

# 2026 AQHA Leveling Point Chart for Determining Horse or Exhibitor Level

Level 3 classes are open to all horses and exhibitors, there are no limits on points earned in that class.

Classes only offered as Level 3 (not leveled): Jumping, Pleasure Driving, Ranch Sorting, Team Penning, Working Cow Horse Box Drive

## Open Class Point Ranges

Horse may show up in other levels

Open Classes (Leveled by Horse)	ROOKIE <sup>1</sup>	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
Barrel Racing: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 17.5
Barrel Racing: Junior			0 - 11
Barrel Racing: Senior			0 - 18
Hunter Hack: All Age	No Limit	0 - 25	0 - 24
Hunter Hack: Junior			0 - 17
Hunter Hack: Senior			0 - 24
Hunter Under Saddle: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 33.5
Hunter Under Saddle: Junior			0 - 29
Hunter Under Saddle: Senior			0 - 31
Pole Bending: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 18
Pole Bending: Junior			0 - 11.5
Pole Bending: Senior			0 - 18
Ranch Riding: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 39
Ranch Riding: Junior			0 - 31.5
Ranch Riding: Senior			0 - 36.5
Ranch Trail: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 37.5
Ranch Trail: Junior			0 - 25
Ranch Trail: Senior			0 - 37
Reining: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 20.5
Reining: Junior			0 - 17
Reining: Senior			0 - 20
Trail: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 102
Trail: Junior			0 - 60
Trail: Senior			0 - 99
Western Pleasure: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 40.5
Western Pleasure: Junior			0 - 33
Western Pleasure: Senior			0 - 35
Western Riding: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 67
Western Riding: Junior			0 - 28.5
Western Riding: Senior			0 - 69

## Amateur Class Point Ranges

Exhibitor may show up in other levels

Amateur Classes (Leveled by Exhibitor)	ROOKIE <sup>2</sup>	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
Barrel Racing: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 15.5	0 - 13.5
Barrel Racing: Select			0 - 22.5
Breakaway Roping: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 19	0 - 15.5
Breakaway Roping: Select			0 - 28.5
Cutting: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 16	0 - 25
Cutting: Select			0 - 20.5
Equitation over Fences: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 15	0 - 18.5
Equitation over Fences: Select			0 - 16
Halter/Performance Halter: Amateur/Select	0 - 9.5	0 - 32.5	0 - 28
Heading: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 42	0 - 32
Heading: Select			0 - 50
Heeling: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 34	0 - 36
Heeling: Select			0 - 50
Hunt Seat Equitation: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 22.5	0 - 36
Hunt Seat Equitation: Select			0 - 27.5
Hunter Hack: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 14	0 - 18.5
Hunter Hack: Select			0 - 18.5
Hunter Under Saddle: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 18.5	0 - 23.5
Hunter Under Saddle: Select			0 - 26.5
Pole Bending: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 16.5	0 - 15
Pole Bending: Select			0 - 25.5
Ranch Riding: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 30	0 - 26.5
Ranch Riding: Select			0 - 46.5
Ranch Trail: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 22	0 - 28
Ranch Trail: Select			0 - 32
Reining: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 15.5	0 - 18.5
Reining: Select			0 - 23
Showmanship: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 41.5	0 - 65
Showmanship: Select			0 - 56
Stake Race: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 21.5	0 - 10
Stake Race: Select			0 - 33

## Youth Class Point Ranges

Exhibitor may show up in other levels

Youth Classes (Leveled by Exhibitor)	ROOKIE <sup>2</sup>	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
Barrel Racing: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 12.5
Barrel Racing: 14-18			0 - 10
Barrel Racing: 18-&-Under			0 - 10.5
Breakaway Roping: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 13
Cutting: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 10
Equitation over Fences: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 15	0 - 17
Equitation over Fences: 14-18			0 - 12.5
Equitation over Fences: 18-&-Under			0 - 13
Halter/Performance Halter: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 41.5	0 - 33.5
Heading: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 10
Heeling: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 12
Hunt Seat Equitation: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 31.5	0 - 34
Hunt Seat Equitation: 14-18			0 - 43
Hunt Seat Equitation: 18-&-Under			0 - 42.5
Hunter Hack: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 14	0 - 17.5
Hunter Hack: 14-18			0 - 12.5
Hunter Hack: 18-&-Under			0 - 13.5
Hunter Under Saddle: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 24	0 - 24
Hunter Under Saddle: 14-18			0 - 27
Hunter Under Saddle: 18-&-Under			0 - 29
Pole Bending: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 12.5
Pole Bending: 14-18			0 - 10
Pole Bending: 18-&-Under			0 - 10
Ranch Riding: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 19	0 - 25.5
Ranch Riding: 14-18			0 - 24
Ranch Riding: 18-&-Under			0 - 23.5
Ranch Trail: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 17.5	0 - 26
Ranch Trail: 14-18			0 - 18.5
Ranch Trail: 18-&-Under			0 - 18
Reining: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 12	0 - 17
Reining: 14-18			0 - 17
Reining: 18-&-Under			0 - 15.5

