

Shire Alternative Competition Points Program (SAC)

Introduction:

The Shire Alternative Competition Points Program (SAC) knows that the Shire horse is a talented and versatile individual that performs in many activities and events outside of the ASHA sanctioned National and Regional Shows. The goal of the SAC program is to recognize those horses and owners for their accomplishments in the competitive events that they enjoy.

What is the Shire Alternative Competition (SAC) Program?

SAC accepts nominations for many equine organizations, fairs, local draft horse associations and trail rides. Many shire owners live and participate in local events and activities that fall outside the category of an "ASHA-approved National and regional show."

SAC will record performance and halter points from SAC recognizes each year State Sanctioned Fairs, Corporate Shows and Stock Shows, like Denver Stock Show or Calgary Stampede. A working list of these preapproved shows is in this document. Follow the guidelines as posted to enter these shows and count your points. If you have a show that fits in this category, please submit it for nomination.

Even though the ASHA is not officially associated with these events, the association does want to recognize the efforts of shire owners using their Shire horse. As a result, Shire horse owner's accomplishments will be recorded on all registered Shire horses. These points are then listed on their official performance record with the ASHA.

Nominating a Local Show:

Many local saddle clubs and fairs offer opportunities to show but are not recognized by the ASHA as a sanctioned show. This is now possible since ASHA has committed to recognize points earned by Shire horses at events approved through the SAC Program. You may gain points for your placings by nominating these shows that fit the SAC prerequisites.

- 1) Show nominations must be filled out and sent to the SAC Secretary 30 days prior to the show for approval.
- 2) SAC approval for the local event expires December 31st of each year. You must re-nominate each organization and their shows every year.
- 3) Include with the nomination form a copy of the show bill or class list for the organization or individual shows sponsored by the organization. This information, with the nomination application, will be used for the approval process for the event.

SAC recognizes each year State Sanctioned Fairs, Corporate Shows and Stock Shows, like Denver Stock Show or Calgary Stampede. When you enter one of these shows:

- 1) Send a copy of your entry forms, and a class list, 30 days prior to the show.

- 2) For multiple hitch classes submit the hitch declaration form that lists the horses that will be shown in each hitch class with paperwork listed above.
- 3) When you get to the show fill out the SAC forms as needed.
- 4) Have the show secretary sign the SAC form for your placings.
- 5) When you send these into the SAC Secretary, send the link to download the official results or have the show secretary mail official results to cross reference with the SAC forms.

Below is the working list of approved SAC shows that do not require nomination (these shows must meet all SAC requirements as listed above, have draft horse shows in the premium list, and may hold ASHA Sanctioned classes or shows as part of their premium list.) ASHA sponsored halter classes as part of a recognized National or Regional will not count for points. All performance classes at the National and Regional shows may be turned in for performance points. All performance and halter to count for points that fit into the class categories as listed in the program.

- 1) Calgary Stampede
- 2) Denver Stock Show
- 3) Big Sky Draft Horse Expo
- 4) The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
- 5) Idaho State Draft Horse and Mule International Show
- 6) Britt Draft Horse Show
- 7) Indiana State Fair
- 8) Missouri State Fair Draft Horse Show
- 9) Nebraska State Fair
- 10) Kansas State Fair
- 11) The Michigan Great Lakes International
- 12) Big E Fair
- 13) Old Dominion Draft Horse and Mule Show
- 14) Georgia Draft Horse Show
- 15) Kentucky North American International Draft Horse Show
- 16) Scott County Fair Draft Horse Show
- 17) Montana Fair
- 18) Colorado Draft Horse Classic
- 19) Pomona LA Co. Fair
- 20) Grass Valley
- 21) Oklahoma State Fair
- 22) KILE
- 23) Ohio State Fair
- 24) Maine Skohegan Fair
- 25) Addison Vermont County Fair
- 26) Minnesota State Fair
- 27) Wisconsin State Fair
- 28) North Dakota State Fair

Easy to Enroll and Report:

In order to be eligible for the SAC program, individuals must be a member in good standing with the ASHA. All ASHA show rules apply to the SAC program. They are listed as follows:

SAC: Show Eligibility Rules

- A. Shire stallions, mares, and geldings registered with the American Shire Horse Association, the Canadian Shire Horse Association (CSHA) or the Shire Horse Society (SHS) are eligible to show in SAC Approved classes. "Notified Colts" that are parentage verified and recorded in the name of the exhibitor are eligible to show.
- B. Foals must be registered with the appropriate Shire registry prior to being shown at SAC approved shows.
- C. Horses must be entered by the owner(s) listed on the horse's registration paper. Show entry forms usually list this as 'exhibitor' or 'entrant'. Persons acting as agent or handler for the horse being shown may not be listed as the exhibitor. The owner does not have to be the person showing the horse. Leased horses may be entered by the lessor as recorded by the respective associations.
- D. Mares registered as 3/4 and 7/8 Shire may be shown with full registered mares. Geldings registered as 3/4, 7/8 or 15/16 Shire may be shown with full registered geldings.
- E. When a horse registered with SHS or CHSA (but not with ASHA) is entered, a copy of the registration paper must be sent to the SAC Secretary in order to allow verification of eligibility.
- F. Copies of registration papers, showing the exhibitor as owner, must be presented to the SAC Show coordinator for ALL late or post entered horses before they may be shown.
- G. Any horse found to be ineligible to show after the judging will forfeit all points and awards.

