



ADOPTED HORSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

www.AdoptedHorse.org

AHIP Program Goals:

- Help people nationwide to appreciate adopted horses as desirable equine partners.
- Provide a friendly & inclusive competitive environment for people with adopted horses.
- Build a community of people who support and encourage horse adoptions.

We Celebrate Adopted Horses!

2020 AWARDS PROGRAMS

ADOPTED HORSE PHOTO AWARDS

Open for Entries each month, beginning January 1, 2020 - see separate document.

ADOPTED HORSE HIGH POINT AWARDS

Open for Entries January 1st to December 31st, 2020 - attached

ADOPTED HORSE FILM FESTIVAL

Coming Spring 2020 - see separate document.

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**ADOPTED HORSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
HIGH POINT AWARDS 2020**

Runs January 1st to December 31st, 2020.

IS MY HORSE ELIGIBLE?

In 2020, the program's inaugural year, the Adopted Horse Incentive Program (AHIP) is open to equines adopted from a U.S. 501(c)3 organization with a valid adoption contract, and who are in the possession of the adopter. If a local law enforcement agency has adopted out an equine with an adoption agreement that meets the AHIP criteria, that equine is also eligible. For example, a horse adopted from a Sheriff's/Police Department, Animal Control, or government-operated Animal Shelter. We use the word 'horse' in this paperwork to mean any equine.

Most 501(c)3 and law enforcement organizations have custom adoption agreements. An AHIP-eligible adoption agreement is one that offers some protection for the adopted horse into the future. It may include one or more conditions similar to the examples below:

1. The organization may take the horse back if you are unable or unwilling to keep it.
2. There may be restrictions regarding the transfer of ownership, such as whether the horse can be sold in the future and if so, after what period of time.
3. There may be conditions regarding the equine's workload, such as restricting certain activities, like jumping, or if the horse can be ridden at all.
4. There may be conditions such as mandatory feed or medications.

If your adoption agreement does not contain conditions like one of the examples above, your horse may not be eligible. If you are not sure if your agreement meets the criteria, you are welcome to email us at info@AdoptedHorse.org and we'll be happy to help.

Equines who have been "adopted forward" from the original adopter to a 2nd adopter are eligible. The transfer must be with the approval of the original 501(c)3 organization and the new adopter needs to sign the 501(c)3 organization's contract. The 2nd adoption agreement is the one to send.

Equines who have been leased/loaned from the adopter to a third party are eligible, as long as the adoption agreement and lease/loan agreement are both submitted, and the equine remains in possession of the adopter.

An adopted equine from an organization that no longer has its 501(c)3 or has closed is eligible if the 501(c)3 was valid at the time of the adoption.

Equines purchased outright are not eligible. Horses acquired directly from auctions, kill pens, feed lots, the BLM, private rescues and other sources are not eligible. Some 501(c)3 organizations sell horses outright, and those are also not eligible.

Although we are appreciative and supportive of everyone helping horses in need, if your horse is a private rescue and does not have an adoption agreement, they are not eligible.

ADOPTERS/RIDER/EXHIBITORS

Adopters must be individuals, 18 or over, and legal residents in the United States OR a company registered in its respective state i.e. a corporation or LLC. A DBA is the same as an individual.

Exhibitors and riders need not be the same person as the adopter.

Riders may be any age approved by the adopter.

Riders may be professionals, amateurs, or youth riders.

Adopters must affirm that the horse in the adoption agreement is the same horse they are showing. We understand that the adopter may have changed the horse's name from the one shown on the agreement.

Adopters/riders/exhibitors must affirm that if they are competing in an event held by a breed or show organization, that they are in good standing at the time of competition. Any suspension or expulsion during the show year shall render their AHIP points void as well. A suspension or expulsion for any reason related to the treatment of equines, including drug test violations, may result in a lifetime ban from AHIP awards consideration.

We take horse abuse and neglect seriously, so adopters/riders/exhibitors must affirm that they have never had a conviction for animal abuse or neglect of any type, and that if such conviction is discovered, they understand that any AHIP points earned shall be voided and that they may be banned for life from AHIP awards consideration.

We stand with the FEI on equine welfare and encourage adopters/riders/exhibitors to review the FEI's Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse at https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Code_of_Conduct_Welfare_Horse_1Jan2013.pdf

If banned or suspended for animal welfare reasons, especially conduct towards horses, the \$35 results registration fee will not be refunded.

