AOT AWARD PROGRAM

To recognize the achievements of AOTs exhibiting horses registered with the American Saddlebred Registry competing in all disciplines at all levels.

- Improve recognition of AOTs
- Provide incentives for AOTs to show their Saddlebreds
- Identify and attract new Saddlebred members

1. HORSE AND OWNER ELIGIBILITY

- To count for points, horse must by trained by its Amateur Owner and meet USEF AOT standards per SB145.2 (horse not in training 90 days prior to the start of each competition being considered for points).
- Owner must meet USEF definition of “Amateur” per GR105.
- Owner must sign on entry blank as Trainer.
- Horse must be shown by Owner or Amateur/Juvenile member of immediate family.
- Owner and Exhibitor must be members of ASHA and membership of a local charter club is encouraged.
- All horses registered with the American Saddlebred Registry or recognized by any foreign American Saddlebred registries are eligible. American Saddlebred Registry records will determine Ownership, transfers, and certificates of eligibility.
- All participants agree to abide by the ASHA AOT Award Program rules and regulations as posted on the ASHA web site.

2. COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

All competitions listed in the ASHA database are eligible for the ASHA AOT Award Program, regardless of whether they are USEF-licensed or not. In order for a non-licensed competition to be listed on the ASHA database, its manager or other official representative must notify ASHA as to the dates, location, and contact information prior to the competition.
The owner is responsible for submitting the Points Report. Results received by ASHA after the qualifying period will not be accepted. Results must include show name, date, location, class name and placing.

3. GENERAL RULES

- The annual competition period is December 1 to November 30.
- Points will be counted upon receipt of Points Report.
- Questions about prize lists should be directed to show management prior to the competition. It is the Exhibitor’s responsibility to understand and abide by each competition’s rules.
- No changes will be made after the competition year has ended unless a violation of rules has occurred and changes are supported by a rule infraction by a governing body (i.e.: USEF).
- All disputes will be resolved by the American Saddlebred Horse Association and the American Saddlebred Registry.

4. CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS

Shows are encouraged to add classes based on local preference. Points will count in all divisions of the following classes (with exceptions noted below):

Performance Classes

- Five-Gaited
- Three-Gaited
- Fine Harness
- Three-Gaited Park
- Park Pleasure
- Five-Gaited Show Pleasure
- Three-Gaited Show Pleasure
- Show Pleasure Driving
- Three-Gaited Country Pleasure
Four-Gaited Country Pleasure
Western Country Pleasure
Hunter Country Pleasure
Country Pleasure Driving
Saddle Ponies
Parade Horse

The following classes will not count for points:

- AOT/Amateur trained
- Limit/Novice/Maiden rider or horse
- State-restricted
- Model/In-hand

Award Distribution

- National Champion and Reserve Champion for single-horse AOTs
- National Champion and Reserve Champion for multiple-horse AOTs
- Point tabulation as follows:
  - Single judge show
    - First place: 10 points
    - Second place: 8 points
    - Third place: 6 points
    - Fourth place: 4 points
    - Fifth place: 2 points
  - Multiple judge show
    - First place: 15 points
    - Second place: 12 points
    - Third place: 9 points
    - Fourth place: 6 points
- Fifth place: 3 points
- Sixth place: 1 point
  - World’s Championship Horse Show
    - First place: 20 points
    - Second place: 16 points
    - Third place: 12 points
    - Fourth place: 8 points
    - Fifth place: 4 points
    - Sixth place: 2 points
- All points for all eligible classes are combined resulting in a single total for the year for the Owner.
- Awards will be distributed by ASHA.