

Information on “declaring your division” and “cross entering”

PWHA encourages each and every rider to enter a division or class that they are eligible for and can compete in safely.

However, our rules require each horse/rider combination - or “back number” - to “declare” which division they want their points to count toward for the 4 year end highpoint awards (Highpoint English, Highpoint Western, Highpoint Horse and Highpoint Rider)

This is done to try and keep the points system as fair as possible.

Example: Twelve year old “Suzie Q” who is a very talented rider but happens to be in her second year of showing on a horse who is in its first year of showing, could come to an English show and could enter Short Stirrup Hunter & Pleasure, Novice Rider Hunter & Pleasure, Novice Horse Hunter & Pleasure, Childrens Hunter & Pleasure, Working Hunter, Hunter In Hand, Command Break & Out and Open Walk Trot Hunter and Pleasure. This would give “Suzie Q” a HUGE advantage in points over a rider/horse who was not eligible to compete in more than one or two divisions. Now, “Suzie Q” is ABSOLUTELY allowed to enter each and every one of those divisions if she chose to BUT would have to pick which one she wanted to declare for highpoint awards. Say she chose Short Stirrup Hunter & Pleasure, all her points from that division as well as any open classes would count toward highpoint awards. However, “Suzie Q” was technically eligible for all the other divisions and competed in them at all of the shows, so to reward her for her efforts she will be eligible for year end awards in those divisions.

We don't want to discourage anyone from entering a division they are eligible for, we are just trying to keep the point system as fair as possible.

If you have ANY questions or concerns please come talk to Show Management.