



C.S.H.A. *Region IV*

English & Western Championship Program

2010



This is a Region IV Championship Program. In this program riders will accumulate points from CSHA Region IV approved shows which will determine the Region IV Champions and those competitors will represent themselves and Region IV at the CSHA Show of Champions. Region IV currently includes Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Merced, Mariposa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties.

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The top ten (10) riders from each of the English and Western Programs as well as the top ten (10) exhibitors from the Halter Program (overall for English & Western combined) who have competed in a minimum of three (3) CSHA, Region IV approved shows will compete at the yearend CSHA Show of Champions to determine the individual and region team State Champions. The Show of Champions is held during the month of October and will be held at the Rancho Murrieta, Ca.

Region points acquired from approved shows between January 1st and September 16th shall be used for the purpose of qualifying Region IV Champions. Combinations must register for the program with at least three (3) shows remaining.

These rules apply to Region IV English/Western Program, which are in addition subject to the C.S.H.A. State rulebook, West Coast Horse Show Rule Book and Region Protocol.

1. Each competitor is responsible for making themselves aware of the Show of Champions qualifications. This information is located in the CSHA Rule Book English/Western rules and Show of Champions rules, which can be purchased through the CSHA state office.

2. The West Coast Horse Show Rule Book governs all CSHA and/or Region approved shows. Each competitor 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.

2a. Each Competitor is responsible for making themselves aware of and understanding the rules contained in this rulebook. It is your responsibility to know which shows are approved and what classes you need to enter at a show.

3. Each Region IV competitor over the age of 18, who has entered the Adult Amateur Divisions must secure a CSHA Amateur Card or provide proof of an 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.

4. The committee shall consist of the Chair (1 vote), a Vice-Chair (1 vote), a representative from each active club (2 votes), active participants (1 vote) and the Region President, ex-officio, (1 vote). The chair may also appoint at his/her discretion, two members at large (1 vote each) and a junior member (1 vote) who will serve the committee and comprise the Point Audit Subcommittee. No parent shall exercise the vote of his or her minor child or children.

5. Age divisions offered:

Lead line 6 & under	13 & under, 14 thru 17,	8 & under walk only
10 & under Walk/trot-jog	18 thru 34, 35 and over, open	(This is not a State Division)

(Division's may be combined or split for end of year awards due to degree of participation)

State High Point categories:

Halter – Western Halter and Model Hunter (top ten to be decided from both English & Western)

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English – Flat w/t/c and w/t & Over Fences (per age groups & Open)

Western - (per age groups w/j/l, w/j, & Open)

Reining - 17 & Under, 18 & over, & Open

In Hand Classes: Lunge Line & In Hand Trail

**** NEW at Show of Champions for 2010 ****

Trail - Is now added back in your age/open western groups as a class to count.
But they are offering additional buckles for trail over all Western age divisions and open.

Region Only High Point categories:

English - walk/trot Amateur - Amateur's only with no cross entry allowed into any other division (this is not a state division) (see rule# 5c). Riders may sign up for select awards.

Western - walk/jog Amateur: Amateur's only with no cross entry allowed into any other division (this is not a state division) (see rule # 5c). Riders may sign up for select awards.

4H/FFA/Pony club – English & Western (not a State division)

All Around horse Award – Points earned only in the divisions you are signed up for will count towards this award. (English, Western, Halter, & Reining) You must enter in 3 of the 4 divisions.

5A. Once a 10 & under competitor has been judged at a "canter/lope class" he/she can never return to the 10 & under Walk/trot-jog division. Crossovers shall NOT be allowed between divisions. Walk only riders shall NOT be judged at a trot while attending a show. Lead line riders shall NOT ride by themselves while attending a show.

5C. English/Western Amateur walk/trot-jog divisions are a Region IV only program. Riders entering the English/Western Amateur walk/trot-jog divisions may NOT enter any other division, but may sign up for select awards.

6. Points to be awarded for the following classes:

State Divisions Classes that count for points:

English halter – Model Hunter, Hunter breeding, Jr, Sr or Open horse (only 1 halter class to count).

English lead line 6 & under – pleasure, Hunter under saddle, equitation, horsemanship and Hunter hack poles

English walk/trot 10 & under - pleasure, Hunter under saddle, equitation, horsemanship and Hunter hack poles

English flat: pleasure, hunter under saddle, equitation, horsemanship. Your age division will be the only points that count unless it is not offered then the next closest division will count. (If you are entered in 14 – 17 and only 17 & under is offered then that is the class that will count. If ONLY Open class is offered then that is the class to count. **No walk/trot classes to count.**

English Walk/ Trot: pleasure, hunter under saddle, equitation, horsemanship. Your age division will be the only points that count unless it is not offered then the next closest division will count. (If you are entered in 14-17 and only 17 & under is offered than that is the class that will count. If ONLY Open class is offered then that is the class to count). **No canter classes to count.**

****English over Fences:** This is a new Division with state. **No flat classes to count.** Classes to count are over fences only: hunter over fences, equitation over fences, and jumper classes. More information to come from EW & SOC Chair any questions please email.