HORSE'S AGE

Equines must be 3 years old or over to receive AHIP points in under saddle classes. 2 year old and under equines can receive points for in-hand/non-ridden events only.

If your horse is participating as a senior horse – age 20 years old or over – you will need to upload proof of age, whether that is registration papers, a clear picture of the lip tattoo, or a letter from your veterinarian on the practice's letterhead or from the practice's official e-mail address, stating that in the veterinarian's professional opinion the equine is 20 or over.

GENDER

This program is for mares and geldings only.
Studs/stallions are not eligible for points in ridden events.
Studs/stallions are not eligible for points if over the age of 2 years old.

SHOEING

Naturally shod, flat shod and unshod equines are eligible. Boots are permitted if permitted by show organizers.

The hoof should be in proportion to the horse. Maximum length of toe is 5" for horses and proportionally less for ponies. Stacked shoes and any pad greater than 1/2" thick are expressly forbidden.

Saddleseat and driving competitors must submit cell phone pictures with date information showing their naturally shod or barefoot feet at the time of their competitions. If you have questions please submit pictures of your equine's feet prior to participation in the program – email to info@AdoptedHorse.org. The only exception is a veterinary exception for medical reasons, subject to approval by the AHIP organizers upon receipt of a letter from the adopter's veterinarian on the veterinary practice's letterhead or from the veterinary practice's business email.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AHIP HIGH-POINT AWARDS:

Step 1 of 4:

AHIP REGISTRATION

To register, first gather your supporting paperwork. You will need the following items:

Adoption Agreement: A fully-executed copy of your contract signed by both yourself and a representative of the 501(c)3 or local law enforcement organization, in PDF format. **IMPORTANT:** For privacy purposes, please redact/cover any sensitive information before upload, such as a social security number. If you do not have a scan of the agreement, you can use clear photographs taken on your phone. Please ensure you send us all the pages of the agreement.

Identifying Photographs of the Equine: At least two color photographs in JPG, PNG, or GIF format. One to show the entire horse including all 4 legs, and one of the head. Please show markings such as a star or socks.

Second, to register your adopted horse, go to www.AdoptedHorse.org and join the Adopted Horse Incentive Program. Complete the registration form under the High Point Awards, Registration tab. Then submit it AND the above files via upload. If the upload link is inactive or not accessible through your system, complete the form online and print it, or print it and fill it out by hand. Then email with attachments to info@AdoptedHorse.org or send via USPS mail.

There is no charge to register your horse and get your AHIP registration number.

You will need your AHIP number to submit your points from each show or event. Points will be tracked by number, so it must be included in each results submission.

You will receive your AHIP number immediately on registration. Your uploaded documents will subsequently be reviewed by AHIP, and if they are not as required we will contact you for correction or to let you know if your adoption agreement does not qualify, and why.

In order to facilitate accurate record-keeping, if your horse is being ridden/exhibited by multiple people, you will need to go through the process and obtain a separate AHIP number for each rider/exhibitor.

Step 2 of 4:

**ENTERING THE HIGH POINT AWARDS:
BEFORE THE COMPETITION**

Print out a blank results form for each horse/rider combination that is competing and take it to the competition with you. You will need this to record your results, and get it signed on site. The form is on the AdoptedHorse.org website under the tab High Point Awards, Submit Results.

Step 3 of 4:

AT THE COMPETITION

Fill out the results form for every class in which you are competing, even if you don't place. You do get one AHIP point for entering a class in which you don't place - it's a participation point for all the effort involved!

Make sure the show secretary or other authorized official in charge of the event signs your form to confirm the results. Any results form that is not signed by the show secretary, or lacks a phone number and email address for the show secretary or other designated official will not be accepted.

To confirm the show information, pick up a flyer/premium/class list if it isn't available on the internet. If the results are posted at the show site, you can grab a photo on your phone too. As we are not pre-approving shows to allow for the widest possible participation, this verifies the details about the competition and its organizers.

Step 4 of 4:

SUBMITTING RESULTS

To send us your results, go to the AdoptedHorse.org website under the tab High Point Awards, Submit Results. You will need:

- 1) Show results form signed as described above.
- 2) A competition flyer/premium/class list and/or provide a link to the website where we can see where the event was advertised.
- 3) Any other supporting information or photographs.

