



## Year End High Point Policy

In order to be eligible to acquire MCRA year-end points, monies, or awards, both the owner or owners of the horse and the exhibitor *must* be members in good standing of the MCRA. All members and exhibitors, regardless of residence location, are eligible to receive points for year-end awards. The point year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Points will be awarded only at MCRA approved / sanctioned shows.

Points toward year-end awards will be awarded as follows: one point will be awarded for every entry in the class with the highest total going to first, second highest total to second, etc. For example; in a 10 horse class, 10 points will go to the first place horse, 9 points will be awarded to the second place horse, 8 points will be awarded to the third place horse, and so on.

Divisions for year-end awards are as follows: Open Working Cow Horse, Amateur Working Cow Horse, All-Breed Working Cow Horse, Youth Working Cow Horse, Green Working Cow Horse, Open Reining, Amateur Reining, Novice-Amateur Reining, All-Breed Reining, Youth Reining, and Green Reining. Beginning the point year of January 1, 2009, the Green Horse classes will be year end award classes.

To be eligible to enter Green Rider Working Cow Horse and Green Rider Reining classes the rider shall not have earned more than the following as of January first of the current calendar year:

- Rider has not earned any breed association points in that event **-or-**
- Rider has not earned more than \$200 in that event **-or-**
- Rider has not earned more than 35 MCRA points in that event **-or-**
- Rider may not be a professional trainer

To be eligible to enter Green Horse Working Cow Horse and Green Horse Reining classes the horse shall not have earned more than the following as of January first of the current calendar year:

- Horse has not earned any breed association points in that event **-or-**
- Horse has not earned more than \$100 in that event **-or-**
- Horse has not earned more than 35 MCRA points in that event **-or-**

Riders may enter the Green classes for which they are otherwise not eligible for schooling purposes only. When used as a schooling class, the rider must indicate "schooling" on the entry form and the ride *will not count* toward year-end awards. This will go into effect beginning the point year of January 1, 2004.

Year-end awards will be presented for each division. At least 5 horses must be entered in a division to receive a trophy buckle as your year-end award. Divisions with less than 5 horses entered will be presented an alternative award, or the rider will be allowed the option of paying the monetary difference between the alternative award and the buckle and receiving an award buckle. As of January 1, 2006, a horse must compete in half of the shows offered by the MCRA in order to receive a year-end award. For instance, if the MCRA offers 6 shows in a calendar year, then the horse must have competed in at least 3 of the 6 shows offered to receive year-end honors. In the event that there is a tie for the year end award, the horse that places the highest on the last show day will be the year end champion for that event.

Points are to be accumulated from the date of the postmark on the envelope in which the current year's dues are received by the membership chairman. If dues are paid the day of the show, payment must be made before the rider participates in their first class of the day. In Open classes, both the rider of the horse and the owner of the horse must have paid dues prior to their first run or the points will not count towards year-end awards.