



2023 Zone 8 Midwest Connection Show Series

2023 Qualifying Events

May 5-7 | Great 8 Zone-O-Rama | Cloverdale, IN

May 26-28 | Great Lakes Breakout | Mason, MI

July 29-30 | Border Bash | Wauseon, OH

Sept 16-17 | Hoosier Buckeye Palooza | Nineveh, IN

4 Overall All-Around Awards

Youth

Youth 13 & U, Youth 18 & U, Novice Youth,
Youth W-T, Youth Ranch

Open

Green, Junior, Senior, Ranch

Amateur

Amateur, Amateur Masters, Novice Amateur,
Amateur W-T, Amateur Ranch

Solid Paint Bred

SPB, SPB Ranch, Youth SPB, Youth SPB W-T,
Youth SPB Ranch, Amateur SPB,
Amateur SPB W-T, Amateur SPB Ranch

17 Division Champion & Reserve Champion Awards

Youth 13 & U
Youth 18 & U
Novice Youth
Youth W-T
Youth SPB
Youth SPB W-T

Amateur
Amateur Masters
Novice Amateur
Amateur W-T
Amateur SPB
Amateur SPB W-T

Green
Junior
Senior
SPB
Ranch

Class Circuit & Overall Halter Champion Awards

Circuit Awards for Every Class
Award for the Overall Halter Horse Champion



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Qualifications & Rules

Qualifications

1. Exhibitor/Horse (AM/YA) and/or Horse (Open) must show at a minimum of 3 of the 4 Qualifying Events in the division or class they wish to qualify in.
2. Both Exhibitor and Horse Owner must be a member of each participating club ([Michigan](#), [Indiana](#), and the [Ohio](#) Paint Horse Clubs).
 - 2a. If a lease is on file with APHA, the owner does not have to be a member of each participating club.
 - 2b. All participating club membership fees must be paid for no later than the first day of the first show the exhibitor/horse or horse participates in. Points do not begin to accrue until after membership fees to all participating clubs are paid.
3. Exhibitor must register for the series no later than the first day of the first show the exhibitor/horse or horse participates in. A [registration form](#) can be found on the Zone 8 APHA website.

Rules

1. For Amateur and Youth divisions, points will be awarded on a one horse/one exhibitor basis.
2. For Open divisions, points will be awarded to the horse.
3. Only one (1) Overall All-Around award can be won per exhibitor or horse.
 - 3a. If an exhibitor/horse or horse is the winner in multiple Overall All-Around categories, the award will be presented in the highest earning Overall All-Around category. Participants in that exhibitor/horse or horse's lower placing Overall All-Around category will then be eligible to receive that award.
 - 3b. Winners from the previous year of the Overall All-Around category are not eligible to win an award the following year, although they may compete in the series to earn recognition. This rule follows the rider, not the horse.
4. Only one (1) Division Champion or one (1) Division Reserve Champion award can be won per exhibitor or horse.
 - 4b. If an exhibitor/horse or horse is the winner in multiple Division categories, the award will be presented in the highest earning Division category. Participants in that exhibitor/horse or horse's lower placing Division category will then be eligible to receive that award.
5. Class Circuit Awards do not have a limit on how many can be won.
6. Exhibitor/horse or horse must show in their respective halter or color class at 3 of the 4 shows to qualify for Overall All-Around and Division awards.
 - 6a. Youth must show in a Youth halter or color class, Amateur must show in an Amateur halter or color class, and Open must show in an Open halter or color class.
 - 1a. Exception: For Amateur SPB WT and Youth SPB WT, halter is not required to qualify.
 - 6b. If a horse shows in both their respective halter and color class, the points from the highest earning class will be counted.
7. Halter and/or color points follow the exhibitor/horse or horse in each respective division.
8. Overall All-Around and Division points are calculated using a combination of both performance and halter and/or color points earned in that division.
 - 8a. Grands & Reserves in Halter will be included in Overall All-Around and Division point calculations.
9. Points cannot be combined across different divisions.
10. Points will be calculated through sixth place.
 - 10a. Points are awarded per judge. Horses placing in the top six will be given a point for each horse placing below them plus one point, not to exceed six points for 1st place, per judge. If the class has fewer than 6 horses, points are based on how many horses are in the class. See point calculations on page 3.
 - 10b. For halter, 3 points are also awarded for each Grand placing, 1 point is also awarded for each Reserve placing.
11. Overall Halter Horse Champion points will be awarded calculating Grand and Reserve placings.
12. Open classes without age specification will count towards Junior or Senior points.
 - 12a. Any Open class subcategories will accumulate points within that singular subcategory.

Awards will be presented at the Fall Color Classic, held October 19-22, 2023 in Cloverdale, Indiana. If you cannot pick up your award at the FCC, you may pick up from your state club representative, pick up at your annual state club year end banquet, or pay to have them shipped to you. APHA rules regarding ownership apply. APHA leases must be on file prior to accumulation of points. Any/all other rules not specifically referenced in the rules should follow APHA rulebook. The Midwest Connection Show Committee has the right to make judgment calls if there is a rule in question.



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Point Calculations

# Horses in Class	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place	6th place
6 +	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	5	4	3	2	1	-
4	4	3	2	1	-	-
3	3	2	1	-	-	-
2	2	1	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	-	-	-	-