

CSHA Region IV

English Western High Point Program

2025 Program Rules

Section 1. Introduction

- A. The purpose of this program is to encourage participation in equestrian activities, to develop horsemanship, sportsmanship, and to establish the regional champions of the show season for the current year.
- B. This program is open to residents of Region IV, members of a Region IV member club (regardless of where they live), or any person with an approved transfer to Region IV, who are members of good standing with the California State Horseman's Association (CSHA).
- C. The show year runs from January 1st to September 15th and only point acquired from CSHA approved shows during that time period will count for the purposes of qualifying the participants for the Show of Champions (SOC) and the Region IV High Point awards recipients.
- D. An English/Western program chair, under the direction of the Region president, will administer the program. The chair's duties are as follows:
 - 1. Enlist participants into the program and ensure their compliance
 - 2. Communicate with the State E/W chair on all issues regarding the program.
 - 3. Enforcing the Region Rules
 - 4. Report to the Region IV Board of Directors (BOD) at the Region Meeting
 - 5. Attend the CSHA BOD quarterly meeting and State annual convention
 - 6. Prepare a budget for the Region program and organize fund raising activities to support the program.
 - 7. Order year-end awards for the Region Champions
- E. These rules apply to the Region IV English/Western Program, which are in addition and subject to the CSHA Bylaws/Rule Book, the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book and Region IV protocol.

Section 2. Contestants

- A. Any person living in the Region IV area or any person with an approved transfer to Region IV may enter the program, compete, and earn points. Program participants must be a current CSHA member(s) to be eligible to compete in the high point program and/or the SOC. A CSHA member is defined as any individual, life, senior, family, commercial member of CSHA, or a member of a CSHA Region IV Club in good standing. Unless you're a life member, all memberships must be renewed annually on January 1st.
- B. Any person who is a Region IV member may compete in the current year's program by submitting an application and paying the appropriate fees. Points will not count until a Region IV official, or Region IV E/W chair has received and accepted all program forms and fees.

Make sure you have the most current forms.

- C. Participants who have not reached their 18th birthday will be entered as a junior and participants 18 years and older will be entered as an amateur adult (with proof of current amateur status). The participant's age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year and will show in the corresponding age division during the show year.

- D. Juniors **may not** exhibit stallions.
- E. The horse's age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year and will show in the corresponding age division during the show year.
- F. Definition of Amateur: Regardless of one equestrian's skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for competition who, after his/her 18th birthday, HAS NOT engaged in any of the following activities: rides, drives, shows in Halter, schools, trains, assists in training or gives instruction for remuneration, accepts prize money for showing in Showmanship or Equitation, or gives instruction to any person or shows where another person in his or her family receive remuneration.
- G. Each participant who has entered the amateur adult division must obtain a current CSHA Amateur Card or provide proof of a current amateur card from AQHA, APHA, USEF, or any nationally recognized breed or association. **A 60-day grace period is allowed for those who have just applied for their card.**
- H. Participants in the Open Division do not need an amateur card and may be of any age. Participants who do not qualify for an amateur card may only show in the open division.
- I. Participants will sign up as a horse and rider/handler combination and earn points only for that combination. A participant may sign up in multiple categories using the same combination.
- J. If a horse dies or become disabled during the show year, the participant may substitute a new horse. The substitute horse and rider/handler will be considered a new combination. A Veterinarian's Certificate of death or disability will be required. No additional fees will be charged to register the substitute horse and point from the previous combination and the new combination will be combined.
- K. If a participant wishes to switch horses for any other reason other than death or disability, he/she may do so. The participant must submit a new registration form and fees. Points will not be combined, and the switch must occur with at least 3 approved shows remaining in the show season.
- L. Participants must be registered in the Region IV E/W program and pay the following fees to receive points, be eligible for the State Championship Show, and complete for the year-end high point awards:
- There shall be a State entry fee of \$25.00 per horse & rider combination
 - There shall be a Region entry fee of \$40.00 per division
- M. **It is requested that each participant raise a minimum of \$45.00 in sponsorship per division during the year. Each participant is requested to assist in the running of the program. i.e.: Assisting at shows, ring crew, gate, handing out ribbons, etc. for 2 hours per division signed up for.**
- N. Fundraisers and benefit horse shows shall take place throughout the show year. The proceeds shall go towards the program's overhead costs and year-end awards. The participants and their representatives should feel **obligated** to participate in these fundraisers and benefit shows.
- O. Participants must be registered into the State E/W program prior to competing in any CSHA approved show to be eligible to compete at the State Championship Show. The Region Enrollment form will serve as registration into the State Program.
- P. Participants must compete in **at least 3 CSHA approved shows** to qualify for year-end awards and to compete at the State Championship Show representing the Region as an individual and as a team participant.
- Q. Only the highest scores of **6 approved shows** will be used for Year End Points.
- R. **Participants must compete in 2 Region IV hosted shows to qualify for a year end award.**

- S. Region points are not awarded for the Show of Champions (SOC).
- T. Upon the close of the show season, the Region IV chair will audit the participants of the program to ensure all fees have been paid and all the requirements of the program have been completed.
- U. A participant is not in good standing if a bad check (account closed/NSF) has been submitted to CSHA, or Region IV or to anyone holding an approved show, by either the participant or by any other person on behalf of the participant.
- V. After a written notification has been sent to the participant (with a copy to the Region IV E/W Chair), all points will be suspended, and no further point will be earned until the check and returned check fees have been made good. If the check and return fees are not made good within 30 days of notification, all points and fees will be considered forfeit and the participant is not eligible for year-end awards and/or SOC participation. The participant will not be eligible to compete in future seasons until this matter has been resolved.

