

**Northwest Saddlebred Association  
Silver Circuit Awards Regulations  
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The SILVER CIRCUIT Awards program is a program set into place to give recognition to our NWSA membership for their participation and support of our Northwest Horse Shows. Our awards are designed to acknowledge individual effort and achievement and include a year-end high point and reserve high point award for an amateur and juvenile rider. This rider/member may compete for these respective high point awards by signing and returning the Silver Circuit entry form by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The high point winners are still eligible for all other division trophies.

To encourage fair participation, NWSA has designated that the SILVER CIRCUIT High Point amateur and juvenile member may win this award only once every three years. Both amateur member and juvenile member must compete on a single designated horse in any SILVER CIRCUIT trophy division.

**Geographic Definition:**

The geographic area for the NWSA SILVER CIRCUIT participation shall include all existing regions within a 300-mile radius around and including Portland, Oregon. Silver Circuit approvals will be limited to these areas in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, Canada.

**Paragraph I NWSA Silver Circuit Qualifications**

All member horses/ponies qualify for the silver circuit awards. Points will be earned only by those members in good standing with NWSA from the date NWSA receives a completed membership application including applicable fees. There is no need to enter a horse in a particular division, the horse's points will be tabulated for each respective class after each horse show the horse has competed and earned points in.

NWSA Saddle Seat Equitation trophies are for junior exhibitors using the appropriate English equipment. Junior exhibitors are those contestants that have not reached their eighteenth birthday prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year, and are either Junior members or members of a Family or Stable membership.

Ownership of a horse may be transferred during the year without loss of Silver Circuit points provided the new owner is a member or becomes a member within ten days of acquisition and notification is given to Silver Circuit Secretary prior to next show participation.

LEASES: An official lease of a horse shall be construed as a bonafied ownership and a copy of aforesaid lease must be on file with the SILVER CIRCUIT Secretary stating the lease period. The award is made to the owner/lessor as shown on NWSA recording files at the time the horse earns its last point in competition.

## **Paragraph II – NWSA Silver Circuit Approved Shows**

SILVER CIRCUIT points may be obtained at NWSA approved shows only.

The criteria for NWSA SILVER CIRCUIT shows will be as follows:

1. All Silver Circuit shows must be two days or more.
2. All Silver Circuit shows must offer the following juvenile classes:
  - A. 10 & under walk & trot equitation
  - B. 10 & under walk & trot pleasure
  - C. Saddle Seat Equitation 11-13
  - D. Saddle Seat Equitation 14-17
  - E. Saddle Seat Equitation Championship
  - F. Other juvenile classes shall be determined by show management.
3. The NWSA Silver Circuit show approval fee shall be \$25.00. The fee will allow each show secretary to have access to the Good Go Publication for advertisement as recognition. A NWSA membership list will be provided to show management upon request.
4. All shows must offer a minimum of six divisions with corresponding championships at each show. Single qualifier division will have corresponding championships (i.e. Country Pleasure Driving Championship) and multiple qualifier divisions will have single championships if having one qualifier (i.e. Five gaited amateur will have Five gaited amateur championship.) NWSA Silver Circuit shows having multiple qualifiers (i.e. five gaited amateur, five gaited pleasure, and five gaited open) will meet the requirement by having an open championship.
5. All requests for NWSA Silver Circuit approval must be made by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and include the approval fee. The NWSA Board reserves the right to limit the number of Silver Circuit shows to assure quality and attendance at the approved shows.
6. Show premium books must be sent to all NWSA members.
7. All Show results must be completed and returned to the NWSA Silver Circuit secretary with ten (10) days after the horse show. Silver Circuit

points will be awarded to each ribbon winner provided they are a member of NWSA at the time they compete for that ribbon.

8. NWSA show results must include name of horse, name of rider, age if juvenile, name of owner and placing received. An owner/exhibitors list with names and addresses must also be included. It is preferred that an actual class sheet with results that indicate all horses entered and shown be submitted to the points secretary. Points may be published throughout the year in the Good Go.

### **Paragraph III NWSA Silver Circuit High Points**

The winner of each high point award shall be the horse/pony and its owner/lessor accumulating the most points in its classification at recognized SILVER CIRCUIT approved show. (See paragraph II) To be eligible for a year-end award, the horse or equitation rider must show in a consistent division at a minimum of three different Silver Circuit shows. A horse/pony may still earn points in all divisions, i.e. three gaited horse entered in three gaited junior horse and /or three gaited amateur can earn points in both categories. Also, country pleasure horses can earn points in both driving and riding if the horse competes in both divisions.

