

# NEW MEXICO PALOMINO EXHIBITORS ASSOCIATION

## YEAR END AWARDS PROGRAM

(revised for 2026 show season, November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, and after)



The NMPEA Year End High Point Awards Program is designed to reward registered Palomino Horse Breeders of America (PHBA) horses for their outstanding performances at horse shows and competitions in the state of New Mexico. The intent of the program is to reach ALL Palomino horse enthusiasts, owners and exhibitors who show PHBA Registered Palomino and Palomino Bred horses in the state of NM at PHBA sanctioned horse shows and at other horse shows and events.

NMPEA Members are able to show in their own recognized associations and at PHBA sanctioned and sponsored shows to compete for NMPEA year end awards.

Points towards year end awards can be earned based upon the placing and number of horses in a show or competition. To encourage participation at PHBA sanctioned and NMPEA sponsored shows in New Mexico, double points will be awarded from placings in PHBA classes for Palomino and Palomino Bred classes at these shows.

To compete in amateur and youth and/or novice divisions for the Palomino and Palomino Bred High Point Awards, the exhibitor must hold an amateur or youth card and/or novice amateur or novice youth card with PHBA. Amateur and youth points will be kept on a one horse and one exhibitor team.

### NMPEA PALOMINO YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS

Junior Horse

Senior Horse

Amateur Exhibitor & Horse

Amateur Walk/Trot Exhibitor & Horse

Novice Amateur Exhibitor & Horse

Youth 13 & Under Exhibitor & Horse

Youth 14-18 Exhibitor & Horse

Novice Youth Exhibitor & Horse

Youth Walk/Trot Exhibitor & Horse

### NMPEA PALOMINO BRED YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS

Palomino Bred Open Horse

Palomino Bred Amateur Exhibitor & Horse

Palomino Bred Amateur Walk/Trot Exhibitor & Horse

Palomino Bred Youth 13 & Under Exhibitor & Horse

Palomino Bred Youth 14-18 Exhibitor & Horse

Palomino Bred Youth Walk/Trot Exhibitor & Horse

#### DOES YOUR ALL BREED HORSE QUALIFY TO SHOW AS A PALOMINO BRED????

Horses of any color produced from the breeding of at least one Palomino in color (stated on papers going back three generations) registered with any of the PHBA recognized breeds (refer to PHBA Official Handbook rule #521).

Your opportunity to gain recognition and awards at the state and national level.

## NMPEA RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATIONS

Points for awards can be earned competing at shows and competitions approved by the following associations AND/OR their respective state and/or regional associations.\*\*

### National Associations

AQHA – American Quarter Horse Assoc.  
APHA – American Paint Horse Assoc.  
ASHA – American Saddlebred Horse Assoc.  
ApHC – Appaloosa Horse Club  
AHHA – Arabian Horse Assoc.  
JC – Jockey Club  
PtHA – Pinto Horse Assoc.  
POA – Pony of America  
NBHA – National Barrel Horse Assoc.  
NCHA – National Cutting Horse Assoc.  
NHSRA – National High School Rodeo Assoc.  
NHJA – National Hunter & Jumper Assoc.  
NRHA – National Reining Horse Assoc.  
NRCHA – National Reined Cow Horse Assoc.  
NSBA – National Snaffle Bit Assoc.  
And many others

### New Mexico Regional Associations

All Breed Horse Show Assoc.  
Enchantment Driving Society  
4-H County, District, and State Horse Shows  
NM State Fair Horse Shows  
Northern NM Horsemen's Assoc.  
Pecos Valley Horsemen's Assoc.  
Horsemen's Assoc. of Southern NM  
Rio Grande Mule & Donkey Assoc.  
Carlsbad Horsemen's Assoc.  
NM Buckskin Assoc.  
NM High School Rodeo  
NM Paint Horse Club  
NM Quarter Horse Assoc.  
NM Pinto Horse Assoc.  
SW Quarter Horse Assoc.  
NM State Fair All Breed Horse Show

### All Breed Classes at shows sponsored by:

NM Paint Horse Club  
NM Buckskin Assoc.  
NM Pinto Horse Assoc.  
NM Quarter Horse Assoc.

And MORE (including all breed classes at many local club shows and fun days).....

\*\*Submit requests in writing to NMPEA to add your club or organization to this list.

