



WHAT IS THE GMHA MEMBER YEAR-END AWARDS PROGRAM?

With approximately 1,500 members, GMHA is a vital community of equestrian enthusiasts. Our members' support helps to ensure that GMHA will continue to exist for generations to come, and will continue to preserve our important legacy in the equestrian community.

In 2024, we are excited to introduce a new Member Year-End Awards Program. This new program is one small way we can recognize the members that provide such vital support to GMHA programs and activities. As outlined below, we will provide year-end awards across our five disciplines to recognize the high-point member in Youth, Adult, and Trainer categories.

WHAT ARE THE AWARD CATEGORIES?

The GMHA Member Year-End Awards Program will recognize the achievements of high-point members in each discipline in the following categories:

Distance Riding (combined Competitive Trail & Endurance): Youth, Adult

Dressage: Youth, Adult, Trainer

Driving: Youth, Adult, Trainer

Eventing: Youth, Adult, Trainer

Hunter Jumper: Youth, Adult, Trainer

An additional *All Around Member* award will recognize the Youth and Adult members who earn the highest point total by competing in *two or more disciplines* during the 2024 season.

In each discipline, the Youth category will recognize those with GMHA Youth memberships and/or competitors 21 years of age and younger who are part of a GMHA family membership.

Note. Trainers who are also members of GMHA are eligible to receive recognition when named by a competitor submitting points via the process explained below. Business Members should enter points in the "Adult" category.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO EARN AN AWARD?

The GMHA Member Year-End Awards Program recognizes the achievements of members who compete in GMHA events. To qualify, the competitor must be a current GMHA member (youth, individual, family, business, or lifetime).

GMHA membership must be current at the time points are earned. It is the responsibility of the person entering points to confirm current membership. New members are eligible to start counting points from the date their membership begins. Renewing members are eligible for points as long as their membership is currently active.

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HOW ARE POINTS EARNED?

Year-End awards are tabulated on an annual basis during the competition year; in 2024, this runs from May 1, 2024 to October 6, 2024. Points are earned at any 2024 GMHA events in the following disciplines: Distance Riding (Competitive Trail & Endurance), Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Hunter Jumper. The All Around member award will incorporate points earned in *two or more disciplines*.

Placings from 1-6 in any GMHA class are eligible to earn points towards Member Year-End Awards Program as follows:

1st place: 10 points

3rd place: 8 points

5th place: 6 points

2nd place: 9 points

4th place: 7 points

6th place: 5 points

Members may submit points from all classes in which they earned a placing from 1-6. All submitted points will be added to calculate the high-point member (Youth, Adult, and Trainer) in each discipline.

Note. Trainers will accrue points when named by a competitor submitting points via the process explained below. Trainers must also be members of GMHA to receive an award. Business Members should enter points in the “Adult” category.

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY POINTS?

You are responsible for submitting all information related to points online via our online points collection form. The form may be reached via this link: <https://bit.ly/GMHAMemberAwards24>, or by scanning the QR code:



When you submit your points, be sure to have the following information available:

- Name of GMHA event
- Date of GMHA event
- Class number & class name
- Entry number
- Placing (1st-6th will be eligible for points)
- Trainer at the time of placing (*if applicable*)

All points must be **submitted by October 11, 2024 at 11:59pm ET**. After that date, all submitted points are final.

Random verification will be done on submitted Point Tally Forms. Proven fraudulent reporting of results will be grounds for removal from the program.

Note. Trainers do not have to enter points earned by clients; rather, trainers will accrue points when named by a competitor submitting points via this process. Trainers must also be members of GMHA to receive an award.

HOW WILL AWARDS BE ANNOUNCED?

All Member Year-End Award winners will be announced at GMHA's Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 3, 2024. All members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting virtually or in-person. Details about how to attend the meeting will be sent later in the year.