32	28	24	20	16	12	8	4	2	1
B	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	1	
C	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		

Championship Classes:

Rati	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
A	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	8	4	2
B	32	28	24	20	16	12	8	4	2	
C	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2		

A - USEF Rated Show

B - Non-rated Show with a Morgan Division

C - Non-rated Show without a Morgan Division

**Category List:**

- In-Hand
- Specialty Horse In-Hand
- Open and Amateur Park (includes Saddle, Harness, Roadster & Natural Park)
- Pleasure Driving
- English Pleasure
- Hunter Pleasure (Hunter Hack classes count in this category)
- Western Pleasure
- Jr. Exhibitor Pleasure
- Equitation 14-17
- Equitation 13 & Under
- Jr. Horse Under Saddle (4 Yr. & Under, Stallions, Mares & Geldings)
- Jr. Horse Driving (4 Yr. & Under, Stallions, Mares & Geldings)
- Promotion - Includes points from Open Breed Classes at USEF Rated Shows, Open Breed Classes at Non-Rated and 4-H shows.
- Amateur & Jr. Exhibitor Pleasure Driving
- Amateur English Pleasure
- Amateur Hunter Pleasure
- Amateur Western Pleasure
- Pleasure Trail

- Carriage Driving – Entry per Turnout, not per Horse
- Walk-Trot – Classes at All Morgan and Rated shows with Morgan Divisions. If a show offers a Morgan Walk-Trot and an Open Breed Walk-Trot Division; the Morgan Walk-Trot classes will count in this category and the Open Breed Walk-Trot classes will count in the Promotion category.
- Leadline – Classes at Rated and Non-Rated shows
- Classic Pleasure Saddle
- Open & Jr. Exhibitor Classic Pleasure Driving
- Road Hack & Sport Horse
- Dressage
- Western Dressage
- Ranch & Trail at Shows
- Versatility
- Grand Champion Horse
- Grand Champion Jr. Exhibitor

### **Category Notes and Clarifications:**

- Points will count under the category designated by the class title (i.e. Jr. Exhibitor, Amateur, Jr. Horse, English Pleasure). Points from a class can only be counted once, except when used for the Versatility category.
- For Jr. Exhibitor Pleasure category, horse and rider combinations will be pointed separately.
- In the Park Category harness and saddle, open and amateur points will be combined.
- Points will not be given for titles of Champion High Point or Reserve Champion High Point from any show.
- In classes of pairs, points will be divided equally between each horse, except in the Carriage category where the pair is counted as a unit.
- In combination classes, points will be divided between each category of the class (i.e. Driving/English, English/Western).
- Get of Sire and Produce of Dam ribbons do not count in any category.
- Roadster and Natural Park will be counted in the Park category.
- Equitation ribbons count only towards equitation categories. Equitation ribbons won at Open, Non-rated shows count in the Promotion category.
- Fitting and Showmanship classes at USEF rated shows are counted in the Equitation category.
- Equitation category is given to the rider, not the horse. Rider may use more than one horse.
- Academy Walk-Trot classes will be included in the Walk-Trot Category. Award will be awarded to the rider who must meet the same criteria as a Walk-Trot rider. Academy rider must show a Morgan.
- Each Leadline rider meeting the criteria for the category will receive a participation ribbon. This category will not be scored and a champion award will not be given.
- Jr. Horse Under Saddle category includes horse competing in Jr. Horse classes in English, Park, Classic, Hunter, and Western divisions.

- Jr. Horse Driving category includes horse competing in Jr. Horse classes in Park Harness, Classic Pleasure Driving and Pleasure Driving divisions.
- Versatility category is an accumulation of points for a horse participating in (3) different categories. In-Hand classes are a recognized category counting towards this category. Each horse must have a minimum of (3) ribbons in each category.
- Amateur categories include classes restricted to Amateurs only.
- Pleasure Trail – Horses completing the greatest number of miles on pleasure trail rides. Rides do not have to be sponsored by the NYSMHS but must be an organized ride.
- Carriage Driving – Points won by a single or multiple hitch, hitched to a wooden wheeled or other qualified vehicle and shown under ADS rules in any show (Open, ADS, USEF) in Pleasure Driving, Turnout, Reinsmanship, Working, Obstacle, Dressage Tests, Marathon or FEI Three-Phase events. Points at Gladstone Driving events will count double. Points from FEI events will count triple.
- 4-H – Points accumulated at 4-H shows will be counted in the promotion category. The NYS Fair points will count double. If the Danish system is used, the actual numerical placing not the color of the ribbon will count.
- Road Hack – Points accumulated on Morgan Road Hack classes at USEF Rated shows including Jr. Exhibitor, Amateur or Open Road Hack classes count in the category.

## **NYSMHS Dressage High Point Criteria (2024-2025)**

### **Eligibility:**

- To be eligible for High Score Awards, a member of the NYSMHS must own the horse. If the horse is co-owned, all owners of the horse must be members of the NYSMHS.
- For the High Score Program, a Family Membership will include (2) adults and all junior exhibitors of the family.
- Horses owned by an Entity qualifies for the High Score Program.
- Ownership of the horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's score. The award goes to the owner of the horse at the time of winning its last points in competition, providing the owner is a NYSMHS member.
- *Points will count from the date dues are paid.*
- Minimum of THREE SHOWS.
- **Introductory/Training Level**– FIVE Scores at the same level with average of at least 55%, any five scores are allowed, two scores at the highest test are not required; musical freestyle tests are deemed to be the equivalent of the highest test at level.
- **First Level & Above**– THREE Scores at the same level with average of at least 55%; at least TWO of the scores must be highest test at level; musical freestyle tests are deemed to be the equivalent of the highest test at level.
- Minimum of TWO DIFFERENT JUDGES.
- Shows must be recognized; judges must be rated; except, however, if the NYSMHS sponsors an unrecognized (schooling) dressage show, that show will be deemed a recognized show, provided the judge is at least a USDF "L" graduate.
- Shows need NOT be Morgan Shows.
- Points will be scored between January 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Point submission is the responsibility of the owner of the horse.
- *At this time, the program is **free** for NYSMHS members. This could change in the future.*

