



*The International Side Saddle Organization*



## Point System Rules

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This point system is designed to encourage the members of the International Side Saddle Organization to use their side saddles in public competitions, events and activities.

Awards are given to the HIGH POINT RIDER and TOP TEN RIDERS for the year. There is a separate award for BREEDS.

### Yearly Award Categories:

- **Hunter Award** – all hunter classes, such as Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Over Fences and Hunter Hack with fences two (2) feet or over
- **English Pleasure** – all English pleasure including Bridle Path Hack, Road Hack, Hunter Pleasure
- **English Equitation** – any English equitation/hunter or saddle seat
- **Dressage** – all dressage and High Performance classes
- **English Activities** – includes all English ridden classes that are not included in the above English categories and includes classes with fences under two (2) feet. Also includes gymkhana classes that are open to both seats if ridden in an English saddle
- **Western Pleasure** – any Western pleasure or stock seat class
- **Western Horsemanship** – any Western or stock seat horsemanship class
- **Western Activities** – any Western ridden classes that are not included in the two Western categories shown above
- **Costume Award** – all classes judged on costumes; period, historical, other
- **Non-Arena Competitive** – Hunter paces, mini or 3 day events, horse trials, endurance or competitive trail rides
- **Non-Competitive** – Fox hunts, organized trail rides, parades, exhibitions, and reenactments will receive 10 points for mounted participation and 5 points for un-mounted participation.
- **Age groups** – Youth (0-12), Junior (13-17), Senior A (19-40) Senior B (41 and up) Age as of Jan 1.
- **State/Country awards** – Any state or country with ten or more members will be given a High Point Award

*All awards above are sponsored by ISSO and are paid for by Horse Registration Fees. Other awards may be privately sponsored. Many breed organizations offer additional awards to breed registered horses.*

There must be five members competing in each category for an award to be given. Members must earn at least twenty points in a category to win an award. Only high point and reserve placed will be awarded unless additional placings are sponsored. All other awards will be given a sponsored. For more information please contact the Points Secretary.

## **Point rules:**

1. Owners and riders must be current and paid ISSO members in good standing for the year.
2. Points must be recorded on the CORRECT ISSO Form provided for that purpose. Forms may be duplicated or obtained from the ISSO web site. Contact the Points Secretary for a sample form.
1. Forms must be completely filled out. Incomplete, or unsigned forms or forms lacking the requisite supporting documents will be returned and will not accepted for points.
2. A member of the show, parade or event committee or other such official must sign the form.
3. All horses must be registered with the Point Secretary prior to any points being counted. If a horse is leased, a copy of the lease agreement must accompany the registration form.
4. The registration fee is \$20.00 per horse. Additional horses will be charged a \$10.00 registration fee. Complete the Horse Registration form and send fees prior to submitting points for the horse.
5. Points must be submitted to ISSO within 30 days of the event. The point year ends December 31. ALL points earned after December 14, must be in by January 15 or they will not be included.
6. A copy of the show bill or prize list must accompany the point form. The show secretary or managers' contact information must be on the show bill. Parades, hunts and demonstrations that have no show bill must have some official proof of participation and placing from the manger or chairman (Letter, flyer, dopy of an entry form, newspaper accounting, etc.)
7. Points will be given of each non competitive parade, demonstrations of 30 minutes of more, etc., in which one participates while riding aside. A maximum of three (3) demonstrations will be accepted for any given date. Points will be 10 for each ridden or mounted demonstration and 5 for non-ridden or un-mounted participation. For example: someone carrying an ISSO banner for a parade or an outwalker for safety, or a non-mounted demo/lecture/ discussion group or booth work.
8. Demonstrations must be primarily educational in purpose. Side saddle entertainment performances of less than 5 minutes, shall receive 1 point per production with a maximum of 3 per day.
9. Points will be awarded to various categories, upon the decision of the Point Secretary, when it is not obvious from the show bill as to the category in which they belong.
10. For simplification, parades, hunts and competitive trail rides, etc., may be referred to as classes.
11. All riding points must be earned while riding on a side saddle. All riders must be ISSO members in good standing. All horses used must be owned by ISSO members in good standing. Points will follow each horse/rider combination. Exceptions: In the equitation category, the points will follow the rider, regardless of those or horses ridden. Parade out-walkers accompanying a sidesaddle unit, un-mounted presenters of a sidesaddle/ISSO demonstration or presentation, and those working ISSO booths at expos or clinics will receive un-mounted points.
12. Registered horses must have a copy of registration paper on file with the Points Secretary to be eligible for any sponsored breed award.
13. Points earned in Open Pleasure Classes, Country Pleasure Classes, etc. will not be recorded unless style of riding (saddle) is indicated on the point form. Competitor must indicate if Western, English or Period tack and attire is used.
14. Points earned in Beginning, Maiden or Novice classes (As defined by the show committee) will not be awarded to horse or rider that have earned more than 50 points in the ISSO point system or have ridden or shown aside for more than three (3) years.
15. Points in question will be checked with the Show Secretary or Parade manager, Etc. Any member found cheating will be disqualified. If Show Secretary or Manager cannot be located by conventional methods, those points in question will be disqualified.
16. No points will be accepted from any person, show or organization indebted to ISSO.

**Points will be awarded for all High Point Awards as follows:**

Ten or less participants		11-20 participants		21-30 Participants	
Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	15	1 <sup>st</sup>	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	3 <sup>rd</sup>	13	3 <sup>rd</sup>	18
4 <sup>th</sup>	7	4 <sup>th</sup>	12	4 <sup>th</sup>	17
5 <sup>th</sup>	6	5 <sup>th</sup>	11	5 <sup>th</sup>	16
6 <sup>th</sup>	5	6 <sup>th</sup>	10	6 <sup>th</sup>	15
7 <sup>th</sup>	4	7 <sup>th</sup>	9	7 <sup>th</sup>	14
8 <sup>th</sup>	3	8 <sup>th</sup>	8	8 <sup>th</sup>	13
9 <sup>th</sup>	2	9 <sup>th</sup>	7	9 <sup>th</sup>	12
10 <sup>th</sup>	1	10 <sup>th</sup>	6	10 <sup>th</sup>	11

**Classes with only one horse will be awarded half of the points normally awarded for the placing of that horse.**

**No bonus points are given for breed or nationally recognized shows.**

**ISSO Medal Awards/WSFI Certificate of Honor/Certificate of Excellence Awards**

These programs will continue as originally set up, however, no new applicants will be enrolled. A new Life Time achievement program started in 2006

**ISSO Honor Roll**

Participants in the ISSO Point system that earn 1000 points will be awarded a plaque commemorating this milestone in their side saddle career. Points will be recorded for this award starting January 1, 2006 and will be maintained for each equine and/or rider until the 1000<sup>th</sup> point is recorded, providing that membership in ISSO is maintained continuously. Presentation of the awards will be at the awards banquet following the achievement of the 1000<sup>th</sup> point.