BUCKSKIN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
HIGH POINT AND YEAR END AWARD RULES

MEMBERSHIP
The owner and exhibitor of all ABRA horses must be a current member in good standing with ABRA and BHAM in order to be eligible for BHAM year end awards. Membership must be paid to the show office or BHAM secretary before points will accumulate.

The exhibitor of all breed horses must be a current member in good standing with BHAM in order to be eligible for BHAM year end awards. Membership must be paid to the show office or BHAM secretary before points will accumulate.

QUALIFICATION
In order to qualify for a year end class award, the horse and rider combination must accumulate at least 10 points in that given class.

Year end awards are based on point accumulation from all BHAM horse shows from January 1 to December 31 of the current year.

Any show that is doubled judged counts as two (2) separate shows (two sets of points). The same applies to multi-judged events with one set of points for each show/judge.

Points will be awarded through the top six places on judge’s card.

No horse will be given more points than it actually earned merely because the horse placing ahead of it was not eligible for points.

If a horse becomes ineligible to compete in a particular class (i.e. Stallion is gelded) the points earned prior to change will stay in class accumulated.

BHAM year end points will be based on one horse/one rider for youth, adult, and amateur classes. EXCEPTION: Performance classes are based on the horse ONLY. (Owner must be a BHAM member.) EXCEPTION: Pee-wee and Leadline exhibitors will be allowed to change horses without penalty.

Points in the 13 and under and 14-18 divisions are earned in the youth’s name on a one rider/one horse combination. A youth may accumulate points on more than one eligible horse however; the points earned by the youth with each horse will accumulate separately.

Amateur, Amateur Select, Adult, 40 & Over, and Novice Adult points are earned in the amateur or adult’s name on a one rider/one horse combination. An amateur or adult may accumulate points on more than one eligible horse however; the points earned by the amateur or adult with each horse will accumulate separately.

Points are calculated as follows:

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AWARD CLASSIFICATIONS
Weekend High Point Awards: Awarded to an individual or horse who has paid the nomination fee and who acquires the highest points in their respective division. Points accumulate after the nomination fee has been paid. Divisions will be provided on the showbill and website. Weekend high point awards are restricted to one horse/one rider combinations, with the exception of the ABRA Open Horse in which the points go with the horse.

- In the event of a tie for the high point, the exhibitor and/or horse with the greatest number of first place winnings will be declared the weekend high point winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings, the greatest number of the next highest placing will be counted until the tie is broken.
High Point All-Around Division Awards

High Point Awards will be given in eleven division categories: ABRA 13 & Under, ABRA 14-18, ABRA Amateur, ABRA Amateur Select, ABRA Open, All Breed Peewee, All Breed 13 & Under, All Breed 14-18, All Breed Adult, All Breed Novice Adult, All Breed 40 & Over

- ABRA 13 & Under: ABRA Youth Halter, ABRA Youth Trail 18 & Under, all ABRA 13 & Under classes
- ABRA 14-18: ABRA Youth Halter, ABRA Youth Trail 18 & Under, all ABRA 14-18 classes
- ABRA Amateur: ABRA Amateur Halter, all ABRA Amateur classes
- ABRA Amateur Select: all ABRA Amateur Select classes
- ABRA Open: all ABRA open classes that the ABRA horse is eligible in which to compete
- All Breed Peewee: All Breed Halter, All Breed Novice Walk Trot Trail, all All Breed Peewee classes, Leadline
- All Breed 13 & Under: All Breed Halter, All Breed Youth Trail 18 & Under, all All Breed 13 & Under classes
- All Breed 14-18: All Breed Halter, All Breed Youth Trail 18 & Under, all All Breed 14-18 classes
- All Breed Adult: All Breed Halter, all All Breed Adult classes
- All Breed Novice Adult: All Breed Halter, All Breed Adult OR 40 & Over Showmanship, all Novice adult classes, all Breed Novice Walk Trot Trail
- All Breed 40 & Over: All Breed Halter, all All Breed 40 & over classes

Specialty Awards:
ABRA High Point Halter Mare: ABRA mare earning the greatest number of total points in amateur, youth, and open OR performance halter divisions
ABRA High Point Halter Stallion: ABRA stallion earning the greatest number of total points in amateur and open OR performance halter divisions
ABRA High Point Halter Gelding: ABRA gelding earning the greatest number of total points in amateur, youth, and open OR performance halter divisions

All Breed High Point Halter Horse: all breed horse of any sex earning the greatest number of all breed halter points

ABRA Junior Performance Horse: ABRA horse aged 5 and under earning the greatest number of points in performance classes. These classes include: ABRA lunge line, ABRA junior hunter under saddle, ABRA junior western pleasure, ABRA trail, ABRA ranch riding, and any other performance classes as added.

ABRA Senior Performance Horse: ABRA horse aged 6 and over earning the greatest number of points in performance classes. These classes include: ABRA senior hunter under saddle, ABRA senior western pleasure, ABRA trail, ABRA ranch riding, and any other performance classes as added.

Roye Meis Trail Award: awarded to the winner of the trail ride off held at the All American Buckskin Horse Congress. Eligible contestants are the high point winner from each trail class for the season. The high point winner from the novice walk trot trail class is eligible. Eligible contestants will be named at the conclusion of the Congress trail classes following calculation of Congress trail points.

Adult Sportsperson of the Year: awarded to the adult BHAM member who earns the most votes on the board election ballot for sportsperson of the year

Jr BHAM Sportsperson of the Year: awarded to the youth BHAM member who earns the most votes on the Jr BHAM ballot

ABRA Overall Champion Saddle Award: ABRA horse earning the greatest number of points in all ABRA classes in which the horse is eligible. Based on one horse/one rider combination. Horse and rider must show to at least 60% of the judges for the year. Exhibitor must be a BHAM member in good standing.

ABRA Overall Reserve Champion Award: ABRA horse earning the second greatest number of points in all ABRA classes in which the horse is eligible. Based on one horse/one rider combination. Horse and rider must show to at least 60% of the judges for the year. Exhibitor must be a BHAM member in good standing.

All Breed Overall Champion Saddle Award: All Breed horse earning the greatest number of points in all All Breed classes in which the horse is eligible. Based on one horse/one rider combination. Horse and rider must show to at least 60% of the judges for the year. Exhibitor must be a BHAM member in good standing. Sweepstakes classes are not included.
All Breed Overall Reserve Champion Award: All Breed horse earning the second greatest number of points in all All Breed classes in which the horse is eligible. Based on one horse/one rider combination. Horse and rider must show to at least 60% of the judges for the year. Exhibitor must be a BHAM member in good standing. Sweepstakes classes are not included.

- In the event of a tie for the overall year end high point awards, the exhibitor and/or horse with the greatest number of first place winnings will be declared the high point winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings, the greatest number of the next highest placing will be counted until the tie is broken.

DISPUTES
The Board of Directors will handle all disputes. All decisions of the Board will be final.

An exhibitor may petition for corrections of error of any reports on any show results by filing a request and proof of error with the BHAM Board of Directors. The petition must be filed within seven (7) days after the final standings are published on the BHAM website.

No awards will be shipped. Award winners will be responsible for making arrangements to pick up awards following the annual awards banquet.