If you are uploading your results via the link and you do not receive a confirming e-mail, your upload did not work. If you continue to encounter errors or the link is inactive, please submit your paperwork via e-mail to Results@AdoptedHorse.org

SUBMITTING RESULTS continued

The adopter or exhibitor is responsible for submitting all results/point forms no later than **two weeks** after each event takes place.

Blank result/point forms can be downloaded from the High Point Awards, Submit Results tab of www.AdoptedHorse.org. If you wish to view one, you can also download a sample completed form.

Point forms uploaded or e-mailed later than 14 days after the date of each event will not be tallied.

The adopter or exhibitor is responsible for ensuring the point form is filled out completely and has been signed by the show secretary or their designated official. **Any point form that is not signed by the show secretary or lacks a phone number and email address for the show secretary or other designated official will not be accepted.**

It is strongly encouraged that the adopter or exhibitor keep a copy of all point forms submitted.

Point standings will be updated on at least a monthly basis and be available through our website at www.AdoptedHorse.org

PAYMENT

When you submit your results from your FIRST show or event of the year, January 1st through December 31st, 2020, you will be asked to pay a \$35.00 nomination fee per horse.

This is a one-time annual fee to help defray the cost of operating AHIP High Point Awards. You may compete in as many categories as you like once this fee has been paid. This nomination fee may be paid via PayPal or any credit or debit card, at www.paypal.me/horsesenseinc

If you prefer not to pay online, you can mail a check made out to HorseSense Inc., 1812 W. Burbank Boulevard, #1055, Burbank, CA 91506 but remember that it must be postmarked by the USPS within 2 weeks of the date of the show or other competition.

If a check is returned by the bank, all points earned are void until AHIP receives payment. We cannot accept cash.

The Adopted Horse Incentive Program is administered by HorseSense Inc., which is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization.

AHIP HIGH POINT AWARDS

POINT SYSTEM

The following point system shall be used for all divisions with the exception of endurance.

Number of horses in class/division	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5th	6th
1	2					
2	3	2				
3	4	3	2			
4	5	4	3	2		
5	6	5	4	3	2	
6 or more	7	6	5	4	3	2

In every class, verified participation in a class is worth 1 point if you do not otherwise earn any points in the class. So send in your results even if you do not win or place – they are worth one point for each class!

Number of horses in the class is based upon number of horses who enter the gate or cross the start line. Horses disqualified during the class still count as entries for purposes of these calculations.

All awards are based upon an equine/human combination with a unique AHIP registration number.

Ties in a division will be decided in favor of the equine/human combination who has the most First Place awards in that division during the award year.

ELIGIBLE EVENTS

Only shows in the United States can be used to contribute towards AHIP points.

Shows and events do NOT have to be pre-approved by AHIP, neither do the shows need to sign up with AHIP for you to participate. They do need to have a flyer that you can upload or a web link that you can provide verifying the event. Contact us with any questions, at info@AdoptedHorse.org

AHIP points may be earned at any of the following types of show:

1. Open horse shows
2. Rated or unrated hunter shows and derbies
3. Rated or unrated dressage shows including Western and Cowboy Dressage and Working Equitation
4. Gymkhanas, Playdays, Team Sorting, Team Penning, Trail Trials, EXCA and similar
5. Cross-Country Events
6. Registered/breed horse shows
7. Endurance Competitions
8. 4-H shows
9. Pony Club
10. Para-Equestrian Competitions
11. Mounted Archery/Mounted Shooting Competitions
12. Other club events provided that club membership is available to the public.

Shows and events that **do not** qualify for AHIP points include the following:

1. Schooling shows that are solely open to the students/boarders at a particular barn, and are not open to the public.
2. Any judged event where clients of the officiating judge are allowed to participate.
3. Horse races of any kind, including match races and relay races, but not including timed events. Horse races means when multiple horses are running at the same time on the same course. This includes ridden or driven equines, including chuck wagon racing.
4. Any event that is closed off to public audience viewing.
5. Any event that includes activities that violate state or federal law, even if the points submitted are for permitted activities at the same event.
6. All events with livestock roping or physical handling by a person, such as tie-down roping or steer wrestling.
7. Any event that includes competitive horse roping or horse tripping.