In order for NMPEA to include an event or organization in the Year End Awards Program, the competition must be sponsored by an association or organization that has an established record-keeping, governing body, as well as a representative who will sign report card.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. The horse must be a Palomino or Palomino Bred horse registered with the Palomino Horse Breeders of America (PHBA). NMPEA year end awards are open to horses from any state. PHBA registration of an eligible horse can be completed prior to entry at a PHBA sanctioned show.
2. The exhibitor and owner of the horse must be current member(s) of NMPEA and PHBA (memberships can be paid prior to entry at a PHBA sanctioned show):
  - a. As a New Mexico affiliate member of PHBA. Copy(ies) of PHBA membership card(s) must accompany enrollment form with affiliate membership designated as NMPEA. Note: A PHBA membership includes an affiliate membership. Your state affiliate is designated on your PHBA membership card on the upper right hand corner. If you have recently completed your PHBA membership application and have not yet received your PHBA membership card; a copy of your membership application, whether mailed or completed online, may be submitted with your enrollment. A copy of your PHBA membership card will need to be sent to the point keeper when received.
  - b. Or, if a PHBA affiliate member in another state, by paying a \$10.00 NMPEA affiliate membership fee or \$5.00 NMPEA youth affiliate membership fee (enrollment fee and affiliate membership form must accompany enrollment form). An affiliate membership is good for one show season ending on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. NMPEA membership is open to members from any state.

## ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. An enrollment form must be completed and sent to the NMPEA point keeper for each year of participation (based on show season November 1 – October 31). If competing for Palomino or Palomino Bred Year End Awards, a copy of the horse's PHBA registration papers (or copy of registration application) must accompany enrollment form.
2. An annual enrollment \$20.00 fee (non-refundable) must be paid per horse. Please ask for clarification if you have questions.
  - a. Open (junior and senior horse): Points accumulate on the horse, can have different exhibitors. The horse owners and exhibitors MUST be current members of NMPEA for points to count.
  - b. Amateur and/or Youth Divisions: Points accumulate on a one horse and one exhibitor team. The horse owners and exhibitors MUST be current members of NMPEA for points to count.

*IMPORTANT! All above requirements must be met before points will count toward current year end awards.*  
*Enrollment form and fees must be postmarked and membership paid before points to count for awards program.*  
*Enrollment forms, fees and memberships can also be submitted and paid at NMPEA sponsored shows prior to showing before any points count for year end awards.*

3. Only points from shows held within the state of New Mexico will count towards the NMPEA awards program.
4. To be eligible for year end awards ONE of the following requirements must also be met:
  - a. Members must work accumulate 100 volunteer points over the show season. Points can be earned by working at a show in a variety of duties; assisting with show preparation; actively serving on committees such as awards, banquet, and show committees; or by getting someone (can be friend or family) to work for them. Volunteer points cannot be earned by someone in a paid position at the show. Volunteers will be responsible for submitting points to the volunteer coordinator/recorder to be verified and tracked. Points are not transferable except among immediate family. See volunteer points and rules for more information. Members who earn volunteer points during the show season but fail to meet the 100 volunteer point requirement will be able to pay for additional points at the rate of \$1 per point to meet the 100 points needed.

- b. Members can also opt to pay \$100 before their first approved show in lieu of the volunteer point requirement.
- c. OR, the exhibitor or owner must obtain \$100.00 or more in NMPEA sponsorships (due with enrollment form).

5. The show season is November 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>.

6. Horse (or horse and rider team) must show to at least three judges or at three separate competitions in a division during the show year to be eligible for a year end award in that division.

7. Points from all PHBA sanctioned classes held in NM count towards NMPEA Palomino or Palomino Bred year end awards.

8. Points earned at up to six non-PHBA sanctioned shows or events or non-NMPEA sponsored shows can be submitted towards year end awards. Please ask if you have questions.

Note: Points earned in classes other than PHBA approved classes at a show that offers PHBA classes count as one of the six non-PHBA sanctioned shows that can be used for year end award tabulation but these classes do not count as an additional competition when meeting the three competition requirement to be eligible for year end awards.

Points earned in judged “training,” “warm-up,” and/or “green” classes (including walk/trot) can be used for year end award tabulation. A horse’s, or horse and exhibitor team’s, six BEST non-PHBA sanctioned shows or non-NMPEA sponsored shows will be used when tabulating year end awards. Example: a member might submit a show report card for a non-PHBA show where only 5 state points are earned and later show at a show where he (she) earned 8 points. If six non-PHBA sanctioned shows have already been submitted for year end awards, the lower point earning show can be replaced with the higher point earning show provided all other requirements have been fulfilled and only six non-PHBA sanctioned shows are used towards year end awards.

9. Tie Breakers to be used for all year end awards:
 

- a. Most first places (counted from those shows used for year end award tabulation),
- b. Most classes shown where points are earned.
- c. Flip of a coin.

