

# High Point Award Schedule

The Waler Horse Society of Australia

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# WWSA HIGH POINT AWARD

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## Objective

The Waler Horse Society of Australia (WWSA) High Point Awards aim to reward our active members for the promotion of our Waler horses across Australia. Points will be awarded on a calendar year (01 Jan to 31 Dec).

## Awards

The WWSA will award winners of each Category and results will be published in the WWSA Newsletter. Youth (Junior) Riders will be awarded separately within each category. Prizes and Sponsorships will be distributed as evenly as possible across the categories.

## Eligibility

To enter you must be eligible under the following criteria:

- You must be a current financial WWSA member
- The horse must be a Waler that is either be a fully registered or foal recorded Waler if under 3 years old, horses with a pending registration letter obtained from the WWSA may enter at the discretion of the WWSA Committee and the High Point Award Score Keeper
- The horse must reside in the state for points to be accumulated for State Awards
- Nomination and fees must be received prior to points being accumulated

## Nomination for Entry

To enter simply complete the Nomination form with the entry fees if applicable and return to the High Point Award Score Keeper, details will be found on the *High Point Award Nomination Form*. Nomination fees where applicable are non-refundable.

## Keeping Score

The *High Point Score Card* is to be completed at each event participated in. For points to be valid the score card **must be completed accurately and in full**. All points must be returned to the High Points Score keeper no later than two weeks after the end of the award year.

It is important to note that **all receipts of entry and evidence of placings should be kept** for validation purposes.

## High Point Award Categories

- High Point Show Waler
- High Point Performance Waler
- High Point Versatile Waler
- High Point Regional Waler

### High Point Show Waler

This category aims to award the Waler excelling in the Show Ring.

Points will be earned for Breed classes and Hack classes; additional points will be awarded for placing Reserve Champion and Champion.

### High Point Performance Waler

This award is to acknowledge the Waler that is showing exceptional talent in **either** The English or Western disciplines. Any additional events can be added at the discretion of the WHSA Committee at any time.

Currently points will only be accumulated in this category for the following events:

#### English

- Dressage
- Eventing
- Show Jumping
- Hunter Trials
- Side Saddle

- Endurance
- Sporting
- Working Equitation
- Pony Club
- Tent Pegging
- Vaulting

#### Western

- Reining
- Team Penning
- Barrel Racing
- Campdrafting

- Cutting
- Roping
- Stockman's Challenge

### **High Point Versatile Waler**

This objective of this category is to reward the most versatile Waler. Points will be collected for points in any event listed in the above Performance category, other activities, examples provided below as well as non-competitive activities also outlined below. Additional points will be awarded in this category for each different discipline and/or activity participated in.

- Organised Trail Riding
- Skill at Arms
- Archery
- Australian Light Horse Classes
- Parades and Working Demonstration

### **High Point Regional Waler**

This Category is to encourage our regional members that may not have access to as many events to participate. Points will be awarded for any event listed in the above categories and additional points allocated for placing where applicable.

To enter this category the Horse and Rider must reside no less than 200kms from a major City for those points to be allocated. It is highly recommended that you keep track of your own individual tally.

## **Scoring**

### **General Scoring**

Participation in any event automatically merits 1 point.

A maximum of 6 points for a placing will be awarded per class, unless stated otherwise in category specific scoring.

If six (6) or more in the class - 6 points for 1st; 5 points for 2nd; 4 points for 3rd; 3 points for 4th; 2 points for 5th; 1 point for 6th.

Therefore if there is five (5) in the class - 5 points for 1st; 4 points for 2nd; 3 points for 3rd; 2 points for 4th; 1 point for 5<sup>th</sup> etc.

State Level competition (representing a State) the placing points will be doubled and for National Level (representing Australia) Competition points will be tripled.

### **High Point Show Waler Scoring**

Additional Points maybe awarded as follows:

Supreme Champion 3 points (if more than 3 competing)

Champion 2 points (if more than 2 competing)

Reserve Champion 1 point.

### **High Point Performance Waler Scoring**

All scoring in this category will accumulate participation points and additional placing points described in the general scoring section

### **High Point Versatile Waler Scoring**

In this category each event will attract participation and placing points outlined in the general scoring.

Accumulative points will also be awarded for every different discipline and/ or activity entered competitively. These points will be as follows:

2 points for the second different type of event, 4 points for the third, 6 points for the fourth and so on.

### **High Point Regional Waler**

In this category each event will attract 1 point and placing up to 6 points where there are 6 competitors or more participate as per the general scoring.

### **Category Tie Breaker**

In the event of a tie for a prize place in the Category the advantage will be given to the horse with the highest percentage of points to entries, the horse with the least outings will be awarded the higher place.

### **Dispute Resolution**

In the event of a dispute the procedure to follow is as follows:

1. If the dispute or grievance is with another member regarding the competition, ensure you are familiar with the rules and regulations. Then attempt to resolve the dispute with that member in a reasonable manner.
2. Failing that, contact the Score Keeper in writing of the dispute or grievance and he/she should ask both parties about the matter.
3. If the matter is still unresolved or if the dispute is with the Score Keeper, contact the WHSA Committee and they will look to address the issue.

## Rules and Regulations

1. Horses must be eligible to enter (refer to eligibility requirements).
2. Horses must be exhibited or competed using the WHSA registered name.
3. Horses can be entered into only one category.
4. The category entered may be changed if you would achieve a higher result in another category at the discretion of the High Point Score Keeper.
5. Entry to each event will only count once but points can be accumulated for each class, for example each dressage test, each show class, each camp draft run.
6. Each event will accumulate participation points for each day where the event takes place over more than one day.
7. Horses must be nominated prior to points being accumulated.
8. Horses cannot be changed once nominated.
9. High Point Score cards are valid by the dates on the card.
10. If the information on the card is invalidated, incorrect or incomplete, the points may not be counted.
11. Points for each class or event may only be entered into one category.
12. Youth (Juniors) are those under the age of 18 years (as of the 1st January of that award year)
13. Score cards must be received no later than 14 days after the competition closes, results received after this date will be discounted.
14. In the case of a tie occurring in a High Point Award, the tie will be broken by the greatest number of first places, followed by second places, third places and so on.
15. The person who has submitted (signed) the High Point Award Nomination Form will receive any prizes awarded.
16. All horses should be kept under control at all times and be in charge by a competent handler, Headstall or Bridle in accordance with the rules set by the event.
17. Sponsorships obtained must be where possible awarded across the categories or for the Overall High Point Award winner.
18. The High Point Score Database will be submitted to the Secretary and Newsletter Editor when requested for submission into the Newsletter.
19. Any behaviour that is unbecoming of a WHSA member must be made in writing to the WHSA Committee and may result in removal from the competition at the discretion of the High Point Score Keeper and the WHSA Committee.
20. Any member found to be falsifying information will automatically be disqualified from the award.
21. Any member found administering their horse(s) with prohibited substances will automatically be disqualified from the award.
22. In the spirit of fairness, the rules are subject to review and change at any time.