****Lunge Line** – 2 years old and under

****In Hand Trail** – 2 years old and under

Western Halter – Jr, Sr or Open horse or any other that has a complementary class. One class per division signed up for to count. If multiple halter classes are offered it is your responsibility to verify the classes that will count for points.

Western lead line 6 & under – pleasure, equitation, horsemanship and trail

Western walk/jog 10 & under – showmanship, pleasure, equitation, and horsemanship and trail,

Western w/j/l: showmanship, pleasure, equitation, horsemanship, and trail. Your age division will be the only points that count unless it is not offered then the next closest division will count. (If you are entered in 14 – 17 and only 17 & under is offered then that is the class that will count. If ONLY Open class is offered then that is the class to count). **No w/j classes to count.**

Western w/j: showmanship, pleasure, equitation, horsemanship and trail. Your age division will be the only points that count unless it is not offered then the next closest division will count. (If you are entered in 14 – 17 and only 17 & under is offered then that is the class that will count. If ONLY Open class is offered then that is the class to count). **No lope classes to count.**

Trail: w/j or w/j/l divisions – age and open

Region Only Divisions Classes that count for points:

English walk only 8 & under: pleasure, Hunter under saddle, equitation, horsemanship and Hunter hack poles

Western walk only 8 & under: pleasure, equitation, horsemanship and trail.

English walk/trot Amateur: Pleasure, Hunter under saddle, equitation, horsemanship

(Age division and open if offered will both count) refer rule #5c

Western Amateur walk/jog division: Showmanship, pleasure, equitation, horsemanship and trail.

(Age division and open if offered both will count) Refer rule #5c

6A. a chart will be made available listing what classes will count at a show.

7. Adult Select Division Champions (18 and over riders)

English (W/T or W/T/C) - Showmanship, Pleasure, Hunter under saddle, Horsemanship, Equitation, Dressage suitability, Hunter Hack, Hunter over fences, Equitation over fences, and Jumpers.

Western (W/J or W/J/L) - Showmanship, pleasure, equitation, horsemanship, and trail.

7A. Youth Select Division Champions (17 and under riders)

English (W/T or W/T/C) - Showmanship, Pleasure, Hunter under saddle, Horsemanship, Equitation, Dressage suitability, Hunter Hack, Hunter over fences, Equitation over fences, and Jumpers.

Western (W/J or W/J/L) - Showmanship, pleasure, equitation, horsemanship, and trail.

Entry fee for a rider only entering these categories (Select divisions may be divided if participation warrant's)

\$ 25.00 for first category & \$15.00 for each additional, if only signed up for selects without a division.

\$ 15.00 per category for riders who are signed up in an age/open divisions.

7B. Classes to count: Only points from the divisions you are *signed up* for will count. If signed up for multiple divisions then the **HIGHEST PLACING W/J OR W/T CLASS WILL COUNT FOR W/J OR W/T SELECTS; AND THE HIGHEST PLACING W/J/L OR W/T/C CLASS WILL COUNT FOR W/J/L OR W/T/C SELECTS** (English or Western). If you are signed up for Select ONLY, with no divisions signed up, then **YOUR BEST W/T OR W/J WILL COUNT FOR YOUR W/T OR W/J SELECTS, AND YOUR BEST W/T/C OR W/J/L CLASS WILL COUNT FOR YOUR W/T/C OR W/J/L SELECTS.** (See below for example)

Example using western pleasure: If you sign up for 14-17, 17 & under w/j, open w/j and open w/j/l divisions, and ride all four pleasure classes at a show, then the highest placing w/j pleasure class will count for your w/j pleasure selects, and the highest placing w/j/l pleasure class will count for your w/j/l pleasure selects. If you sign up for both age and open lope divisions, and ride both pleasure lope classes at a show, then the highest placing lope pleasure class will count for your w/j/l pleasure selects. If you sign up for your age western w/j and open w/j divisions, and ride both pleasure w/j classes at a show, then your highest placing w/j pleasure class of the day will count for your w/j pleasure selects.

8. **4-H/FFA/ Pony Club Division** Region IV only program does not qualify you for Show of Champion.

English: Showmanship, pleasure, Hunter under saddle, equitation, horsemanship in divisions signed up for. (Open will only count if age break not offered)

Western: Showmanship, pleasure, equitation, horsemanship and trail in divisions signed up for. (Open will only count if age break not offered)

9 Points

Points will be awarded as follows: You will get the points for the placing you receive at the show.

