

Washington Association of Stockdog Handlers Awards Program Rules

1. A statistician will be appointed to gather and record points from all Washington trials.
2. Only trials in the state of Washington will count AND they must be USBCHA/ISDS style trials
3. A handler MUST be a member in good standing BEFORE the trial begins. The treasurer must have the paid dues postmarked prior to the trial start.
4. Awards will be presented to MEMBERS only
5. Sheep classes to count will be Open, Pro Novice, Ranch and Novice; cattle, Open only . Must have entered three trials to qualify for awards.
6. If a dog/handler team earns enough points in both Novice and Ranch classes, thus putting them in "award status" in both classes, only the Ranch class will earn points towards year-end points. Ranch class is open to all handlers with a started dog.
7. At the year end trial, awards will be presented to the top 1-3 teams in each class: Open, Pro Novice, Ranch and Novice Novice. Cattle will be Open only and must run in three or more trials to qualify for awards.
8. Points will be accumulated from July 1st through June 30th of each year, with the year end trial to be held before Oct 30 of the same year. The year end trial will count towards points for the next year.
9. Points will be counted on handler/dog teams. If a dog is sold, the new handler will start gathering points all over again with the dog.
10. All members will accumulate points in all classes from trials in Washington State. This procedure takes into account the entire field in any given class. Points will be awarded based on the number of handlers going to the post and the respective finish of WASH teams within that class. Assume an Open class has 50 entries. When the results are posted, each team is assigned points in a descending manner based on their respective finish and the number of teams that went to the post. In this example, since 50 teams went to the post, the first place team receives 50-points; second place gets 49-points; third place gets 48-points; and so on thru the last team to post a score.....DQ's and retirees receive no points. In this scenario, if the highest placing WASH team is 5th place, they will receive 46-points. If the next WASH team finishes in 10th place, they get 41-points. A WASH team finishing in 11th place will receive 40-points and so on.

(These rules take effect July 20, 2009 and will remain in place until modified by a WASH membership vote IAW WASH By-Laws.)