

## **Region 4 Gymkhana High Point Program New Riders Information**

The following is a brief outline and summary of the rules of the CSHA State Gymkhana program and the CSHA Region 4 High Point program. We strongly recommend you read the CSHA Gymkhana Rulebook which is available on the CSHA website.

### **What is the High Point Program**

Combinations compete in a series of sanctioned shows and accumulate points towards year-end awards as well as the chance to compete at the CSHA State Championship Show. Each Horse/Rider is known as a "combination". Points are earned per combination. You can sign up on multiple horses; however your points accumulate per combination. Each combination must pay a separate registration fee.

### **Signing up for Region 4 High Point Program**

1. You must be a CSHA direct member or belong to a CSHA Club (Purpose or Clements Buckaroos).
2. You must complete a "Gymkhana Program & Year End Registration" form along with paying the appropriate fees.
3. Points DO NOT start accumulating until #1 and #2 have been completed.

### **Points**

Points are only earned at Region 4 Approved Shows. You must ride the four rated events (Cloverleaf, Big T, Skill Barrels & Birangle) for the show to count towards your year-end awards.

### **Divisions**

You will start in the "Open" division. After you have 3 clean rides (no off courses) in the 4 rated events, your times will be averaged and you will be rated. This places you into a division; you will ride in this division until and if you receive a new rating moving you into a faster division.

CSHA has Divisions 1-7 with Division 1 being the fastest and Division 7 being the slowest.

### **Year-End Awards**

At the end of the season we have an awards lunch where all of the year-end awards are distributed. To qualify for year-end awards, you must ride 9 out of the 13 shows at Region 4. You are automatically signed up for year-end awards when you register with Region 4 (if you ride a second horse, you must also pay an additional registration fee). If you don't ride a minimum of 9 shows (with a minimum of 4 rating events per show) with Region 4 then you will not qualify.

### **Dress Code**

All riders are required to wear jeans, boots, and a western button-down shirt. The shirt can be long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless (women only). Belts are not required. Helmets are required for any rider 17 & under at any time while sitting on a horse (in or outside of arena).

### **State Championship Show**

SCS is the year-end championship show for all Regions. It is also the only show where combinations can set State Records. It is held in October. Competition is usually Thursday thru Saturday. The awards ceremony is on Sunday.

To qualify you must ride at least the 4 rating events, at a minimum of 5 sanctioned shows at any Region (rating or time only shows don't count) and qualify as of September 15th.

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