



NEW MEXICO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DRESSAGE RULES FOR YEAR-END AWARDS

As of 2026, NMQHA will be awarding year-end high point awards to participants who show in the AQHA-approved Western Dressage program. Awards will be recognized in the following divisions if there are qualifying winners.

Open Divisions – Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4

Amateur Divisions – Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4

Youth Divisions – Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4

In the event of a tie, it will be broken by the test with highest percentage score.

Qualifying Rules

- Exhibitors must be a member of NMQHA prior to the first test they submit.
- Exhibitors must pay a \$30 enrollment fee for every horse and rider combination. If there are multiple horses, a rider must pay multiple enrollment fees.
- Shows entered must be AQHA-approved. They do not have to take place in New Mexico; however, they must be live shows. AQHA does not recognize online shows.
- For the high points award, exhibitors must submit at least 3 tests and shown to two different judges. Rail classes, Intro, Level 5 nor Level 6 classes are not accepted.

Submission Rules

- Exhibitors will need to scan the back bottom portion of their test and email it to the points keeper. If you cannot scan the test, you may copy the back page and send it.
- Exhibitors will need to print the name of the judge on the back of the test if it's not part of the printed label.
- Submit tests to **Nance McManus** - nance@swcp.com

The program runs from January 1 – October 1 annually. All tests must be submitted by October 1.

Resources

- All tests will utilize the WDAA tests found at westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-tests
- AQHA-approved shows are listed at aqha.com/events

Scores and point conversion table

SCORES				
Percentages	60-65	66-70	71-75	76+
POINT CONVERSION				
Basic Level	1	2	3	4
Level 1	1.5	3	4.5	6
Level 2	2	4	6	8
Level 3	2.5	5	7.5	10
Level 4	3	6	9	12