

Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series

BY-Laws

I. OBJECTIVES

The Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series operating as a non-profit organization, (the “Association” or “TASS”) sets forth the following objectives:

- A. To encourage the retraining of Thoroughbreds into other disciplines upon completion of careers in the racing or breeding industry.
- B. To give back to charity, so that Thoroughbreds coming off the racetrack can be well-provided for and rehabilitated by aftercare facilities and rescues/adoption agencies.
- C. To serve and promote the best interests of members, shows, and the exhibitors who participate in them.
- D. To promote and/or conduct horse shows and other special events.
- E. To coordinate and assign show dates to member shows and to make adequate and fair rules governing competition, and to enforce them for the common benefit.
- F. To otherwise assist in connection with the exhibition of horses. The Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series Year commences on March 1st and ends on November 30th.

II. YEAR END AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR HORSES

In order to be eligible for year end awards, horses must be nominated prior to the first show in which they are entered. Points will not be awarded retroactively. Year end award eligibility is the responsibility of the person nominating each horse and will be verified. Horse’s complete race record **MUST** be submitted with the nomination form. This race record can be downloaded free of charge on Equibase.com. Horses only need to be nominated one time to accumulate series points, and can be ridden by different riders throughout the shows.

Horses must be shown under their registered Jockey Club name. While each member show may have different requirements as far as entering non-tattooed thoroughbreds, in order to be eligible for TASS Year End Awards, horses must be tattooed or have proof of registry according to T.I.P. guidelines.

Any TASS nomination forms submitted that lack information will not be accepted for the season. All forms will be posted on the thoroughbredalliance.org website.

Year End Nominations for Cumulative Awards shall be presented to those horses eligible in the following categories:

- A. High Point Kentucky Bred
- B. High Point Maryland Bred
- C. High Point New Jersey Bred
- H. High Point New York Bred
- D. High Point Pennsylvania Bred
- E. High Point Virginia Bred
- F. High Point West Virginia Bred
- G. High Point Green Horse (last raced in 2015)
- H. High Point War Horse (50+ starts or \$100+K earnings)
- I. Listing Service Horse (CANTER, etc.)
- J. Adopted Horse (submit contract) must be from a recognized rescue (501c3)

In addition, horses will accumulate points in each division that it competes in, for year end division high score awards. See further information in Section V. Points.

All financial obligations to every TASS series show must be met in order to be eligible for TASS year end awards.

In the event of the sale of a TASS horse during the show season, points won by the prior owner will be carried over to the new owner. Points only carry over for the horse.

III. THOROUGHBRED ALLIANCE SHOW SERIES BOARD

- A. The Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series Board shall consist of: Georganne Hale - Maryland Jockey Club, Sue Smith - Canter PA, Bev Strauss -MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, Carrie Everly, Maryland Jockey Club, Karin DeFrancis, Maryland Jockey Club, and Fran Burns. In addition, The Equiery Magazine is the presenting sponsor for TASS. Jennifer Sponseller Webster is the TASS Representative from The Equiery.
- B. The TASS Board and Competition will be held harmless from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to horse and rider and for any harm of any nature caused by rider or horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the TASS Board or the Competition.
- C. Show management must notify the TASS Board in writing with proof of unsettled accounts within two (2) weeks of the show. The TASS Board will immediately contact the rider in question. Upon notification from the Board, the rider has seven (7) days to settle the account. If the rider fails to settle the account their membership will be suspended effective the date of the show.
- D. All TASS Board decisions for the Series will be final.
- E. The TASS Board or TASS Show Manager reserves the right to remove any TASS show participant for unsportsmanlike behavior or for disrespectful to show staff or volunteers at any show or towards any TASS show participant, organizer, or board member. At the time the TASS show participant is removed, the participant will forfeit all points, ribbons and prizes for that show and all entry fees will NOT be refunded in any form. The decision of TASS show management is FINAL.

IV. MEMBER SHOWS

- A. All Member Shows shall make application and payment of dues for show dates for the following year prior to January 1st of the current year. Show Fee - \$75.00 per show. Checks should be made payable to: The Maryland Jockey Club and sent to: Beverly Strauss, MAHR, PO Box 407, Chesapeake City, MD 21915 or emailed to thoroughbredalliance@gmail.com

V. POINTS

- A. Points shall be awarded as follows:

First Place	10 points
Second Place	6 points
Third Place	4 points
Fourth Place	2 points
Fifth Place	1.5 Points
Sixth Place	1 point
- B. Placing in classes with more than 25 entries will receive double points. No points for Champion and Reserve Champion at member shows.

- C. In order for points to be awarded, there must be at least four entries in the class.
- D. Points will ONLY be awarded in TASS specified classes.
- E. Points will be awarded per division. A horse may only show in two consecutive divisions based on fence heights. If a horse moves up to a higher non consecutive division, it will no longer be eligible to compete in the lowest division in which it accumulated points. In order to qualify for Division Awards, each horse must be nominated prior to his or her first show.
- F. Cumulative Awards are calculated separately from Division Awards. Cumulative Awards, defined in Section II, will be calculated by totaling all points earned in the 2016 season through any TASS regulated classes. In order to qualify for Cumulative Awards, each horse must be nominated prior to his or her first show.
- G. Year End Awards will be presented through 6th place in each category.
- H. Any questions relating to any of the TASS Shows shall be directed to the Show Secretary of that particular show.
- I. All points will be compiled by the Point Recorder. Any questions related to points shall be directed To the Point Recorder, Beverly Abbott at bevabbott2575@gmail.com or 410-259-2575.
- J. Points received at shows between March 1st and July 31st shall be final as of August 30th. After August 30th, points for shows held between March 1st and July 31st will be final.
- K. Points received at shows between August 1st and November 2nd shall be final as of December 1st. After December 1st, points for shows held between August 1st and November 2nd will be final.