

## ENGLISH/WESTERN

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At the 1966 annual Convention the *CSHA* high point program was introduced. It was originally offered as a junior program, but was later expanded to include amateur adults. The purpose of this program was to provide riders/handlers the chance to compete for State championships.

The State Championship Show evolved from this concept. Now, instead of accumulating points to win State championships, riders/handlers qualify through their Region's high point program to compete at the State championship show.

## **SEC. 1.0      General**

- 1.1** Only *CSHA* members will be eligible to compete.
- 1.2** Except for the open division, all riders/handlers must be amateurs. Amateur cards will be accepted from *CSHA*, *AHSA*, *AQHA*, *APHA* or any nationally recognized breed or association.
- 1.3** The rider/handler's age will be determined as of January<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> of the current year.
- 1.4** The rider/handler must register in the Region in which they live.
  - 1.4.1** Exception 1: Regardless of where the member actually lives, a club member may compete in the English/Western program sponsored by the Region in which their club is based. If otherwise eligible to attend, at the *SCS*, the individual will represent the club's home Region.
  - 1.4.2** Exception 2: If the Region in which the individual lives does not have an English/Western high point program, the individual will contact the State English/Western chairman and request to register in another Region's program. The chairman will contact both Region presidents to obtain approval for the request. At the *SCS* the individual will represent the Region in which they live rather than the Region in which they competed during the year. That Region will adjust its placings accordingly for the *SCS* qualifications.
  - 1.4.3** Out of state members wishing to participate in this program should review Bylaws and Administrative Practices for appropriate procedures.
- 1.5** The rider/handler must register as a horse and rider, or horse and handler combination. No substitution will be allowed without re-registration and re-qualification.
  - 1.5.1** If a horse has been declared unsound to compete by a veterinarian, whether it is part of a single or multi qualified horse/rider combination, the horse may only compete at the current year's *SCS* if a full veterinary release is obtained prior to showing.
    - 1.5.1.1** Any horse receiving veterinary care at the *SCS* will be required to have a signed veterinary release to continue in the competition; this will include the administration of any medication(s).

**1.5.1.2** Owner or leasee/handler/rider will provide the veterinary release to show management as well as file the State of California drug declaration form prior to continuing competition.

**1.5.1.3** Violation of this provision will result in dismissal of the owner or leasee/handler/rider and horse from the show and void any awards with no provision for refunds.

**1.6** Junior riders/handlers may not show stallions.

**1.7 State Registration Fee**

**1.7.1** Each participant will pay a registration fee of \$25 per each horse/rider/handler combination.

**SEC. 2.0 Judging**

**2.1** All State and/or Region approved English or Western horse show classes are governed by West Coast Horse Show (*WCHS*) rules. Show managers are encouraged to obtain a current *WCHS* rulebook.

**2.2** All State and/or Region approved shows must be judged by a judge currently licensed in good standing by CSHA in the appropriate competition categories, or another organization recognized by the Judges commission. All English and Western horse show managers must verify that the judge's license is valid and issued by an organization accepted by CSHA Judges commission. Please refer to the Judges Commission chapter for a list of recognized associations.

**2.2.1** Exception – The Halter division at the State Championship Show can only be judged by a CSHA or USEF (United States Equestrian Foundation, Inc.) licensed judge.

**SEC. 3.0 CSHA Amateur Certification**

**3.1** Definition of Amateur shall be as published in the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book.

**3.2** Applications for a CSHA amateur card are available from the State office.

**3.3** The completed application form must be returned with at least three written references that attest to the applicant's status as an amateur.

**3.3.1** The application must be filed prior to accumulation of show points

**3.4** The processing fee for the English-Western Amateur card shall be \$20.

**3.4.1** The fee shall be split between the General Fund and the English-Western program with the General Fund receiving fifty percent (50%) of the fee.

- 3.5 A protest involving the issuance of a *CSHA* amateur card will be heard by a committee appointed by the State English/Western chairman.