## SUBMITTING RESULTS

1. Point keeper will automatically receive show results from shows sponsored by NMPEA.
2. One report card must be completed for each show NOT sponsored by NMPEA.
3. One report card can be used for multiple horses participating at one show.
4. The show official (secretary or manager) or exhibitor/owner must fill out placing received and number of entries in class.
5. The show official must sign the report card and state the position he/she holds.
6. **IMPORTANT!** The report card must be mailed or emailed to the NMPEA point keeper within thirty days after the show or event (postmark or email date). In order to tabulate year end awards prior to the annual banquet, the last date to submit show report cards for the show season ending October 31<sup>st</sup> is November 15<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions.
7. Include a show or contest premium when mailing or emailing the show report card.
8. Acceptable substitutes for the NMPEA show report card:
  - a. A copy of a completed official PHBA Palomino Performance Program report card can be used as a substitute for the NMPEA report card and must meet all above requirements above to be eligible for the NMPEA year end awards program.
  - b. An “official” horse show statement showing the placing and number of entries in each class can be used in place of the report card and must be signed by the exhibitor and mailed or emailed to the point keeper.
9. Points earned for each event will be recorded according to the number of entries in the event as follows:
 

1 horse	1 point
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2 horses	1 <sup>st</sup> place earns 2 points & 2 <sup>nd</sup> place earns 1 point
3 horses	3 - 2 - 1
4 horses	4 - 3 - 2 - 1
5 horses	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
6 or more horses	6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

### NANCY GRICE Memorial Buckle Award

In memory of Nancy Grice, long time NMPEA member and board member and exhibitor and breeder of Palomino horses, Bob Grice has generously sponsored an annual award. Nancy's passion for golden horses and outstanding halter horses helped define the award requirements. Beginning in 2021, an annual Nancy Grice Memorial Buckle will be awarded to the High Point Halter and Color Horse in a specific division (youth, amateur or open) each year. Horse must be a Palomino. Points will be calculated on PHBA halter and color classes at shows in held in NM using the NMPEA state point system. Horse owner and exhibitor(s) must be NMPEA affiliate member(s) and horse must be enrolled in the year end awards program. The award will rotate each year with the 2021 buckle being awarded in the youth division, 2022 in the amateur division and 2023 open and so forth.

### NMPEA Participation Award(s)

Earn a chance to win by participating in NMPEA shows, events and projects held in NM. To earn entries in a drawing for participation award(s) to be given at the year-end awards banquet members can:

- Compete in PHBA sanctioned classes held in NM during the show season (November 1 – October 31)
- Compete in All Breed classes held during the show season at NMPEA sponsored shows
- Volunteer at an NMPEA sponsored show, actively participate on NMPEA committees or assist with website or facebook pages
- Attend NMPEA meetings (such as board meetings or youth meetings) & practices (such as youth judging team practices and events held in NM)
- Participate in NMPEA fundraising, outreach and community service projects
- Become a sponsor of NMPEA. Must complete and submit a sponsorship form
- And more...

Must be an NMPEA affiliate member. No need to own a horse or show. Members will be required to record and track their own participation and submit to awards committee (youth will submit to youth advisor) at least twenty one days prior to the annual banquet. See website, [www.nmpea.com](http://www.nmpea.com), for complete rules and forms.

Membership and enrollment forms and report cards are available online or by contacting the NMPEA President, or Berniece Zielke, NMPEA Point Keeper, phone (505) 417-6167 or email [viabz@aol.com](mailto:viabz@aol.com).

NMPEA board reserves the right to add organizations to the listing of recognized associations, modify rules, and settle any disputes occurring during the show season regarding the high point awards program. All protests must be made in writing and mailed to NMPEA, c/o Ron Morris, Vice-President, PO Box 908, Belen, NM 87002 accompanied by a \$25.00 (non-refundable) protest fee.

## **New Mexico Palomino Exhibitors Association**

### Volunteer Points for 2026

#### **Rules**

A member (exhibitor for open, amateur or youth) must meet a minimum volunteer requirement of 50 points to be eligible for year end awards or pay \$50 before first approved show in lieu of volunteer point requirement. Volunteer point requirements may be satisfied by a friend or family member.

Members are asked to sign up in advance of shows for the duty of their choice.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the show office for each show.

Members may donate points to other family members, but only enough points to meet the minimum requirement of 50 points.

See NMPEA 2026  
Show and Year End Award Rules for more information.

Additional duties may be added as necessary

Volunteered points earned at multi breed, co-sponsored shows may not be used to satisfy volunteer requirements for more than one breed. Breed needs to be designated on the sign up form or volunteer sheet for points to count towards NMPEA year end awards.

#### **ADDED VALUE FOR VOLUNTEERING:**

Volunteers earning more than 150 points in 2026 will receive their choice of 1 free standard stall for 1 day OR \$25 show credit at a NMPEA 2027 horse show.

Current as of November 1, 2025