**Notes:**

- If a NYSMHS show has two days of dressage competition, each day will count as separate shows for this program. Therefore, if one rides tests on both days, he/she will have ridden in TWO shows.
- If the NYSMHS sponsors an unrated (schooling) dressage show, that show is deemed a recognized show for High Point purposes, provided the judge is at least a USDF "L" graduate.
- Substantiation of submitted scores must be included with entry. Sufficient substantiation includes a copy of the front of the testsheet for each test (the judge's name and the score must be legible) along with relevant pages of show's prize list to confirm that show is recognized (other than schooling show sponsored by the NYSMHS) and the judge is rated; sufficient substantiation also includes a copy of the USDF "Horse Score Check" or other similar documentation.
- All entries are thoroughly checked to confirm the criteria listed above; averages will be confirmed if submitted by entrant or calculated if not submitted.

**Explanation of High Point Calculation Method:**

- If an entrant submits required number of scores for more than one level, each level is treated as a separate entry for scoring purposes. In these cases, the level having a lower average score is rejected. This is necessary due to the rule that any horse can pin only once in one competition category.
- Each entrant submits his or her FIVE highest tests scores (if Introductory, Training, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> level) or THREE highest scores (if 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> level or FEI) provided, however, that scores must represent at least three shows and two different judges, and at least two of the scores must be for the highest test at that level (if Training, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> level) or at least one of the scores must be for the highest test at that level (if 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> level, FEI excluded). The average of the submitted test scores is determined.
- An adjusted average is determined using an equalizing difficulty factor as stated below. This factor is needed because it is more difficult for a horse competing at higher levels to attain a given score than for a horse competing at the lower levels. Also, horses competing at higher levels are required to demonstrate movements that are considered more difficult than the movements performed at lower levels.

Introductory	- Average plus 0% adjustment
Training	- Average Plus 2% adjustment
1 <sup>st</sup> Level	- Average Plus 4% adjustment
2 <sup>nd</sup> Level	- Average Plus 6% adjustment
3 <sup>rd</sup> Level	- Average Plus 8% adjustment
4 <sup>th</sup> Level	- Average Plus 9% adjustment
FEI	- Average Plus 10% adjustment

- These adjusted averages will determine the NYSMHS Dressage High Score Award unless there is a FEI Level horse with a three shows unadjusted average of 60% or greater. In that event, the FEI Level horse will be the High Score Champion.

# NYSMHS Western Dressage High Point Criteria (2024-2025)

## Eligibility:

- To be eligible for High Score Awards, a member of the NYSMHS must own the horse. If the horse is co-owned, all owners of the horse must be members of the NYSMHS.
- For the High Score Program, a Family Membership will include (2) adults and all junior exhibitors of the family.
- Horses owned by an Entity qualifies for the High Score Program.
- Ownership of the horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's score. The award goes to the owner of the horse at the time of winning its last points in competition, providing the owner is a NYSMHS member.
- *Points will count from the date dues are paid.*
- Minimum of THREE SHOWS.
- **Introductory/Basic Level**-FIVE Scores at the same level with average of at least 55%; at least TWO of the scores must be highest test at level; musical freestyle tests are deemed to be the equivalent of the highest test at level.
- **Level 1 & Above** – THREE Scores with average of at least 55%; at least ONE of which must be highest test at level; musical freestyle tests are deemed to be the equivalent of the highest test at level.
- Minimum of TWO DIFFERENT JUDGES.
- Shows need NOT be recognized; but judges must be at least a USDF "L" graduate.
- Shows need NOT be Morgan Shows.
- Points will be scored between January 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Point submission is the responsibility of the owner of the horse.
- *At this time, the program is **free** for NYSMHS members. This could change in the future.*

## Notes:

- If a NYSMHS show has two days of western dressage competition, each day will count as a separate show for this program. Therefore, if one rides tests on both days, he/she will have ridden in TWO shows.
- Substantiation of submitted scores must be included with entry. Sufficient substantiation includes copy of the front of the test sheet for each test (the judge's name and the score must be legible) along with relevant pages of show's prize list to confirm that the judge is rated or other similar documentation.
- All entries are thoroughly checked to confirm the criteria listed above; averages will be confirmed if submitted by entrant or calculated if not submitted.

## **EXPLANATION OF HIGH POINT CALCULATION METHOD:**

- If an entrant submits required number of scores for more than one level, each level is treated as a separate entry for scoring purposes.  
In these cases, the level having a lower average score is rejected. This is necessary due to the rule that any horse can pin only once in one competition category.
- Each entrant submits his or her FIVE highest test scores provided, however, that scores must represent at least three shows and two different judges. The average of the submitted test scores is determined.
- An adjusted average is determined using an equalizing difficulty factor as stated below. This factor is needed because it is more difficult for a horse competing at higher levels to attain a given score than for a horse competing at the lower levels. Also, horses competing at higher levels are required to demonstrate movements that are considered more difficult than the movements performed at lower levels.

Introductory Level	-	Average Plus 0% adjustment
Basic Level	-	Average Plus 2% adjustment
Level 1	-	Average Plus 4% adjustment
Level 2	-	Average Plus 6% adjustment
Level 3	-	Average plus 8% adjustment
Level 4	-	Average plus 9% adjustment

- These adjusted averages will determine the NYSMHS Western Dressage High Score Award