## **SEC. 4.0 Region Program**

- 4.1 It will be the responsibility of any Region desiring to send riders/handlers to the SCS to adhere to the following rules.
- 4.2 Regions may conduct a *Region Only* English/Western high point competition, provided the program complies with Section 4.0, sub-sections 4.2.1 and 4.3.
- 4.2.1 A *Region Only* show must clearly state on the entry "this show does not meet State championship show eligibility requirements".
- 4.3 Individuals registering for Region Only competition must be advised of the State English/Western program.
- 4.4 The Region chairman shall provide the general application form to all riders/handlers and sign up riders/handlers only on this form. The Region chairman is to insure that the form includes their mailing address and that it reflects all current Region and State fees.
- 4.4.1 A copy of the complete application must be sent to the State English/Western chairman within thirty (30) days of receipt from the applicant. It is the responsibility of the Region chairman to verify that the application is complete.
- 4.5 Points are not retroactive. For points from a show to count, all fees must have been paid and a properly completed application must have been postmarked or hand delivered to the Region chairman prior to the competition.
- 4.6 Prior to registering a rider/handler, the Region chairman must verify they have a current *CSHA* membership.
- 4.7 Prior to registering an amateur adult rider/handler, the Region chairman must verify they possess a valid amateur card.
- 4.8 The Show Year for each Region's riders/handlers to qualify for the State Championship Show shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **SEC. 5.0 Show Sanctioning**

- 5.1 Approval of shows to qualify for *CSHA* English/Western Program points shall be applied for by show management. Show approval requests will be directed to the State Chair using the Request for Show Approval form available on the website. Show approval shall only be granted to shows that adhere to Section 5.0 of the *CSHA* Program rules.
- 5.1.1 Show must be governed by the current West Coast Horse Show (WCHS) rules.

- 5.1.2** Show must be judged by a judge currently licensed in good standing by CSHA or other organization as indicated in the CSHA Judges Commission rules.
- 5.1.3** Each organization shall register for show sanctioning and shall pay an annual fee of \$25 regardless of the number of shows.
- 5.1.4** Information on approved shows shall be posted to the CSHA English/Western program web page.

## **SEC. 6.0 State Championship Show (SCS)**

- 6.1** All CSHA English and Western State individual and team championships are determined at the State Championship Show (SCS). This show will be held in October. Whenever possible, this show will be held in conjunction with other state championship shows.
- 6.2** Only registered Region high point rider/horse and/or handler/horse combinations that competed in a minimum of three CSHA sanctioned shows and finished in their division will be eligible to compete.
  - 6.2.1** Only shows in which a combination accumulates points towards their registered category and age division will count as one of the three required shows.
  - 6.2.2** The qualified rider/horse and/or handler/horse combinations in a Region's high point program will be determined based on their Region point total as of September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.3** There is no limit as to the number of times an individual may qualify for and/or win a state championship.
- 6.4** Competition will be divided into the following categories:
  - Category 1 - English
  - Category 2 - Western
  - Category 3 - Halter
  - Category 4 - Reining
  - Category 5 - Ranch Horse

**6.5** Standard divisions are indicated to guide the structure of the program, but may be reduced or expanded at the SCS based on participation.

**6.5.1** Categories 1 and 2

- a) Lead Line (riders 6 and under)
- b) Walk/trot and walk/jog (riders 10 and under)
- c) Riders 13 and under
- d) Riders 14 - 17
- e) Riders 18 - 34 amateur adult
- f) Riders 35 and over amateur adult
- g) Open

**6.5.2** Category 3

- a) Junior horse (horses 5 years old and younger)
- b) Senior horse (horses 6 years old and older)
- c) Open (any age horse)

**6.5.3** Categories 4 and 5 :

- a) Youth 10 & under Walk Jog/Trot
- b) Youth 17 & under
- c) Amateur Adult - 18 & Over
- d) Open

**6.5.4** Open divisions are open to any horse, regardless of age or any rider/handler regardless of amateur status. For categories 1, 2 and 3 an open class is open to all horses of any age, size or sex, regardless of the ribbons previously won, unless otherwise indicated in show premium. All amateur and/or professional riders, handlers, or drivers, no matter their age, shall be eligible for any open division.

**6.5.5** Participants in the division "Riders 10 & Under Walk/Jog/Trot" may not ride in any class or show at the lope. Doing so shall result in forfeiture of qualification for the SCS in that division and any fees paid.

**6.6** Cross-overs

**6.6.1** Except as noted below, cross-overs between divisions of riders/handlers will not be allowed whether the division is based on the rider/handler or the horse. The exceptions are permitted in divisions where competition will not cross over at the SCS.