9A. A Point Audit Committee (PAS), consisting of three (3) members, including the Chair and two (2) individuals selected by the Chair. Discrepancies in points must be brought to the attention of the Chair within ten (10) days of publication in the newsletter or web site or the points will stand as correct.

9B. if there is a tie when final points are tabulated it may be broken by: (1) most first (1st) places won, (2) Most approved shows attended.

9C When attending an out of Region **Approved** show, riders NEED to use a day's point record sheet, and send it to the region chair within 10 days.

10. Any CSHA junior, amateur adult or non-amateur adult may participate in the program by submitting an application and a \$10.00 fee per horse and rider/exhibitor combination per category to the State Chair and a region application with a \$25.00 fee per combination per category to the Region IV Chair. Riders may sign up for Region IV awards only, if they have no wish to go to S.O.C. If no entry is sent into the CSHA state office, riders are not eligible to compete at the Show of Champions. CSHA membership: Any Family, senior, life commercial or any member of a member club in good standing.

11. Participants enter as horse and rider/handler combinations, with no substitutions allowed except if a horse dies, or becomes disabled during the year. The participant may submit a veterinarian certificate within 14 days of the death or onset of disability to the Chair and be granted a new combination entry without additional entry fees. POINTS EARNED BY THE ORIGINAL COMBINATION WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW COMBINATION. The amount of shows attended by the original combination will count for region award credit, however in the event of a tie the shows attended by the original combination will not count toward the tie breaker. This rule only applies to Region IV Competitions. **Please refer to the State rules for more information regarding the S.O.C. State horse show and substituting of horses as they have changed.**

12. Participants may not cross over in age groups. Combinations must declare at the time of application which category, division and age group they will compete in for the show year. If a change of 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. **Participants' age shall be determined as of January 1st of the current year.**

13. The show year starts on January 1st and ends on September 15th.

Participants must compete in a **minimum of 3 shows** to qualify for year-end awards. Your **top 6 shows** shall count for year-end awards.

POINTS CHART

# of Horses	1 - 2	3 -5	6 -10	11 & over
1st Place	4	6	7	8
2nd Place	3	5	6	7
3rd Place		4	5	6
4th Place		3	5	5
5th Place		2	5	4
6th Place			2	3

14. Region IV points are not retroactive. A participant must be registered prior to the first class of any show for points to count.

15. Each participant is expected to raise a minimum of **\$40.00 in sponsorships per division** during the year. Each participant or his or her representative is **required** to assist in the running of this program. i.e.: Assisting at shows, ring crew, gate, handing out ribbons, etc.

16. 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. The Region IV rider fees if charged by the shows will go to this fund as well. **Participation in these shows directly benefits your region awards program.**

17. It is a Riders responsibility to verify that they are entering the correct classes for their division at any and all horse shows and that the show is approved.

Riders will receive NO points for wrong classes entered or attending an unapproved show.

ALL AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO FUNDS/DONATIONS EARNED DURING THE SHOW YEAR!

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 competitor 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.

CSHA REGION IV CHECK POLICY

If a check issued by or for a participant in a Region IV High Point Program either for registration in a program or at an Approved Show is not honored by the bank the following actions will be taken:

1. Written notification of the check's failure to clear the bank shall be sent to the person writing the check with a copy to the participant. Such notification shall be sent with a Delivery Confirmation form attached.
If written at a show, this is the Show Sponsor's responsibility.
If written for registration, this is the program chairperson's responsibility.
2. The program chairperson shall be notified of the check's return and notify the other show sponsors. The participant shall be placed on a "cash only" basis at all shows until the check is cleared.
3. The first time a check is not honored by the bank the participant will receive a warning. Any recurrence may result in loss of points and credit for shows ridden.
4. If restitution (cash, money order, or cashier's check is not made within fifteen (15) days from the date the written notification is mailed, the participant's points from the show at which the check was issued shall be forfeited. The show will not be counted for year-end awards or State Championship Show/Event qualification.
5. If restitution is not made within thirty (30) days all points and show credits from the date of issuance shall be forfeited.
6. If after thirty (30) days the check has still not been cleared the participant shall be dropped from the program with no refund of any fees.
7. If the returned check has not been cleared at least seven (7) day prior to the start of the State Championship Show/Event the participant shall forfeit their right to compete at the show/event.
8. Region Year-End Awards shall be held until the check clears. All awards are forfeited if the check has not been cleared by December 1.
9. If a check from a prior season or the State Championship Show/Event has not been cleared the participant will be denied registration in the current year's programs until the check and all fees have been cleared.
10. The Region IV return check charge is \$20 (In accordance with the California Civil Code, damages maybe recovered not to exceed three times the amount of the check or \$1,500).