EVENT CATEGORIES

Adult riders must designate themselves in the open or amateur division upon registering with AHIP. For purposes of AHIP, amateurs are those individuals who have not received compensation for training, riding, or teaching lessons at any time after 1/1/2015. Payment of AHIP costs or horse show entry fees by the horse's adopter does not count as compensation and does not affect amateur standing.

The age of a youth rider is that youth rider's age on January 1st of the competition year. If you are not sure which category a class belongs in, please e-mail info@AdoptedHorse.org and we will help you!

We reserve the right to split categories or add additional categories based upon response. Any category that does not receive at least six entrants may not be eligible for an end of the year award.

HUNT SEAT AWARDS

Hunt Seat Performance – Open

Hunt Seat Performance – Amateur Adult

Hunt Seat Performance – Youth (17 & Under)

***Hunt Seat Performance** includes under-saddle events under hunt seat tack, including Hunters, Equitation, except for Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing (separate categories).*

DRESSAGE AWARDS

Eventing – Open

Eventing – Amateur Adult

Eventing – Youth (17 & Under)

***Dressage** includes dressage tests under any tack, including English Dressage, Western Dressage, Cowboy Dressage, Working Equitation.*

EVENTING AWARDS

Eventing – Open

Eventing – Amateur Adult

Eventing – Youth (17 & Under)

***Eventing** includes all 1, 2 or 3 day events comprised of multi-part competitions of dressage, cross country and show jumping.*

SHOW JUMPING AWARDS

Show Jumping – Open

Show Jumping – Amateur Adult

Show Jumping – Youth (17 & Under)

***Show Jumping** is any jumping class in which the competitors are judged on clearing the obstacles cleanly and speed, and form is not judged.*

WESTERN AWARDS

Western Performance – Open

Western Performance – Amateur Adult

Western Performance – Youth (17 & Under)

***Western Performance** includes under-saddle events under Western tack, including Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Ranch Riding, Reined Cowhorse, Cutting, Ranch Sorting*, Team Penning*. (*only your horse needs to be adopted, not those of your teammates)*

SADDLESEAT AWARDS

Saddleseat Performance – Open

Saddleseat Performance – Amateur Adult

Saddleseat Performance – Youth (17 & Under)

***Saddleseat Performance** comprises under-saddle classes in saddleseat tack, whether the horse is gaited or not. English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Park Horse, Saddleseat Equitation, Native Costume, and the like. Please bear in mind that extremely long feet, stacked shoes or pads thicker than ½” are **not permitted** under AHIP rules. Saddleseat competitors are asked to submit photographs of their horse’s feet with their results to confirm compliance. See shoeing notes under General Rules.*

GYMKHANA AWARDS including Timed Events

Gymkhana – Open

Gymkhana – Amateur Adult

Gymkhana – Youth (17 & Under)

***Gymkhana Performance including Timed Events** includes timed gymkhana events such as Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Flag Race, Stake Race, and similar events. This category includes timed competition events, and does NOT include the “just for fun” events such as Ride-A-Buck.*

PARA-EQUESTRIAN AWARDS

Para-Equestrian – Open

Para-Equestrian – Amateur Adult

Para-Equestrian – Youth (17 & Under)

***Para-Equestrian** is as defined under the United States Para-Equestrian Association rules, designed for equestrians with physical or visual challenges. It includes Para-Dressage, Para-Reining, Para-Driving & other approved events, if any. USPEA competition rules apply.*

MOUNTED ARCHERY/SHOOTING AWARDS

Mounted Archery/Horse Archery/Mounted Shooting & similar - Open

Mounted Archery/Horse Archery/Mounted Shooting & similar – Amateur Adult

Mounted Archery/Horse Archery/Mounted Shooting & similar – Youth (17 & Under)

***Cowboy mounted shooting** (also called western mounted shooting and mounted shooting) involves riding a horse to negotiate a shooting pattern.*

***Horse archery** involves shooting arrows at a target while riding a horse.*

COMPETITIVE TRAIL/AGILITY AWARDS

Competitive Trail including mounted agility events & similar – Open

Competitive Trail including mounted agility events & similar – Amateur Adult

Competitive Trail including mounted agility events & similar – Youth (17 & Under)

Competitive Trail comprises all trail events other than the show-ring trail classes - for example, trail trials, extreme cowboy races, and obstacle races and competitions.

