

BLUE RIDGE EVENTING ASSOCIATION POINTS RULES FOR 2011

To be eligible for Year End Awards for BREA the following rules apply:

1. The competitor must be a member in good standing at the time of the competition. If the competitor has not joined BREA before the competition, his/her placing at that competition will not count towards Year-End Awards.
2. Competitors must have completed at least four (4) hours of volunteer service to the organization by November 1st of the current year. Any person can perform volunteer work for a member to complete this volunteer hour requirement. Parents are expected to be present to assist junior competitors ages 10 and under when that junior competitor is providing a volunteer service. The Volunteer Chairperson will maintain a master list of volunteer hours. It will be noted in the Points-to-Date standings whether the volunteer requirement has been met. It is the responsibility of the member to send his/her signed Volunteer Hours Record in to the Volunteer Chairperson if he/she wishes to compete for Year End Awards as soon as he/she has completed four (4) hours.
3. For any hours performed beyond the required amounts listed in Paragraph Two (2) above, the member will receive a voucher at the rate of five dollars (\$5) for each two (2) hours performed. Those vouchers may be used as cash for entries to BREA-sponsored competitions and for membership dues. Up to two (2) vouchers be used towards BREA membership dues and volunteer vouchers may be used to cover up to half of the entry fees at a BREA-sponsored competition (vouchers may not be used to cover bridle number fees or stabling fees). Any person can perform volunteer work for a BREA member to earn these vouchers. The vouchers will be issued two (2) times a year, at the annual meeting and approximately halfway through the year.
4. Members are not required to compete in a BREA-sponsored show to be eligible for a Year-End Award. However, if a member does not compete in a BREA-sponsored show in the current year, that member must complete an additional four (4) volunteer hours to be eligible for a Year-End Award. The BREA-sponsored events for 2011 are scheduled for May 7, June 25, August 6, and October 9. All the sponsored events will be held at Green Hill Park Equestrian Center in Salem, VA.
5. Points will be accepted from BREA-sponsored, BREA-sanctioned, or any USEA-recognized competitions. Any unrecognized Combined Test or Horse Trial in USEA Area II or Area III is considered "sanctioned". Points from BREA-sponsored competitions will automatically be tallied by the Points Chairperson. If a BREA-sponsored show is not a combined test or a horse trials, Year End Awards points will not be awarded from that show, but participation in that show will meet the participation requirements of paragraph 4. Points tallied from recognized and "sanctioned" competitions are the responsibility of the member. **A completed Points Validation Form must be received by the Points Chairperson within thirty (30) days of the competition.** Members may submit their Points Validation Form using the on-line submission form found on BREA's website (www.breventing.org). Forms submitted from the website must include a link to the website where the final show results can be found and the contact information for the show secretary. Alternatively, members may mail a Points Validations Form with show results printed from a website or obtained from the show secretary to the Points Chairperson within thirty (30) days of the competition. The printed results must include all of the following information: (1) show date, (2) horse trials or combined test, (3) division, (4) final placing, and (5) number of starters. **All points must be submitted to the Points Chairperson by December 1 of the current year.**

6. If the total number of starters in the class is between 2 and 7, points are awarded as follows:

		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
BREA SPONSORED	HT	20	19	18	17	16	15
	CT	11	10	9	8	7	6
USEA RECOGNIZED	HT	18	17	16	15	14	13
	CT	9	8	7	6	5	4
BREA SANCTIONED	HT	15	14	13	12	11	10
	CT	6	5	4	3	2	1

- If the total number of starters in a class is more than seven (7), then twice the above points are awarded.
 - If you are the sole competitor in a class, you will earn five (5) points for completing the event.
 - Riders completing a USEA-recognized horse trials with a final placing of seventh (7th) or lower will earn five (5) points. Points awarded for completing a USEA-recognized horse trials will not be doubled.
7. Year End Awards will be presented to the rider accumulating the greatest number of points on a single horse at a single level. Therefore, if a horse and rider pair move up from one level to the next during the year, the two sets of points are accumulated separately and the pair could win awards at both levels.
8. Six Year End Awards may be presented at each level for each division. These levels include Cross Rails (approximately eighteen inches), Green (two feet), Beginner Novice (two feet six inches), Novice, Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate. Each level may be divided into two divisions: Junior (age 18 and under) and Senior. A Championship and a Reserve Championship will be awarded to the first (1st) and second (2nd) place riders respectively, with ribbons awarded for the remaining places. A Junior High Point Award, and Senior High Point Award, and a Horse High Point Award will be presented to the respective parties who accumulate the most total points during the year. Ribbons only will be awarded for the Cross Rail division.
9. Once a horse and rider combination has been awarded the Championship for Green, Beginner Novice, or Novice level, that pair will not be eligible for the Championship at the same level in the future.
10. Points will be accumulated from December 1st through November 30th. Awards will be presented at the Year End Awards Banquet.
11. In case of a tie, the award will go to the rider with the greatest number of first place points. If the tie remains, the award will go to the rider with the greatest number of second place points and so forth down the placings until the tie is broken. If the tie cannot be broken after considering all placings, the tie will remain and both riders will receive the award. Ties for Rider of the Year and Horse of the Year will be broken in the same method.