



2014 Gelding Incentive Program  
Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association, Inc.



Guidelines for Gelding Incentive Nomination for End of Year Awards

1. **This gelding incentive program is open to any Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association member. The Bluegrass member must be the owner of the gelding. Any youth is eligible to compete under the family, farm or youth individual membership. The youth must be listed on the family or farm membership form to be an eligible member for the gelding incentive program.**
2. Membership must be paid by March 1 to be eligible for this incentive program.
3. The gelding incentive program is open to all AMHA and/or AMHR geldings **measuring 38” and under.**
4. The owner completes the nomination form per gelding and submits that form with \$10 to the committee event coordinator. (Forms are on the <http://bluegrassminiatures.com> web site.)
5. The accumulation of points begins when that nomination form is submitted and paid. Please submit all nomination forms by April 1. However, one can nominate a horse at any time but must have been a paid member by March 1 and no points can be earned until nomination process is completed. Any points earned up to that point will not count in final total. Example: Membership is paid by March 1 and the gelding is shown in two county fairs in early June. The nomination form is completed and submitted to the event coordinator in late June. Those points earned in early June are not eligible since the nomination form had not been submitted at time of those county fair shows.
6. Owner must maintain a record of county fairs attended, with show manager’s signature. All records must be neat and legible and easily read. **Failure to obtain the show manager signature as documentation of county fair participation could result in disqualification of those points earned from that fair/sanctioned show. Only county fair sponsored shows or sanctioned AMHA or AMHR shows are eligible for participation.** If a show is conducted at a fairground, but is not part of a county fair show, that show is not eligible for this incentive program. (A point sheet is available for use in tracking county fair participation. This sheet is the same form used by the *Kentucky Association of County Fairs and Horse Shows*.)
7. **All records must be turned in to the Gelding Incentive Event Coordinator no later than October 31.**
8. **Starting in 2014**, the Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association agreed to offer two divisions of the Gelding Incentive program. Knowing that we have members who continue to support the county fair system, the club wants to continue to support and recognize those members and their horses who attend the county fair shows. The club also heard from members who do not compete in county fairs but rather competes in sanctioned shows, both AMHA and AMHR. Those members also wanted a gelding incentive program for horses showing in sanctioned shows. Each division will have its separate nomination forms with monies paid going into that division. At the annual meeting at the end of the year, winners from both divisions will be recognized with awards presented to both.
9. In the **County Fair Show Division**, four classes will be recognized at the end of year awards.
  - a. *Open Gelding Halter*

b. *Youth Gelding Halter*

c. *Open Gelding Pleasure Driving Horse*

Points earned in pleasure driving classes can be earned through either single pleasure or country pleasure classes. Since all county fairs do not offer driving classes for both single and country pleasure classes, the owner should choose one per county fair and compete for points in that driving class. The County Fair Show Division does not distinguish between single or county pleasure points, so points earned in either driving class per county fair will count in final totals.

**EXCEPTION: Exhibitor cannot compete in both driving classes within one county fair and count both sets of points.**

d. *Youth Gelding Pleasure Driving Horse*

The same procedure from the Open Gelding Pleasure Driving Horse applies also to the Youth Gelding Pleasure Driving Horse when recording points.

In the **Sanctioned Show Division**, four classes will be recognized at the end of the year awards.

a. *Open Gelding Halter*

b. *Youth Gelding Halter*

c. *Open Gelding Driving Horse* (member must nominate one driving category from this list when nominating the gelding)

(For AMHR) Pleasure driving, country pleasure driving, western pleasure driving, roadster, park harness driving.

(For AMHA) Single Pleasure driving, Country Pleasure driving, Classic Pleasure driving, Roadster, Park Harness.

d. *Youth Gelding Driving Horse* (member must nominate one driving category from the list when nominating the gelding)

(For AMHR) Youth Pleasure driving, Youth country pleasure driving, Youth western pleasure driving, Youth roadster, Youth park harness driving.

(For AMHA) Youth Single Pleasure driving, Youth Country Pleasure driving, Youth Classic Pleasure driving, Youth Roadster, Youth Park Harness

10. A gelding can be nominated in sanctioned show incentive program in more than one driving division. If the owner chooses to nominate a gelding for pleasure driving, that requires one nomination form and a \$10 payment, The owner could also nominate this horse again for roadster driving and complete a second nomination with a \$10 payment, The horse is in the running to earn end of year award in either driving class. He could end up being first and second in the driving class if his point total is high enough! ? We hope the number of nominations will create a nice award for each winner.

11. A gelding could participate in **BOTH** the county fair shows and the sanctioned show divisions.

However, the owner would need to nominate this gelding twice. Once to the county fair shows and again to the sanctioned shows. The monies are tracked separately for End of Year Awards.

12. To calculate points, exhibitors should use the following:

a. First Place – 10 points

b. Second Place – 7 points

c. Third Place – 5 points

d. Fourth Place – 3 points

(In many county fair shows, the show will mix the geldings and the stallions in the same class. Please record the appropriate number of points for the place that you receive from the class. If you were second, you earned 7 points. It does not matter if that first place horse was a stallion or gelding. The final point total will reflect the overall performance of the gelding in all county fair classes.)

13. Points per gelding are earned based on the horse in open and/or in youth classes. If a youth were to show the gelding in open, those points go to the open point total – **NOT** the youth total. Youth points are earned when the gelding is shown by a youth in a youth class.
14. In all cases, it is the horse earning points, not the person. Different handlers can show the gelding in different classes or in different county fairs. **Again, it is the gelding earning points and being tracked....NOT the handler.**
15. A gelding can be shown in open halter, youth halter, open pleasure driving and youth pleasure driving – all within one county fair show. Those points would be recorded according to each competitive class for that show. Any and all points earned would count toward end of year awards. The beauty of the gelding is that he is usually a multi-purpose horse.
16. The End of Year Awards will be made at the December Annual Meeting that is held as part of the Christmas Party activity.
17. The Gelding Incentive Committee will take the open halter, youth halter, open pleasure driving and youth pleasure driving points earned by each gelding and will recognize the overall top gelding with an award.

SPECIAL NOTE: Should anyone have any questions about this incentive program, please contact Patty Lieber at [hcfmini@aol.com](mailto:hcfmini@aol.com) or 502-320-0557 (she cannot answer her phone when at work, so please leave a message or call in evening hours).

#### Example of End of Year Payouts:

If there are 20 geldings nominated for the County Fair Show Gelding Incentive, that would be a total of \$200. Based on number of geldings' end of year points, along with the number of members who return results within each class, the total \$200 will be divided among the classes and the members who are competing.

The same procedure would be followed with the Sanctioned Show Gelding Incentive program.

- If 40% is awarded to the first place winner, that award would total \$80.
- If 30% is awarded to the second place winner, that award would total \$60.
- If 20% is awarded to the third place winner, that award would total \$40.
- If 10% is awarded to the fourth place winner, that award would total \$20.

Percentage is adjusted based on number of participants. Again, all monies are paid out to members who complete a valid tracking sheet to the Gelding Incentive Committee.