Steps to nominating your horse and collecting points:

- 1) Members must nominate their horse with a qualified application, copy of registration papers and fees paid to SAC and all sent to the SAC Secretary before they can begin earning points. Once your application is reviewed you will be sent a letter with the SAC information and copy of the form needed to fill out for your official report for show results.
- 2) Next, if you place in a SAC approved class/ show; you will then fill out the official report.
- 3) Lastly, ask the show official on file for the show to verify and sign the show results. For points to be counted, the report must be properly filled out with no missing information, and returned to the SAC Secretary no more than 30 days after the show. You will have 90 days to submit any corrections to the form. All corrections must be accompanied with an official printout of the show results from the show secretary.

Points are totaled for the horse in the same manner that premium points are totaled for the ASHA Premier Points Program.

Variety of Competitions or Classes Approved for Points:

The SAC program is open to most types of competitions. Organizations must keep official records of the show for one year. Anytime through that year the SAC Secretary may request copies of those results for verification of points and entries.

In order for a show to be eligible for nomination the event must be sponsored by an association, organization or affiliate that has:

- 1) An established record- keeping system
- 2) Established governing body (Board of Directors)
- 3) A representative (usually the show secretary) that will sign the forms.

SAC Categories and Classes:

The SAC program will award points in two main divisions: 1) Full Shire and 2) Shire Sport Horse; for each of the class categories listed below. Each year horses will be able to perform in classes at approved nominated shows in the following class categories:

- 1) Combined Training: Eventing and Combined Driving. Includes USEA approved events
- 2) Dressage: Includes USDF approved events.
- 3) Single Driving: Hitch-style
- 4) Single Driving: Pleasure/street classes
- 5) Multiple Driving: Hitch-style, team to 8-horse hitch classes
- 6) Multiple Driving: team to 8-horse hitch pleasure/street classes
- 7) Single Farm Classes: Includes plowing matches, log skidding, Gamblers Choice and all other events as seen in farm shows.
- 8) Multiple Farm Classes: Includes plowing matches, log skidding, Gamblers Choice, farm team, feed team and all other events as seen in farm shows.
- 9) Conformation Halter: not to include color classes or group classes, Grand and Reserve Champions to be tabulated as well.
- 10) Showmanship at Halter: Included draft or light horse styles of showmanship.
- 11) English Pleasure: Includes all non breed registry sponsored competition and all age groups where horses are required to walk, trot, lope.
- 12) Western Pleasure: Includes all non breed registry sponsored competition and all age groups where horses are required to walk, trot, lope.
- 13) Games: includes barrels, poles, key hole, flag race and other games.
- 14) Over Fences: Includes working hunter, hunter hack and all variations of jumping.
- 15) Trail: Includes all non-breed association sponsored competition, in hand or ridden trail.
- 16) Competitive Trail Ride/ Endurance
- 17) Walk/ Trot: includes Bareback, Western or English styles of riding.
- 18) Yearling Lunge Line
- 19) Pulling

Official Performance Record:

Through SAC, ASHA is committed to record the performance of your registered Shire or Shire Sport Horse, when it performs in an activity outside of the breed sanctioned approved shows/ classes. For your performances you are given points that are recorded on your horse's official lifetime performance record. Annual and lifetime SAC leaders in each category are listed each year in the official ASHA news letter and on the ASHA web site.

Points are then totaled, with the top ten in each category and division printed in the show results portion of the newsletter each winter. Points are earned as a lifetime total for each horse. As points are totaled, horses earning substantial points are eligible for awards and Shire of Merit (SOM) certificates in the categories that the points are won in. Shire of Merit (SOM) categories are as follows:

Bronze SOM: 100 Pts - Certificate

Silver SOM: 250 pts – Certificate and Award

Gold SOM: 500 pts- Certificate and Award

Diamond SOM: 750 pts- Certificate and Award

Platinum SOM: 1000 pts- Certificate and Award

Points System for Tabulating SAC Points:

Single horses in a class of any size, including just one in a class, are awarded show-points based on their placing. The number of animals (entries) in a class becomes the total number of show-points 1st place gets. 2nd place would get the number below that and so on. A class of 7 would offer 7 show-points to first place, 6 points to 2nd and 5 points to 3rd, etc.

