

### **Who is eligible to enter the Annual Competitive Awards Program?**

- ✓ *Horses that are registered with the Morab Horse Association & Register, Inc. as either Purebred or Appendix and owned by a current MHA member (Individual, Youth, Lifetime or named on a Family membership) may enroll in the program.*

### **Why should I enter my Morab in the Annual Competitive Awards Program?**

- ✓ *MHA Annual Awards are designed to honor those MHA Morabs who have demonstrated exceptional performance in one or more disciplines of competition over the course of a given calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.*
- ✓ *You have the opportunity to earn awards and recognition for your Morab's achievements on a yearly basis.*
- ✓ *The points your Morab earns accumulate annually and stay with him/her for a Lifetime. Additional awards are issued to those Morabs that reach the highest levels of achievement.*

### **What Divisions are available for my Morab to compete in?**

- 1. High Point In-Hand Morab** – *This division includes Halter, Showmanship and In-Hand Trail Classes. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon the number of enrollees. Points in this division accumulate based on the horse.*
- 2. High Point Performance Morab** - *This division includes Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Park, English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Driving, Carriage Driving, Show Hack, Trail, Western Riding, Equitation/Horsemanship, Liberty etc. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon the number of enrollees. Points in this division accumulate based on the horse.*
- 3. High Point Morab and Exhibitor at Open Shows** – *This division includes all classes of competition at Open all-breed shows. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon the number of enrollees. Points in this division accumulate based on the horse/exhibitor combination. The exhibitor MUST be a current member of MHA (Individual, Youth, Lifetime or named in a Family membership) in order to enter this division.*
- 4. High Point Sporting Morab** - *This division includes Dressage, Eventing, Combined Training, Jumping, Dressage Driving, Combined Driving, etc. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon the number of enrollees. Points in this division accumulate based on the horse.*
- 5. High Point Endurance and Competitive Trail Morab** – *This division includes AERC, NATRC, ECTRA, and similar open events. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon the number of enrollees. Points in this division accumulate based on the horse.*
- 6. High Point Working Morab** – *This division includes Team Penning, Working Cow Horse, Roping, Reining, Cutting, etc. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon the number of enrollees. Points in this division accumulate based on the horse.*
- 7. High Point Gymkhana Morab** – *This division includes barrel racing, pole bending, stake race, keyhole race, flag race, pylon alley, etc. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon the number of enrollees. Points in this division accumulate based on the horse.*
- 8. High Point Youth MHA Member** – *This division includes points earned by MHA Youth members at all shows, competitions and events of the types listed under the Annual Award Divisions numbered 1-7. This division may be split into two or more categories based upon*

*the number of enrollees. All points must be earned while competing with a MHA registered Morab, but there is no limit on the number of MHA registered Morabs that a member may compete and earn points with. Points in this division accumulate based on the Youth member, regardless of the number of Morabs s/he has competed with.*

**Do Purebred Morabs compete against Appendix Morabs for yearly awards?**

- ✓ *No. Purebred and Appendix Morabs each have their own programs; however, each program is identical.*

**Is there an age limit for Morabs to compete in the Annual Competitive Program?**

*Yes:*

- ✓ *Horses under 3 years of age as of January 1st of the current awards program year are not eligible to earn MHA awards program points in any under-saddle class, show, competition or event, nor may any member earn awards points in this manner.*
- ✓ *Horses under 2 years of age as of January 1st of the current awards program year are not eligible to earn MHA awards program points in any driving class, show, competition or event, nor may any member earn awards points in this manner.*
- ✓ *Horses of any age are eligible to earn MHA awards program points in any in-hand, showmanship or halter class.*

**What is the cost to enter?**

- ✓ *In 2006, the enrollment fee for participation in the Annual Awards Program is \$20 per calendar year. Payment of this enrollment fee entitles the entry to compete for awards in all eight Award Divisions. You **must check** the Division(s) on the entry form in which you wish to have points recorded.*
- ✓ *In 2007, the entry fees will increase slightly to help cover rising costs.*

**How do I enter my Morab?**

- ✓ *The owner or member/lessee of an eligible horse must complete and sign the MHA Awards Program Enrollment Form and pay the appropriate enrollment fees before points will begin to accumulate.*

**Is there a way to collect points from the years before my Morab was enrolled in the program?**

- ✓ *Absolutely, provided the following conditions are met:*
  1. *All Point Verification Forms (PVFs) must be completed in full before they are submitted. You may also submit Official Show Records from an organization in lieu of signatures, including but not limited to: AHA, MHA (Morgans), NATRC, AERC, etc. Please contact the Awards Office to verify an organization.*
  2. *There is a fee of \$40 for each calendar year you wish to submit.*
  3. *Points may not be submitted for years prior to 1999, when MHA was incorporated.*

