

2026 TWA Youth Benefit Open Horse Show High Point Awards

High Point Awards in Western, Working Western, Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat (Youth and Adult), and Halter Divisions Grand and Reserve. Horse Rider Combination must show both days to be eligible. You do NOT have to register for High Point Awards. **High Point and Reserve will be announced on Facebook no later than the Tuesday after the show. Awards can be picked-up at next show**

Beginner Division Rules

1. Beginner points are accumulated on Rider only and not Horse/Rider combination.
2. Safety is paramount. Unruly horses will be excused.
3. Horses in the Beginner classes must be lesson horses. These horses must display the characteristics of such horses.
4. All Beginner Classes are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show his/her horse to the best advantage. The horse is NOT to be judged.
5. Beginner riders that have entered Walk only may not cross over into the Walk, Trot/Jog Classes.
6. Beginner Riders that enter the Walk, Jog/Trot classes may not enter into the Walk only class or any canter/Lope classes in other divisions.
7. Beginner Equitation classes are judged on basic equitation skills with correct diagonals and leads. Classes are judged on the rider's horsemanship abilities. It should be judged on the rider's ability to control and show his/her horse. Promptness in finding the correct diagonals are important, as well as a rider's command of the horse. Examples include speed, placement in the ring, and collectiveness.
8. Headers are allowed.
9. Beginner division is open to western, hunt seat, and saddle seat riders.
10. **Riding helmets are mandatory.** Attire may consist of jods, shirt, tie, vest, gloves, and boots. No jackets or full riding suits are permitted.

NOTE:

- TACK HOLD will be no longer than 2 minutes. The gate will be closed after a 2 minute call.
- A \$5.00 per day office fee will be charged for any exhibitor who has scratched a class. "Scratches" **must be submitted to the show office on a "Scratch" form at least 3 classes in advance or the entry fee will be charged for the class! No Exceptions!**
- "FORMAL" show attire not required; however, attire matching division showing and appropriate hat/helmet (no ball caps) & boots with heel are required. "Safety" helmets allowed in any class. Shirts with NO Sleeves not permitted.
- Novice – Is a Rider or Horse who has not yet received five (5) first place awards other than in Halter classes before January 1st of the current year in the Specific Division, AT ANY SHOW OPEN OR REGISTERED COMBINED.
 - Meaning if you received 5 first place ribbons in Western Division, but not in any other division, you still may be Novice in the English or Working Western Divisions.
- Horse/Rider combination must show both days to be eligible for High Point Awards.
- Working Western exhibitors may not cross over into the Western Pleasure Division. However, they are allowed to show in the Open, Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat division.
- **Training equipment, including martingales only allowed for Beginner Division, Training Classes and Novice Classes ONLY**

Points from this show accepted by all Open Shows Awards for all major breeds



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TWA May Days Open Horse Show

September 12 & 13, 2026

Hunt Horse Complex Main Arena, Raleigh NC

Warm up: Cover Arena

Stalls will be in Barn A and B.

Pre-registration for classes and stall reservations online.

Link can be found on TWA website, facebook or scan QR code



Any questions please contact Dana Coste
919-390-8126

(to get RV Camp site code you will need to reserve a stall)

Saturday Judge: TBD

Sunday Judge: TBD

Stalls (Horse or Tack): \$85 for entire show or either day!
(Available Friday Sept 11th after 12 Noon.)

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE ON SHOW GROUNDS!!

Shaving will be available on grounds Sept 11, 2026 after 12 Noon.

Payable upon delivery. Cash / Check / Venmo
\$9.00 a bag

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