



Versatility Awards Program

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The American Saddlebred Horse excels in many disciplines. The Versatility Awards Program is designed enable the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Canada recognize registered pure and partbreds participating in organized activities, at both recognized and schooling shows, and in other venues.

The reward of participating benefits both the breed and the participants. As the breed and membership grow, so will the program!

Eligible Disciplines/Events

- In Hand
- Dressage
- Hunter/Jumper
- Saddleseat
- English
- Eventing
- Show Driving
- Combined Driving
- Pleasure Driving
- Specialty (like vaulting, programs for handicapped riders/therapy work, visits with organized groups or a 'pet day' type of activity with an organization, historical reenactments, drill teams, polo cross, parades and flag ceremonies, etc)
- Distance Riding
- Western
- Gymkhana/Games
- Trail
- Trail Riding (Pleasure or Competitive)
- Costume and Parade
- Cutting/Penning/Roping

If you participate in an event or activity other than shown here, please submit the information and the committee will make a ruling on the eligibility.

Note that for events/shows where the horse demonstrates multiple disciplines 5 points will be awarded for each discipline. For example, combined driving would include five points each for dressage, cones, and marathon. Participating at a horse show both In Hand and in Saddleseat classes would include 5 points for each discipline.

Eligibility

The awards are based on American Saddlebred Horses who are registered in Canada, and participated in by their registered owners, their families, or lessees. The award is based on the horse participating, so may have multiple riders. Copies of the horses' registration (both sides) must be included.

There is no cost to you to participate in this program!

Points

Points will be awarded for participating, and are not based on placing. Each discipline is eligible for five points, with no more than 15 points being awarded per category per year (i.e. Western pleasure, cutting, reining, trail, showmanship, timed events represent a category)

Please submit a summary of your activities (either electronically or by mail) and **please include photographs**, or printed results from shows. **You must register during the year you plan to participate.** The Versatility Program committee reserves the right to request verification of your points. Ensure that for each activity submitted, contact information for the event organizer is recorded. This is necessary for point verification purposes

Points continue to accumulate for the life of the horse, even if horse is transferred or sold.

Points are NOT retroactive, so any activities completed prior to the horse being registered in the versatility program will be inadmissible. The point collection period ends December 31 for each year, however as points are cumulative those not submitted one year can be added to future years.

Points must be submitted and postmarked prior to January 31 of the following year for review, in order for the Versatility Award to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Points are collected for activities done in each category regardless of the length of the event, and are awarded per event. A long event will merit the same number of points as a shorter event. .

Participants are responsible for keeping yearly records of points collected and submitted. These cumulative records will be kept by ASHA of Canada as well.

In order to demonstrate true versatility, the highest level awards (Gold and Platinum) will only be awarded if points are obtained from BOTH driving and riding activities.

Points and Award Categories

- ✓ 50 points (points from two or more categories) - certificate
- ✓ 100 points (points from three or more categories) - bronze
- ✓ 250 points (points from four categories) - silver
- ✓ 500 points (points from four categories, horse both ridden and driven) - gold
- ✓ 1000 points (points from four categories, horse both ridden and driven) - platinum

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