DRIVING AWARDS

Driving Performance – Open

Driving Performance – Amateur Adult

Driving Performance – Youth (17 & Under)

Shoeing: Please bear in mind that extremely long feet, stacked shoes or pads thicker than ½” are **not permitted** under AHIP rules. Saddleseat competitors are asked to submit photographs of their horse’s feet with their results to confirm compliance. See shoeing notes under General Rules.

Harness racing is not eligible, defined as multiple horses competing at the same time on the same course. Chuck wagon racing and similar is also excluded.

IN-HAND/NON-RIDDEN AWARDS

Showmanship – Amateur Adult

Showmanship – Youth (17 & Under)

Hunter in Hand/Sport Horse In Hand – all equine genders and ages

Saddleseat Horse in Hand – all equine genders and ages

Western Horse Halter – all equine genders and ages

In-Hand Trail/Agility Performance

Hunter in Hand/Sport Horse In Hand, Saddleseat Horse in Hand, and Western Halter comprise all classes where horses are shown in hand and judged on their conformation. **Showmanship** comprises all classes where horses are shown in hand and judged on how well the handler presents them, grooming, etc. and the horse’s conformation is not judged.

LEADLINE AWARDS

Riders to be six years old or under on January 1st of the competition year.

In the event that all competitors are given a blue ribbon, each competitor will receive 1 point.

If placings are awarded, the regular point system will apply.

Leadline is defined as all equitation or horsemanship classes where the child is still being led by an adult. These classes are typically walk-only classes for the tiniest riders.

ENDURANCE AWARDS

Endurance – Open

Endurance – Amateur Adult

Endurance – Youth (17 & Under)

Endurance includes all AERC or FEI approved endurance races in the United States and will use the same point system as AERC to calculate awards.

Endurance awards will be calculated based upon the AERC point system, as shown below. All races must be either AERC or FEI approved.

All AERC rules apply, as can be seen on the website at aerc.org. Any violation of AERC rules and regulations may result in disqualification from AHIP participation and awards.

8.5.5 AERC computes points within each division except the Junior division based on the following formula (one point per mile, plus bonus points per mile for Top Ten, equals total points per mile.)

Place	Bonus/Mile	Total Points/Mile
1	2.0	3.0
2	1.5	2.5
3	1.2	2.2
4	1.0	2.0
5	0.8	1.8
6	0.6	1.6
7	0.4	1.4
8	0.3	1.3
9	0.2	1.2
10	0.1	1.1
11 & lower	0.0	1.0

Points are calculated in the Junior division based on Top Five placing, according to the following formula:

Place	Bonus/Mile	Total Points/Mile
1	2.0	3.0
2	1.2	2.2
3	0.8	1.8
4	0.4	1.4
5	0.2	1.2
6 & lower	0.0	1.0

YEAR –END AWARDS

The show season for purposes of year end awards runs from January 1st through December 31st of each year, with awards tabulated in January and presented in February of the following year.

A Championship, Reserve Championship and Ribbons up to sixth place will be awarded to the leading equines in each category for the year.

Certificates of Achievement will be presented to the 501(c)3 organization who adopted out the champion horses in each category.

Certificate of Achievement will be presented to the 501(c)3 organization that has the most adopted horses earn points in our program during the award year.

Additional and bonus awards will be announced periodically on our website and newsletter. We reserve the right to split classes and add additional awards based on the entries. Prizes in any category may not be awarded if the category has less than six participants.

SPECIAL AWARDS

SENIOR HORSE PERFORMANCE AWARD

Award open to horses age 20 or older as of January 1st of the award year. The age must be verifiable either via registration papers, clear pictures of racing tattoo, or a signed letter from your veterinarian confirming their professional opinion of the age. Points from all categories of competition are eligible for this award, and it will be awarded from points cumulated from all classes.

BLM MUSTANG PERFORMANCE AWARD

Award for a BLM branded mustang. Points from all categories of competition are eligible for this award, and it will be awarded from points cumulated from all classes.

MULE PERFORMANCE AWARD

Award for a mule or hinny. Points from all categories of competition are eligible for this award, and it will be awarded from points cumulated from all classes.

DONKEY PERFORMANCE AWARD

Award for a donkey/burro. Points from all categories of competition are eligible for this award, and it will be awarded from points cumulated from all classes.