**6.6.1.1** The same horse may be ridden in Lead Line and in any other division.

**6.6.1.2** The same horse may be ridden in *10 and under walk/jog or trot* and any other division.

- 6.6.1.3** The same horse may be ridden in *13 and under* or *14 – 17* and any other division.
- 6.6.1.4** The same horse may be ridden in *Open* and any other division.
- 6.6.1.5** The same horse may be shown in a halter age break by one person and by another person in the open division.
- 6.6.1.6** For both Region and State championship qualification purposes the same combination may show in an age break division and the open division, provided the combination registers in each division and pays the applicable fee for each division. The combination may elect to show in both divisions at the SCS, provided they are otherwise qualified.

#### **6.6.2 Exclusions**

- 6.6.2.1** The same horse may not be ridden in both *13 and under* and *14 – 17*.
- 6.6.2.2** The same horse may not be ridden in both adult amateur divisions.

- 6.7** A division will only be offered if Region participation warrants. Inclusion of a division will be at the discretion of the SCS committee.

### **6.8 Region Responsibilities**

The Region chairman must submit the following to the State chairman:

- 6.8.1** An intent fee of \$25.00 per category is to be submitted by each Region wishing to send riders/handlers to the state championship show. The fee must be hand delivered or postmarked no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>. The fee must be submitted with the intent fee form provided by the State chairman.
- 6.8.2** Any Region not meeting the rule 6.8.1 deadline may still qualify their riders/handlers by submitting the Intent fee by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Intent fees paid after the August 1st deadline will be charged an additional 50% of the total submission as a late penalty and must be hand delivered or postmarked by September 1. The fee must be submitted with the intent fee form provided by the State chairman.
- 6.8.3** Riders/handlers from any Region that does not submit the fees by the rule 5.10.2 deadline will not be allowed to compete at the state championship show.
- 6.8.4** The year-end results form for each Region division. The form may be obtained from the State chairman and must be postmarked or hand delivered no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.8.5** The Region chairman will notify those Region high point riders/handlers who qualify to compete of their eligibility. Said notification will be made no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.



## **6.9 Points**

**6.9.1** Points will be awarded as follows:

<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup></u>
10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

**6.9.2** The overall individual championships will be calculated using the combined total points earned in the following sections. More than one class may be offered in any of these sections.

### **6.9.2.1 English**

Pleasure  
Equitation  
Hunter  
Jumper  
Showmanship

### **6.9.2.2 Western**

Pleasure  
Equitation  
Trail  
Western Riding  
Showmanship

### **6.9.2.3 Ranch Horse**

Ranch Pleasure  
Ranch Riding  
Ranch Trail  
Ranch Reining  
Ranch Conformation

**6.9.3** Based on the past history of the SCS and/or existing trends within the Regions, the English/Western committee may expand or reduce the above sections.

## **6.10 Awards**

**6.10.1** Class awards will be given based on traditional class size. The minimum will be first through fifth place awards.

**6.10.2** Appropriate Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be awarded in each division of all five categories. Top 5 Awards for the remaining three places shall be awarded if the programs finances allow. Buckles shall be considered ideal for Championship awards.

**6.10.3** For information on the scholarships offered by this Program and/or the criteria for award, please contact the State English/Western Chair. For redemption information refer to the Scholarship Procedures section at the beginning of this book.

## **6.11 Awards Distribution**

**6.11.1** All championship awards will be announced at the SCS, and presented following an appropriate audit of points.

**6.11.2** The primary show awards (buckles, neck sashes and division awards) will not be distributed, but will be available for photographic purposes.

**6.11.3** After the SCS, a complete audit of the placings and points will be done by an audit committee selected by the State Chair and approved by the President. The intent is for the audit committee to include individuals familiar with administration of placings and points and who did not show in or manage the SCS.

**6.11.4** Only after the results have been meticulously triple-checked for accuracy will the official results be released.

**6.11.5** The State Chairman shall retain possession of all primary awards until the results have been declared official.

**6.11.6** The Region Chairman shall be notified when the results have been declared official.

**6.11.7** All primary awards will be distributed to the appropriate Region Chairman for presentation to the riders.

## **6.12 Protests**

**6.12.1** The person(s) filing the protest is responsible for following the appropriate rules.

**6.12.1.1** Any protest against a *CSHA* licensed judge is to be filed in accordance with the protest rules as set forth in the Judges Commission chapter of this rulebook.

**6.12.1.2** Any protest against a judge licensed by an association other than *CSHA* is to be filed in accordance with the protest rules as set forth in the current issue of the WCHS rulebook.