Section 3. Division and Categories

- A. Age Divisions: The rider/handler's age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year and will show in the corresponding age division during the show year.
 - Leadline - 6 & Under
 - 10 & Under (Walk/Jog or Trot): Any rider who is 10 years old or younger, who has not shown or been judged at the Lope/Canter in any discipline (Including Gymkhana). Once a rider has shown and been judged at the Lope/Canter, he or she must enter the 13 & Under division.
 - 13 & Under
 - 14-17
 - 18-34 Amateur Adult (AA)
 - 35 & Over Amateur Adult (AA)
 - Open: Any rider/handler, youth, amateur adult, non-amateur adult, or trainer
 - Reining 17 & Under, 18 & Over, Open
 - Ranch Horse 10 & Under, 17 & Under, 18 & Over, Open
- B. Participants can compete in their corresponding age division and the open division. Participants must declare at the time of application which category and age division they will compete in for the show year.
- C. If a change in category or division is desired, the combination must re-register and pay new fees. Any points that have been acquired in the original category or division will not be transferred to the new category or division.
- D. **High Point Categories**: Points will be awarded for the categories in the following classes.
 - English: Pleasure, Equitation/Horsemanship, Hunter, Jumper, Showmanship
 - Western: Pleasure, Equitation/Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding, Showmanship
 - Halter: Jr Horse, Sr. Horse, and Open
 - Reining: 17 & under, 18 & Over AA, Open
 - Ranch: Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining
 - Western Walk/Jog & English Walk/Trot (**Region IV Division Only**)

Section 4. Points

- A. **Points are not retroactive.** Participants must be registered in the program prior to showing in the first class of any show for points to count.
- B. To fairly represent the performance/accomplishment of each participant, points will be awarded on a sliding scale based on the number of horses in the class. Points will be calculated as follows:

Horses/ Placing	6	5	4	3	2	1
1st	7	6	5	4	3	2
2nd	6	5	4	3	2	0
3rd	5	4	3	2	0	0
4th	4	3	2	0	0	0
5th	3	2	0	0	0	0
6th	2	0	0	0	0	0
Did Not Place	1	1	1	1	1	1

- C. Points will only count for classes listed above in the age division you signed up for.
- D. Open Classes do not count for age divisions.
- E. 17 & under, 18 & Under classes will count for the age division you are signed up for only if there is no class offered in your age division.
- F. 18 & over, 19 & Over classes will count for the age division you are signed up for only if there is no class offered in your age division.
- G. You may sign up for an age division and the open division with the same combination and qualify to earn year end awards and compete at SOC in both divisions.
- H. If there is a tie when the final points are tabulated, the tie will be broken by the prevailing participant with the most first places.
- I. **Participants must complete a rider point sheet for every approved show they attend.** The sheet must be signed by the show manager or show secretary. The point sheet must be submitted to the EW chair within 10 days of the show. The point sheet should be turned in even if you didn't place as the show will count towards your 3 show minimum requirement.

- J. Points will not be awarded for these classes:
- Classes restricted to special interest groups.
 - Classes based on the number of years showing or awards won – Green Limit, maiden, Novice
 - Warm-Up, training, gimmick classes
 - Championship classes
 - Restrictive medal classes

Section 5. Awards

- A. Awards will be presented to the Champion, Reserve Champion, through Top 5.

Section 6. General and Special Rules

- A. Each participant is responsible for making themselves aware of the State Championship Show qualifications. This information is in the CSHA Rule Book English/Western rules and Show of Champions rules, which can be purchased through the CSHA state office.
- B. The West Coast Horse Show Rule Book governs all CSHA and/or Region approved shows. Each participant is responsible for making themselves aware of all judging criteria applicable to their competition. A copy of the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book may be purchased from the CSHA State Office or downloaded from <https://californiastatehorsemen.org/programs/english-western/forms-and-rules/>.
- C. It is a participant's responsibility to verify that they are entering the correct classes for their division and that the show has been approved by Region IV. Riders will receive NO points for wrong classes entered or attending an unapproved show.
- D. **Ethics Code** We are all here to show our horses and compete. Competition at the Local level should be enjoyable for everyone concerned. Rude, abusive, and/or excessive foul language does not belong at our shows. Any parent, trainer or participant who has a complaint about the conduct of another person during a show may submit their concerns to the chair in writing, who will review the complaint and submit it to the Region president if deemed necessary.