NWSA will offer four Silver Circuit high point of the year awards. They are NWSA Silver Circuit Junior exhibitor 13 and under, NWSA Silver Circuit Junior Exhibitor 14-17, NWSA Silver Circuit Amateur Pleasure and NWSA Silver Circuit Amateur Gaited/Performance. Amateurs may choose to compete in only one of the two divisions for Silver Circuit high points for the year.

#### Gaited/Performance

Five Gaited  
Three Gaited  
Fine Harness  
Hackney  
Road Horse  
Park

#### Pleasure

English Country Pleasure  
Western Country Pleasure  
Country Pleasure Driving  
English Show Pleasure  
Show Pleasure Driving  
Five Gaited Pleasure  
Five Gaited Country Pleasure

### **Paragraph IV NWSA Silver Circuit Junior Exhibitor High Point of the Year**

Competition is open to any junior member of NWSA. Each exhibitor must notify NWSA by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year stating which horse/pony, as well as in which division, they will show. All divisions offered will be recognized for this award, but exhibitors may only designate one division. (i.e. show pleasure driving, show pleasure riding, equitation) One qualifier and one championship class per show will count. This award is different from the other Silver Circuit awards as this award recognizes the rider/driver and the horse/pony, not just the horse/pony. It is possible for a junior to win this award and the horse/pony could also win a

different category as well. The same exhibitor may not win this award more than once in a three-year period.

### **Paragraph V NWSA Silver Circuit Amateur Exhibitor High Point of the Year**

Competition is open to any amateur exhibitor currently a member of NWSA. Each exhibitor must notify NWSA which horse/pony they will use for this award by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any late entries will not be awarded points retroactive for any shows entered prior to NWSA receiving exhibitor's entry. The same exhibitor may not win this award more than once in a three year period.

The type of award given shall be determined annually by the NWSA Board of Directors and SILVER CIRCUIT Chairman. Awards will be announced at the beginning of the show season.

### **Paragraph VI NWSA Silver Circuit Points**

All scores of members per paragraph I, exhibiting in NWSA approved shows will be kept on file and respective standings may be made available through regular printing of SILVER CIRCUIT standings in the Good Go or by contacting the SILVER CIRCUIT Secretary. Show results from official show report sheets or marked official programs will determine all standings for SILVER CIRCUIT awards. NWSA shall not be liable for the failure of a show to file properly marked results with the SILVER CIRCUIT Secretary. If there is a discrepancy, the responsibility of submitting burden of proof rests entirely with the owner and/or exhibitor. Points will be awarded as follows:

No minimum number of entries per class required.

Points will be awarded according to ribbons awarded no matter how many entries are in a class. **To be eligible for championship points, the horse must have shown in the qualifying class for that division.**

Example: If the class has 8 entries, the points available would be:

	Open	Championship
1st	6	12
2nd	5	10
3rd	4	8
4th	3	6
5th	2	4
6th	1	2

### **Paragraph VII NWSA SILVER CIRCUIT DIVISIONS**

High Points to be offered for the following divisions:

Five Gaited Division

*Open - Amateur - Junior Horse - Juvenile - Show Pleasure - Country Pleasure*

Three Gaited Division

*Open - Amateur - Junior Horse - Juvenile*

Fine Harness Division

*Open – Amateur - Junior Horse*

Park Horse Open

Park Pleasure Horse

*Open – Junior Horse*

Hackney Pony

*Hackney Pony Open – Hackney Harness Pony Open – Hackney Pleasure Pony*

*Open – Hackney Roadster Pony Open*

Roadster to Bike

*Open – Amateur*

Three Gaited Show Pleasure

*Senior to ride – Junior to ride*

Show Pleasure Driving

*Senior to drive – Junior to drive*

English Country Pleasure

*Senior to ride – Junior to ride*

Country Pleasure Driving

Western Country Pleasure

*Senior to ride – Junior to ride*

Hunter Country Pleasure

10 and Under Walk and Trot Pleasure

Equitation

*10 and under Walk and Trot – 11 through 13 – 14 through 17*

Leadline

*8 & Under – W/T on a Lead 10 & Under*

Versatility

*Horse must have been shown in three different divisions*

Note: Limit and novice classes do not count towards the year-end awards. Special programs such as the UPHA Challenge Cup, Saddle & Bridle's Shatner Classes, the UPHA Classics, and the Futurity classes will not be counted towards year-end awards either because of the nature of the programs.