**6.12.1.3** All other protests are to be filed in accordance with the protest rules as set forth in the current issue of the WCHS rulebook.

## **SEC. 7.0      Region Team Competition**

- 7.1**      The Region team competition will be held in conjunction with the SCS. There will be an English team champion, a Western team champion and a combined team champion.
- 7.2**      There will be a perpetual trophy for the champion team in each category and one for the combined team champion. The Region with the highest combined score from all categories will be the combined champion.
- 7.3**      A Region's team will consist of that Region's riders/handlers from all divisions and age breaks including the open division.
  - 7.3.1**    The English, Western, Halter, Reining and Ranch Horse categories will be used.
    - 7.3.1.1**   Halter points will be awarded based on how the horse is shown; i.e. handler in English attire and horse in English tack; placing will be given English points.
- 7.4**      The points earned by the Region rider/handler placing highest in each class will be the points transferred to the Region team.
- 7.5**      The three perpetual trophies will be presented during the Board of Directors meeting by the English/Western chairman to the Region President and the Region English/Western chairman.
  - 7.5.1**    The Region is responsible for arranging for the appropriate engraving on the trophy after receiving it.
  - 7.5.2**    The Region is responsible for returning the trophy to the State English/Western chairman no later than the following July Quarterly.
  - 7.5.3**    The Region will be held responsible for any repairs and/or replacement of the trophy that are deemed necessary as a result of damage sustained while the trophy was in their possession.

## **SEC.8.0      West Coast Horse Show Rulebook (WCHS)**

- 8.1**     The West Coast Horse Show rulebook was created to serve the needs of *CSHA* members. The rulebook is available for use by any organization or horse show holding a *CSHA* approved horse show.
- 8.2**     Revisions may be made to the rulebook annually as necessary.
  - 8.2.1**   Recommended changes may be submitted by any interested party in resolution format beginning January 1 of the revision year with changes clearly marked for "West Coast Horse Show Rule Book".
    - 8.2.1.1**   Recommended changes must be submitted no later than June 1 (postmarked June 1 if submitted via U.S. mail).
    - 8.2.1.2**   The State Office will forward all resolutions received to the named members of the Committee no later than June 12.
- 8.3**     The English/Western Chair shall announce the invitation to submit recommended changes in the appropriate year and committee appointments at the January Board of Directors meeting and disseminate the information via the *CSHA* website and newsletter as well.
- 8.4**     The State English/Western Chairman shall hold an open meeting at the July Quarterly for the purpose of reviewing/approving all submitted changes. The following are voting members of the Committee.

Current Judges Commission representatives for English and Western.

Three representatives, one each from the North, Central and Southern Areas, appointed by the English/Western Chair.

A member-at-large appointed by the State President.

- 8.4.1**   If one of the Judges Commission representatives is unable to attend the meeting, the Chair is to notify the State President who shall appoint a replacement judge from the appropriate discipline.
- 8.4.2**   Approved changes will be submitted to the membership as a separate attachment to that year's convention resolution packet with a preface explaining that the changes are presented for general information only and do not require a vote by the English/Western Committee or the Council of Members.
  - 8.4.2.1**   During his/her report to the Council of Members, the English/Western Chair will read into the minutes a confirmation that the approved changes were submitted to the membership as noted above. There will be no discussion related to the changes in the meeting.
- 8.4.3**   The attachment will be included with those accepted resolutions presented to the Board of Directors for approval as a publication of *CSHA*.

- 8.5** All approved changes will be effective the January 1 following approval.
- 8.6** The English/Western Chair will work with the State President to ensure that the revised West Coast Horse Show rulebook is published in a suitable format and available for distribution by January 1 following the convention but no later than the January Quarterly meeting.
- 8.6.1** "Suitable format" is defined as either a complete reprint or printing only the revised pages based on the number and type of revisions and the current book inventory.
- 8.6.2** The English/Western Chair will work with the Judges Commission Chair to ensure that a notice of availability is sent to all CSHA Judges who are required to have a copy of the WCHS rule book and to publish notice on the CSHA web site and in the CSHA newsletter regarding availability.
- 8.6.3** The primary means for distribution of the rulebook shall be in electronic form and available online.
- 8.7** The State Treasurer will establish an accounting protocol whereby at the end of each year all funds from the sale of the WCHS rulebooks will be reserved and allocated to cover costs related to re-prints and/or updates of the rulebook.

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