



# 2024 Zone 8 Midwest Connection Show Series

## 2024 Qualifying Events

**April 13-14** | INPHC Early Bird POR | New Castle, IN (Double Points)

**May 3-5** | Great 8 Zone-O-Rama | Cloverdale, IN

**May 25-26** | MPHC Back to Memorial Day POR | Mason, MI (Double Points)

**July 27-28** | OPHC Buckeye Bonanza POR | Wilmington, OH (Double Points)

## 4 All-Around Awards

### Youth

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

### Open

Green, Junior, Senior, Ranch,  
SPB, SPB Ranch

### Amateur

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

### Solid Paint Bred

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 (All)

## 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.
  - a. Exception: Horses showing in Yearling Longe Line, 2 Year-Old Western Pleasure, or 2 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle must show at a minimum of 2 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, points will be awarded on a one exhibitor/one horse basis.
2. For Open, points will be awarded to the horse.
3. Only one (1) All-Around award can be won per exhibitor/horse combination.
  - 3a. If the same exhibitor/horse combination is the winner in multiple All-Around categories, the award will be presented in the highest earning All-Around category. Participants in that exhibitor/horse's lower placing All-Around category will then be eligible to receive that award.
  - 3b. The same exhibitor/horse combination are not eligible to win the All-Around award two (2) years in a row. They are still eligible for Division and Class Circuit awards each year. If the same exhibitor/horse combination wins 2 (years) in a row, the next qualifying highest placing exhibitor/horse will then be eligible to receive that award.
4. Only one (1) Division Champion or one (1) Division Reserve Champion award can be won per exhibitor/horse combination.
  - 4b. If an exhibitor/horse combination is the winner in multiple Division categories, the award will be presented in the highest earning Division category. Participants in that exhibitor/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 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. All-Around and Division points are calculated using a combination of performance, halter and/or color points, and grand & reserve points earned in that division.
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 halter points and grand & reserve points.
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.

Midwest Connection Series Awards will be presented at the Fall Color Classic, held September 13-15, 2024 in Mason, Michigan. 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	-	-	-	-	-