

2021 Rules for Triple Trainer Award

The NJQHA is excited to offer the Triple Trainer Award (TTA) where a trainer who has had the most successful NJQHA show season based on total accumulated points of his/her designated riders after the PJC Memorial Show and who fulfills the following requirements below will be awarded \$3000!!

Who is considered a "trainer"?

- A trainer is an individual that holds an open card. Individuals with an amateur, novice, or youth card are not eligible for this award.
- A trainer is an individual that is paid for horse-related trainer activities such as lessons, horse training, stalling or coaching at shows provided to specific clients. This award will only be given to one declared trainer. If multiple trainers work together within the same barn (e.g. assistant trainers), only one trainer can be declared.
- Trainers must have a AQHA membership. However the trainer does not have to currently hold a NJQHA membership.
- There is no additional entry fee for a trainer to participate in the TTA. However, the trainer must be present and have corresponding Designated Rider Sheets completed and submitted for all three NJQHA-hosted shows.
- Due to the amount of the award, the winner must submit a completed IRS form W-9 in order to receive the prize.

What is required to win the award?

A trainer must have exhibitors declared as "designated riders" that show in at least one class under all four judges at each of the following NJQHA shows:

May 13-16 • June 24-27 • August 26-29

This award will only be given to a trainer who completes the three show requirement while following the rules outlined below.

A trainer will complete and submit a Trainer's Designated Rider Sheet with his/her selection of horses with designated riders before the start of each NJQHA hosted show. At the end of the show series, each trainer will have submitted a total of 3 sheets to the NJQHA.

How are riders/exhibitors designated?

The trainer must submit a completed Trainer's Designated Rider sheet to the Show Management onsite prior start of the show on Thursday. If the sheet is not handed at this time, points earned by any of the exhibitors listed prior to the sheet being handed into the Show Office will not count towards the trainer's tabulations. Trainers cannot add additional horse/exhibitors after the sheet has been handed in.

Designated riders do not have to be current NJQHA members but must be AQHA members. The riders identified must have agreed to be designated under that particular trainer. A back number can only be designated under one trainer per show and not change trainers during a show. A trainer can include themselves as a part of their designated rider list.

Which classes will be used to tabulate points?

All AQHA and open classes from the three NJQHA hosted shows will be used to tabulate a trainer's points. To clarify, Leadline, Open Trail Stakes, Youth & Amateur Showmanship Jackpots, Open Hunter Under Saddle Stakes, Region 5 and NJ-Bred classes will NOT count.

How will the TTA be awarded?

Show Management will tabulate the points for each trainer after the completion of each show using the 1st-9th placings of their designated riders. If a class is not full, points will be adjusted based on the number of exhibitors within that class.

The top trainers of each show will be announced by rank one week after each show. The final winner will be announced within two weeks after the PJC Show. The NJQHA will also supply point tally sheets to each trainer to allow them to keep their own points.

What if the shows are postponed or canceled?

It is the intent of the NJQHA to offer three shows in 2021. If a show is postponed to a later date in 2021 due to safety concerns, such as COVID-19 restrictions, then the three show rule participation as outlined above will still apply to include the adjusted dates.

If only two of the three shows are successfully completed in 2021, the Show Management will award \$1000 to the top trainer who fulfills the requirements above for two shows. If only one of the planned three shows is completed, \$500 will be given to the top trainer. The payments for these abbreviated TTA scenarios will not be handed out until the NJQHA has officially announced the close of their 2021 show season.