Open Class Point Ranges continued			
Working Hunter: All Age	No Limit	0 - 25	0 - 27.5
Working Hunter: Junior			0 - 17.5
Working Hunter: Senior			0 - 27
Working Hunter Under Saddle: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 23
Working Hunter Under Saddle: Junior			0 - 17
Working Hunter Under Saddle: Senior			0 - 17
Working Western Rail: All Age	0 - 49.5	0 - 25	0 - 26.5
Working Western Rail: Junior			0 - 21
Working Western Rail: Senior			0 - 24.5

Open Classes (Leveled by Exhibitor)	Rookie <sup>2</sup>	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
Breakaway Roping	0 - 9.5	0 - 16	0 - 23
Cutting	0 - 9.5	0 - 19.5	0 - 30
Halter/Performance Halter	0 - 9.5	0 - 27.5	0 - 24
Heading	0 - 9.5	0 - 98.5	0 - 161.5
Heeling	0 - 9.5	0 - 111	0 - 178
Tie-Down Roping	0 - 9.5	0 - 55	0 - 83
Working Cow Horse	0 - 9.5	0 - 26.5	0 - 42.5

Level 1 Horse Non-Pro Classes (Leveled by Horse)	LEVEL 1
Hunt Seat Equitation	0 - 10
Showmanship	0 - 10
Western Horsemanship	0 - 10

*Points earned in these classes count toward an exhibitors' Rookie and Level 1 eligibility*

All ranges are figured from the collective number of points earned by class from November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2024

Amateur Class Point Ranges continued			
Tie: Down Roping: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 26.5	0 - 22.5
Tie: Down Roping: Select			0 - 38.5
Trail: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 41	0 - 51
Trail: Select			0 - 60
Western Horsemanship: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 38	0 - 62
Western Horsemanship: Select			0 - 57
Western Pleasure: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 23	0 - 21
Western Pleasure: Select			0 - 33.5
Western Riding: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 20.5	0 - 28.5
Western Riding: Select			0 - 29.5
Working Cow Horse: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 12.5	0 - 20
Working Cow Horse: Select			0 - 10
Working Cow Horse Boxing: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 11.5	0 - 17.5
Working Cow Horse Boxing: Select			0 - 13.5
Working Hunter: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 17.5	0 - 20
Working Hunter: Select			0 - 18
Working Hunter Under Saddle: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 13.5	0 - 20
Working Hunter Under Saddle: Select			0 - 17.5
Working Western Rail: Amateur	0 - 9.5	0 - 17	0 - 17
Working Western Rail: Select			0 - 27
Level 1 grouping is based on the higher point ranges of the age groups			

Small-Fry, Walk-Trot, and points earned at Introductory Shows are not included in leveling calculations.

Level 1 eligibility is based on points earned in Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 classes.

Level 2 eligibility is based on points earned in Level 2 and Level 3 classes.

<sup>1</sup>Rookie horses must have earned fewer than 50 points in that class - all divisions combined, with the exception of over fence classes for which there is no limit of points: hunter hack, working hunter, and equitation over fences.

<sup>2</sup>Rookie eligibility for exhibitors is fewer than 10 points by class - all divisions combined.

Youth Class Point Ranges continued			
Showmanship: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 40	0 - 60
Showmanship: 14-18			0 - 54
Showmanship: 18-&-Under			0 - 50.5
Stake Race: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 10
Stake Race: 14-18			0 - 10
Stake Race: 18-&-Under			0 - 10
Tie-Down Roping: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 9.5	0 - 10
Trail: 13-&-Under			0 - 48
Trail: 14-18			0 - 55
Trail: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 38	0 - 51.5
Western Horsemanship: 13-&-Under			0 - 57.5
Western Horsemanship: 14-18			0 - 73
Western Horsemanship: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 48.5	0 - 68.5
Western Pleasure: 13-&-Under			0 - 20.5
Western Pleasure: 14-18			0 - 23.5
Western Pleasure: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 23	0 - 24.5
Western Riding: 13-&-Under			0 - 27.5
Western Riding: 14-18			0 - 24
Western Riding: 18-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 20.5	0 - 23
Working Cow Horse: 18-&-Under			0 - 10
Working Cow Horse Boxing: 18-&-Under			0 - 12.5
Working Hunter: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 16.5	0 - 18.5
Working Hunter: 14-18			0 - 13.5
Working Hunter: 18-&-Under			0 - 13.5
Working Hunter Under Saddle: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 12.5	0 - 19
Working Hunter Under Saddle: 14-18			0 - 11.5
Working Hunter Under Saddle: 18-&-Under			0 - 12.5
Working Western Rail: 13-&-Under	0 - 9.5	0 - 11	0 - 16
Working Western Rail: 14-18			0 - 12.5
Working Western Rail: 18-&-Under			0 - 13
Level 1 grouping is based on the higher point ranges of the age groups			