**Will I be able to earn yearly awards for my Morab's past competitions?**

- ✓ *No, the points that your Morab has earned in previous years of competition will not be eligible for an annual award.*

**How do I record and submit my points?**

- ✓ *PVFs must be completed for all shows, competitions or events at which MHA awards points are earned, and must be signed by the owner or member/lessee and by the Show Secretary or other show, competition or event official.*
- ✓ *The requested contact information must be provided for all show secretaries and/or event officials so that placings may be verified.*

### **Where do I send my Point Verification Forms?**

- ✓ PVFs may be mailed to the MHA Business Office at any time. Please send them early to avoid unnecessary delays.
- ✓ You may also email scanned copies in either JPG or PDF format to **both** [BusinessOffice@morabs.com](mailto:BusinessOffice@morabs.com) and [AwardsProgram@morabs.com](mailto:AwardsProgram@morabs.com). Please be sure to put "MHA Point Verification Forms" in the Subject line in order to avoid being accidentally eaten by Spam Control.
- ✓ PVFs submitted to the MHA Awards Program Coordinator **must be postmarked** no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> of the year following the calendar year of participation in order to be included for that year.

### **When do my points start accumulating?**

- ✓ No points will be recorded until all fees are paid and the entry form is submitted.
- ✓ First-time participants may submit PVFs for competitions attended at any time during the calendar year, regardless of when they enter the program.
- ✓ Returning participants must re-enroll in the program before the points they earn will be counted.
- ✓ Incomplete PVFs will be returned to the owner or member/lessee and may be resubmitted upon completion.

### **How are the points calculated?**

- ✓ Unless otherwise specified, the MHA Awards Program will operate on a universal point system. The number of points earned will be determined by referring to the MHA Awards Program Official Table of Point Calculation.
- ✓ MHA Awards Program points will be given only for official placings actually awarded at a show, competition or event, reported by the enrollee on an official PVF, and verified by the sponsor of the show, competition or event.

### **Is there any way to earn "extra credit"?**

- ✓ When points are earned by participation at a Class A Morgan or Arabian show, or a show or event recognized by an official national association, for example, but not limited to, USAEq, USDF, ADS, USCTA, AERC, NATRC, ECTRA, USTPA, NRCHA, WPRA, NBHA, NRCHA, NRHA, NCHA, IAHC, CCHA, State 4-H and Regional/National Pony Club Rallies the number of points earned under the method of calculation described in (1) above will be doubled. The determination regarding whether or not points earned at an event sponsored by an association other than those listed above will be doubled shall be made by MHA and shall be final.
- ✓ When points are earned by participating in an MHA sponsored or approved Morab class, competition or event, the number of points earned under the normal method of calculation will be tripled.
- ✓ When points are earned by participating in a MHA Regional or National show, competition or event, the number of points earned under the normal method of calculation will be quadrupled.
- ✓ The type of competition (i.e. rated, open, MHA approved, etc.) must also be provided on the PVF. Events that are not properly categorized will not be eligible to have points doubled, tripled or quadrupled.

### **I competed in a Rated event. Why weren't my points doubled/tripled/quadrupled?**

- ✓ The "Event Type" space on your PVF was either left blank or said "open."
- ✓ The MHA Awards Office processes PVFs from dozens of events each year and is not responsible for assigning categories to every event.
- ✓ If you have questions or concerns about an event you have competed in, please contact the Awards Office before you send your form in. We will be happy to assist you!

**How are the winners determined?**

- ✓ *MHA Annual Award recipients will be determined based solely upon the number of points earned in a given calendar year.*

**What awards can my Morab and I earn?**

- *The winner in each Annual Division shall receive:*
  - ✓ *A trophy or plaque engraved with the award division, name of recipient and the year of the award*
  - ✓ *Publication in The Morab Horse magazine and on the [www.morabs.com](http://www.morabs.com) website.*
- *The first runner-up in each Annual Division shall receive:*
  - ✓ *A framed award certificate recording your accomplishment*
  - ✓ *Acknowledgment in The Morab Horse magazine and on the [www.morabs.com](http://www.morabs.com) website.*
- *The second, third and fourth runners-up shall receive :*
  - ✓ *Acknowledgment in The Morab Horse magazine and on the [www.morabs.com](http://www.morabs.com) website.*

**When can I expect to receive notification of an award?**

- ✓ *Points are due in the Awards Program Office no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year. The faster points are turned in, the faster the program is completed.*
- ✓ *Notification letters and awards are shipped on or around February 1<sup>st</sup>*
- ✓ *The website is updated when winners return their information to the Awards Office*

**I lease my Morab. Who receives the awards we've earned?**

- ✓ *Awards in the categories of "Morab & Exhibitor at Open Shows" and "MHA Youth" will be shipped to the exhibitor or Youth member.*
- ✓ *All other MHA Annual & Lifetime Achievement Awards will be shipped to the recorded owner of the horse.*