



## Annual High Point Awards Program

### Category Two: Annual Awards for Schooling Competitions.

- 2.01 Introduction. NTEA shall present annual High Point Awards to members for points earned at Member Schooling Events during each Competition Year (December 1 to the next November 30).
- 2.01 Member Schooling Events. In order for an eventing competition to qualify for NTEA Category 2 points: (a) the organizer or venue of the competition must be a Business or Life member of NTEA for the current calendar year, (b) the competition must be a schooling competition held within USEA Area V, (c) riders outside the barn holding the competition must be eligible to compete for placings at the competition, and (d) the competition must be listed on NTEA's web calendar. Questions about whether or not a competition is or will be eligible for NTEA Category 2 points should be directed to the Category 2 Points Keeper. *Member organizers are encouraged to (i) work together as soon as possible before the start of each Competition Year to try to coordinate neighboring competitions and to check the NTEA show calendar before adding or rescheduling competitions, (ii) notify the Category 2 Points Keeper in advance of show schedules and changes so that NTEA can alert members and place the competition on NTEA's online calendar, (iii) post final results on their website within a reasonable time after each Member Schooling Event, and (iv) use qualified, impartial judges and follow accepted eventing rules in Member Schooling Events.*
- 2.01 Membership to Earn Category 2 Points. To earn points at a Member Schooling Event, the rider must be a member of NTEA on the date the Member Schooling Event begins. The horse and the horse's owner are not required to be NTEA members.
- 2.01 General Rules.
- (a) NTEA will present schooling year-end awards for Champion, Reserve Champion and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places in the following categories:

Junior Rider	Age 13 and under
Young Rider	Age 14 – 21
Senior Amateur Rider	Age 22 – 39
Master Amateur Rider	Age 40 and above
Professional Rider	Age 19 and above

A competitor's category is determined by his or her age on January 1 of the current membership year. Any person who qualifies as an Amateur under USEF/USEA rules is considered an Amateur for purposes of these rules. In the event of a dispute about whether or not a rider is an Amateur for Category 2 points, the determination of the NTEA board of directors will be final.

- (b) Points shall accrue for schooling horse trials (HT), combined tests (CT) and Eventing Derbys (Derby). This includes divisions known as “Green As Grass”, “Elementary”, “Tadpole”, “Starter”, “Intro” and such, so long as the minimum average height of each jumping test is 18 inches.
- (c) To be eligible for points, a HT must include scores for three tests (dressage, cross country and stadium jumping), a CT must include scores for two tests (dressage and either cross country or stadium jumping), and a Derby must include scores for both a dressage test and a jumping test with a combination of cross country and stadium obstacles. A horse/rider combination may only earn points for one division/test per show.
- (d) Year-End High Point Awards are given for the greatest total number of *points earned at two or more* Member Schooling Events during the show year by a horse/rider combination, according to the Points Table in paragraph 2.04 below. The following divisions will not be included or considered for any purpose: A division in which the rider either competed *hors concours* (either voluntarily or at the request of the show organizer), was eliminated, or withdrew from competition; or a division which was cancelled without a final score for both a dressage and at least one jumping test.
- (e) The horse’s competition name must remain consistent during the show year. Any changes must be made in writing to the Points Keeper.
- (f) Points accrue for a particular horse/rider combination. Riders competing additional horses will accrue a separate set of points.
- (g) If there is a tie for a High Point Award, it shall first be broken in favor of the horse and rider combination with points earned at the most different venues. If a tie still remains, the tie shall next be broken in favor of the pair with points earned at the fewest Member Schooling Events. If the tie remains, duplicate awards shall be given.
- (h) If a horse/rider combination is finishing as Champion or Reserve Champion in any Category One (USEA recognized competitions) division, the pair is ineligible for a Category Two (Schooling Competition) award.
- (i) NTEA will designate a Category 2 Points Keeper for each Competition Year and post contact information on the website. The NTEA Category 2 Points Keeper will maintain a Points Table and post it on the NTEA website periodically, but not less than twice per Competition Year. A year-end Points Table will be posted on the NTEA website promptly after the last Member Schooling Event of the Competition Year. Members will have three business days to comment or dispute the scores, after which points will become final and no longer subject to dispute. *It is the rider’s responsibility to check the Points Tables on a regular basis and promptly contact the Points Keeper with any questions or comments.*

2.01 Points and Points Table. Points for Category Two High Point Awards will be awarded according to the following table:

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Member Schooling Event	Number of Starters in the Division	Placings					
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Combined Test	1 – 3	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	.5
	4 and above	6	5	4	3	2	1
Derby	1 – 3	4.5	3.75	3	2.75	1.5	.75
	4 and above	9	7.5	6	5.5	3	1.5
Horse Trials	1 – 3	6	5	4	3	2	1
	4 and above	12	10	8	6	4	2