

Buckskin Open Rules

1. All NMBHA/ABRA approved shows will be judged according to ABRA rules. Backup rules are AQHA.
2. Buckskin exhibitors must show original or photocopy of ABRA registration papers or a current work order making entries.
3. Buckskin owners and exhibitors must be members of ABRA and show their cards when making entries.
4. To qualify for NMBHA year-end awards the following requirements must be met:
 - Owner and exhibitor of any buckskin horse must be paid NMBHA members prior to entry in approved shows.
 - Horse must be shown at 60% of approved shows (% rounded to next highest number). The 60% rule does not apply to weanlings. All approved shows, and all points, count. NMBHA points do not carry over from year to year. Open points are earned on the horse, not the exhibitor.
 - Each owner or a designated alternate must work 1 day at a show during the season. Only a 1/2 day may be worked at a training show. The other 1/2 day must be during the regular season. For out-of-state owners, or hardship cases as determined by the Show Committee, a \$50 fee may be paid in lieu of each 1/2 day work.
 - A nomination fee of \$15 must be paid prior to any points counting toward year-end awards. (*See page 19 for nomination form.*)
5. NMBHA membership is \$10 for an individual (adult or youth) and \$15 for a family of up to four members. Each additional family member is \$5 more. In order to vote or hold office, you must be over 18 and be a current member of ABRA. (cont.)
5. (cont.) A \$3 late fee will be charged for renewals made after March 1. (*Does not apply to new members.*)
6. All fees and office charges are listed on the premium sheet stapled in the center of this directory. The all-day fee will allow one horse to be shown in any open buckskin classes, not counting the extra cattle fees. Any horse being shown under the all-day fee must be shown in its appropriate halter classes. The buckskin all-day fee does not include all-breed classes.
7. Ties for daily high-point awards of NMBHA year-end awards will be decided as follows:
 - Most first place ribbons.
 - If a tie still exists, most second place ribbons.
 - If a tie still exists, most classes entered.
8. It is required that THE CORRECT NUMBER MUST BE WORN for the horse being ridden. Disqualification will occur if the wrong number is wrong.
9. Please see the show premium and ABRA official rule book for any other rules which may apply.
10. A copy of the By-Laws is available to each member. Ask the club secretary.

Year-end Awards for open buckskin classes:

An award will be given for each open class.

Special awards for buckskin horses:

High Point "Super" Horse and Reserve
High Point Junior and Senior Horses
President's Award
Gladden Award
Founders' Award
Dun Factor Award
High Point Stallion, Mare & Gelding

Buckskin Youth Rules

1. Youth classes are judged under ABRA rules. Backup rules are AQHA.
2. Youth exhibitors shall not be older than 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
3. A current ABRA Youth Card must be shown prior to making entries.
4. To acquire ABRA national points a youth's buckskin horse must be owned by the youth or his/her parents, grand-parents, sibling, or legal guardian.
5. A youth showing a leased, borrowed, or ranch-owned horse may not exhibit in ABRA Youth classes.
6. A youth who is not an NMBHA member may earn ABRA points and is eligible for NMBHA daily awards but not for NMBHA year-end awards.
7. Parent or guardian must sign a release before any youth may show.
8. Youth entry fees are listed on the premium sheet in the center of this directory. The all-day fee allows a youth to show one horse in any buckskin youth and open classes, not counting extra cattle fees. Any horse being shown under the all-day fee must be shown in the appropriate open halter class and youth halter class. The buckskin all-day fee does not include all-breed classes.
9. To be eligible for NMBHA year-end awards a youth must meet the same requirements as an open exhibitor. *(See page 11, rule 4.)*
10. Youth points are earned on a one horse-one youth basis. A youth may show more than one horse, but points on each will be tallied separately and only one will count toward daily awards. Each horse may be eligible for different year-end awards.
11. IT IS REQUIRED TO WEAR THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR EACH HORSE, or disqualification will occur.
12. NMBHA point system applies. If a tie exists, the highest placing in showmanship will be used as a tie-breaker. If contestants did not place in showmanship, the number of classes placed in will be used as a tie-breaker.
13. See page 11 and the premium sheet for any other rules which may apply.
14. Year-end participation awards will be given to buckskin and all-breed youth, 18 & under, who are NMBHA members, show or work in 75% of the horse shows and participate in one non-horseshow youth function.

Year-end awards for buckskin youth classes:

Halter mares	Trail 13 & U
Halter geldings	Trail 14-18
Showmanship 13 & U	W. riding
Showmanship 14-18	Reining
W. Pleasure 13 & U	Barrels
W. Pleasure 14-18	Poles
W. Horsemanship 13 & U	
W. Horsemanship 14-18	
Hunter Under Saddle 13 & U	
Hunter Under Saddle 14-18	
Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & U	
Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18	

Special year-end awards:

High Point Youth 13 & U
High Point Youth 14-18
Reserve Awards for Both Age Groups
Rookie-of-the-Year Award
Youth Sportsmanship Award
Jim Williams Memorial Award

Buckskin Amateur Rules

1. Current ABRA Amateur Card must be shown prior to making entries. Application forms are provided by ABRA.
2. A person is considered an amateur by ABRA when he/she is no longer eligible to show in youth classes, and who has not shown, judged, trained or assisted in training for remuneration, either directly or indirectly, nor received compensation for instructing another person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse in competition for the previous five (5) years. Any approved horse show judge is ineligible. Premium money is not considered remuneration, but payment of entry fees, expenses, etc. by any person other than the contestant or his/her family shall be considered remuneration.
3. It is not required to belong to NMBHA to earn ABRA national points or NMBHA daily awards, but a contestant must be an NMBHA member to qualify for NMBHA year-end awards.
4. To qualify for NMBHA year-end awards, an amateur must meet the same requirements as an open exhibitor. (See page 11 - rule 4.)
5. NMBHA point system will apply. Amateur points are earned on a one-horse, one-rider basis.
6. Amateur entry fees are listed on the premium sheet in the center of this directory. The all-day fee allows an amateur to show one horse in any buckskin amateur and open classes, not counting extra cattle fees. A horse being shown under the all-day fee must be shown in the appropriate amateur halter class and open halter class. The buckskin all-day fee does not include all-breed classes.
7. Amateur classes are judged under ABRA rules. Backup rules are AQHA.
8. See page 11 and the premium sheet for any other rules which may apply.

Year-end awards for buckskin amateur classes:

Halter stallions	W. Pleasure
Halter mares	W. Horsemanship
Halter geldings	W. Riding
Showmanship	Wrk Ranch Horse
Hunter Under Saddle	Reining
Hunder Hack	Trail
Hunt Seat Equitation	

Special year-end awards:

High Point Amateur
 Reserve High Point Amateur
 Amateur-of-the-Year Award
 Amateur Rookie of the Year Award
 Amateur Participation Awards

NMBHA Point System

Horses	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1 in class	1					
2 in class	2	1				
3 in class	3	2	1			
4 in class	4	3	2	1		
5 in class	5	4	3	2	1	
6 in class	6	5	4	3	2	1

Grand Champion will receive one more point than the highest pointed horse in its division

Reserve Champion will receive the same number of points as the highest pointed horse in its division

If there are more than 6 horses in a class, only the top 6 will earn points