MINIATURE HORSE PERFORMANCE AWARD

Award for miniature horses showing in hand or driven, height 40” or under. Points from all categories of competition are eligible for this award, and it will be awarded from points cumulated from all classes.

We may add additional performance awards based on entries.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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4. There may be conditions such as mandatory feed or medications.

In the event that your adoption agreement does not meet the criteria in the opinion of AHIP management, your horse will not be eligible for the program and you will be notified. If you have already paid \$35 to submit show results, it will be refunded to you.

ORGANIZING SHOW RULES: AHIP High Point Awards participants are expected to comply with the rules of the individual show organizations with regard to tack and equipment. Disqualification due to tack and equipment violations also disqualifies the participant from receiving AHIP points from that class/show.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS: In addition to the list of qualifying and non-qualifying competitions listed above, if, in the sole opinion of AHIP management, a show or event is determined to have contained a class or event that violates the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, AHIP reserves the right to disqualify the show results and void the points that would have been earned.

BAD CONDUCT: AHIP reserves the right to suspend or terminate the participation of any individual who displays unsportsmanlike conduct including, but not limited to, submitting false information of any kind to AHIP.

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LIABILITY: Adopters/riders/exhibitors expressly agree, by their participation, to hold HorseSense Inc., the Adopted Horse Incentive Program, and any of their subsidiaries, board members, volunteers, agents, associates, and related entities harmless for any loss, damage, liability, or injury arising out of any of the Adopted Horse Incentive Program's activities or programs. Adopters/riders/exhibitors understand that AHIP does not manage, inspect or approve any specific equine activities or events and it is their duty to investigate the safety and advisability of participation in any activities or events at which AHIP points may be earned. AHIP strongly encourages that amateur and youth competitors obtain the assistance of experienced, professional trainers to assist with preparing their adopted equines for competition.

FINANCIAL LIABILITY: HorseSense Inc. and the Adopted Horse Incentive Program are not responsible for any expenses you may incur in choosing to participate in the programs. In the event that your submission is not accepted into the AHIP High Point Awards, if you have already paid the \$35 registration fee paid we will refund it. Payment of the \$35 does not guarantee acceptance into the program. HorseSense Inc. and the Adopted Horse Incentive Program have no other financial liability.

GENERAL TERMS: Every entry in the AHIP High Point Awards shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that all participants (which include, without limitation, the adopter, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, handler, and the horse), for themselves, their principals, representatives, employees, and agents: (1) shall be subject to the rules of the AHIP High Point Awards program and the local rules of the competition; (2) represent that every horse, rider, driver, and handler is eligible as entered; (3) will accept as final the decision of board of HorseSense, Inc. on any question arising under said rules, and agree to hold AHIP and HorseSense, Inc. and their officials, directors and employees harmless for any action taken; (4) waive and release any rights in connection with the use of their submitted photographs for AHIP's purposes including marketing and social media promoting AHIP, including any claim to invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation; and (5) agree that they participate voluntarily in the competition fully aware that horse sports and the competition involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death, and by participating they expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss, and they agree to indemnify and hold harmless AHIP, HorseSense, Inc. and their officials, directors, employees, and agents from and against all claims including for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the competition, whether or not such claim, injury, or loss resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligent acts or omissions of said officials, directors, employees, or agents.

VENUE: Adopters/riders/exhibitors irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles County, State of California, in connection with any matter based upon or arising out of the Adopted Horse Incentive Program or the matters contemplated herein, agrees that process may be served upon them in any manner authorized by the laws of the state in which they reside for such persons and waives and covenants not to assert or plead any objection which they might otherwise have to such jurisdiction, venue and such process. Adopters/riders/exhibitors agree not to commence any legal proceedings related hereto except in such courts.

VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW: Any entries made from a prohibited area are eligible for a refund of High Point Awards registration fee only upon the determination that this program violates state or local law, and they may no longer participate.

Registration fees for the AHIP High Point awards program will go to cover administrative expenses for calculating points, advertising/marketing, website and associated information technology, plus ribbons and prizes. If any funds are left over after those expenses are covered, they will go into the HorseSense general fund for the support of HorseSense's non-profit programs.

HorseSense Inc. is a 501(c)3 Equine Welfare organization.
IRS EIN 81-2614007, approved May 2016.
CA Charitable Trust #CT0238853
Website: www.HorseSense.org
Email: info@HorseSense.org

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