

ACDA YEAR END AWARDS

Competition Criteria

- All **open** classes in Alberta Carriage Driving Association (ACDA) hosted Combined Driving Events, Driving Trials, Combined Tests, Derbies, Continuous Drives, and Pleasure Shows are eligible.
 - Events that limit participation by breed, height, or driver/equine age are not eligible for Year End Award consideration.
 - Exception - Pleasure Show events that offer classes based on equine height or driver age are eligible provided no equine heights or driver ages are excluded from the show.
- Show Official credentials must be at Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) or equivalent provincial level (or higher). This requirement ensures that all events are overseen by qualified officials, maintaining consistent standards across events.
- ACDA hosted competitions that are eligible for the Year End Awards will be identified on the ACDA website in the "[Events](#)" calendar.

Eligibility

- Competitors must be an ACDA member in good standing for the membership year.
- Points will be accumulated per horse/driver combination. No substitutions will be allowed.
 - *Multiple Turnout Exception:* If a driver changes turnout type with the same equine (e.g. adds equines to compete as a pair, tandem, unicorn hitch, or four-in-hand), results may be counted. This also applies to hitches who start with a multiple (pair, tandem, unicorn, four-in-hand) who switch down to a single, pair, tandem or unicorn hitch. In summary, if the driver starts and finishes with the same equine at the beginning of the show season regardless of hitch configuration, that combination may accumulate points. Scores received by a multiple can only accumulate points once.
- All entries must complete shows/classes to qualify. Eliminations, withdrawals, disqualifications, hor concours entries, or retirements are not eligible.

Point Calculation

- Points will be awarded per horse/driver combination, except as outlined in the *Eligibility Criteria* for multiple turnouts.
- In the event of a tie, the High Point Committee will have the final decision on the winner.

Awards

The driver/horse combination with the total highest accumulated points from eligible shows will be awarded the Memorial Trophy at the ACDA Annual General Meeting.

Budget Overview

All Year End Awards will be funded at the ACDA Board Level.

1) Harry Harrison Memorial High Point Trophy

Background and Purpose of the Trophy

Harry Harrison played a foundational role in the establishment of the Alberta Carriage Driving Association (ACDA). The purpose of the trophy is to uphold Harry Harrison's commitment to fostering participation among ACDA members and to inspire them to remain actively engaged in ACDA activities.

Attendance-Based Points Calculation System

- Each participant in any eligible ACDA shows will receive one point for their attendance.
- Points can be accumulated across divisions for the same driver/horse combination. For example – a horse/driver combination may start in Training and finish the year competing in Preliminary – all scores from the horse/driver combination will count.
- The Champion of each qualifying show will earn an additional 0.5 point, and the Reserve Champion will receive an extra 0.25 point.

Participant	Attendance Point	Champion Bonus	Reserve Champion Bonus
Each participant	1 point		
Champion	1 point	+0.5 point	
Reserve Champion	1 point		+0.25 point

Attendance Point and Bonus Allocation: Multi-Opportunity Events

In the case of events structured as back-to-back driving trials, derbies, or continuous drives that provide participants with several opportunities to compete, the attendance point system will be adjusted to ensure fairness. Regardless of the number of competitive opportunities available, each driver/equine combination will receive only one attendance point for the event.

For the purpose of awarding champion and reserve champion bonus points, only the best single score achieved by each driver/equine combination during the whole event will be considered.

2) Year End Performance Recognition

Year End Point Calculation

Qualifying Divisions: Pleasure, Junior, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate.

To enhance fairness and transparency, it is recommended that the same criteria be applied across all Divisions

To maintain consistency across Pleasure Shows it is recommended that each individual Pleasure Show refer to the “Point Calculation Chart” below when calculating the show’s overall champions.

In the event of a tie, the High Point Committee will have the final decision on the winner.

POINT CALCULATION CHART						
# Entries per Division or Pleasure Show class *	≥ 6	5	4	3	2	1
1 st Place	7	5	4	2	1	0.5
2 nd Place	5	3	2	1	0.5	
3 rd Place	3	2	1	0.5		
4 th Place	2	1	0.5			
5 th Place	1	0.5				
6 th Place	0.5					
<i>*DIVISIONS: Pleasure, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Junior.</i>						
<i>NOTE: Pleasure Show Year End points are calculated per class based on the number of entries in the class.</i>						