In the multiple hitch classes, where horse are show from team to 8 horse hitches, points will be tabulated by the number of entries or units (not number of horses). For example: you are showing your six horse hitch at Calgary. There are 7 units or entries. Therefore first place will be 7 points, 2nd place would be 6, 3rd would be 5 etc. Each horse in the hitch nominated that year for the sac program would receive the total points – so if you won 2nd place in the example above each horse in the team that is nominated with the SAC program would get 6 points towards the multiple hitch class category.

Points are only awarded in the approved class categories listed above. Classes such as Best of Breed, Best State Bred, Supreme and any other class not listed above should show as usual, but no points will be awarded in those classes.

SAC participants will submit show results form to the SAC secretary within 30 days of the show and the points will be updated as they are recorded. No corrections will be made after 90 days from the recording date, all verifications or concerns must be addressed before those 90 days. If a horse is disqualified from its class, the points are calculated as if the horse wasn't there and the other horses in that class are bumped up in points. Points travel with the sale of horse; data such as ownership will be taken from ASHA's studbook.

Any fraudulent behaviors will result in termination of the member from the SAC Program permanently. All awards and points will be stripped from the horse(s) in question. Said horse(s) in question may earn points in the future under new ownership.

The SAC Secretary will send annual reports for points earned to the participants each year with the certificates / awards won. These reports will let owners see where they are in each category and have an idea of where they are in points. Reports may be emailed, and posted on the official SAC web page on the ASHA site.

Shire Alternative Competition Event Approval Application

Name of Club or Organization: _____

Date of Application: _____ Nominating Member: _____

- 1) Complete form: incomplete forms will not be approved.
- 2) Submit Class lists for all shows- Classes not submitted in this application will not be considered for points.
 - a. Class List or Show Bill is attached ____ Yes ____ No
- 3) SAC approved clubs and organizations must keep accurate records of placings and entries for one year. These records must be available for audit at the request of SAC.
 - a. Does this club or organization keep accurate and storable records for a year? ____ Yes ____ No
 - b. Is the club or organization willing to send the SAC program show records as needed for audits (failure to do so will null and void all points for said show/ club)? ____ Yes ____ No
- 4) May ASHA and the SAC Program publish your show dates in the ASHA Newsletter and on the Web Site? _____
Yes _____ No
- 5) Please list the show schedule and contact information for each event if different from the club secretary listed below.
- 6) Club/ Organization is governed by a BOD or similar governing body. ____ Yes ____ No

<u>Show Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Daytime Phone Number</u>

Club Contact Person for all Shows: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web Site: _____

By signing this application, I affirm that the information provided is true and correct. I understand my obligations as a representative of a SAC- Approved Club, and will provide formal show results to SAC upon request for all shows listed above. The signature that appears below will be matched with the signature on the form used to submit points after the show.

Club Manager/ Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Please Return All Paperwork to:

Shire Alternative Competition Program

C/O SAC Secretary; Leanne Hoagland

PO Box 95 * Glendive MT 59330

(406) 687- 3004

sacprogram@midrivers.com

Shire Alternative Competition Horse Nomination Application

Year of Enrolment: _____ **ASHA Membership Number:** _____

Recorded Owner of Horse(s): _____

Recorded Owner's Address: _____

City: _____ **State/ Province:** _____

Zip Code: _____ **Country:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

How did you hear of the ASHA/SAC? Friend Web Site Trade Show Advertisement Other

<u>Registered Name of Horse</u>	<u>Registration Number</u>	<u>Full Shire</u>	<u>Shire Sport Horse</u>	<u>Copy of Papers Included</u>
1)				
2)				
3)				
4)				
5)				
6)				
7)				
8)				

SAC Fees: Make Payment to SAC Program in Check , Money Order. Please send payment with your SAC forms. SAC will record payment history with the nomination form. Contact us for Pay Pal

- _____ **\$30 One Horse**
- _____ **\$50 Two Horses**
- _____ **\$75 Three Horses**
- _____ **\$ 100 Four Horses**
- _____ **\$ 120 Five or more Horses**

- **Must be a current member of ASHA.**
- **Horse must be entered in program by listed owner on registration papers.**
- **Please contact ASHA Secretary or Web Site if you need a transfer of ownership or membership.**

I understand and agree to the rules of the ASHA and the SAC Program as defined in the show guidelines. Further, I understand that I must have the SAC enrollment form in each year prior to competing in any approved SAC event.

Owner's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Have You:

- 1) **Enclosed payment**
- 2) **Copy of registration papers.**
- 3) **Filled out all information completely.**
- 4) **Checked for Nominated Shows in your area!**
- 5) **Nominate shows in your area that are not in our list.**

Class: _____ **Class Number:** _____

List only SAC Nominated Horses!

<u>Horses Nominated to Show in Hitch</u>	<u>Possible Substitutes</u>

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We certify that the horse named above will enter in the classes listed on this report. Our submission of this form indicates our compliance with ASHA rules of showing and conduct as well as the rules of the SAC Program. Any fraudulent reporting will result in permanent termination from the SAC Program and all points and awards won with horse(s) in question to be stripped.

Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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