

The Competition Advisory Committee (CAC) is currently reviewing a revised structure for the Leveling Program and will formally bring this structure forward for vetting and possible implementation starting December 1, 2026. In the meantime, a review was done of the current leveling points. The CAC studied the points of over 900 individuals and through this review their desire is to lower the number of points for the “Select” on the local/regional level from 75 to 45 points on the Amateur Chart only (all other charts would remain the same, Youth, Trail, Reining, Equitation/Showmanship)). As a reminder, leveling points are obtained the same way Achievement Award points are obtained. The chart of how points are awarded at the local level is as follows:

Number of Horses in Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
2-3	1/2				
4-7	1				
8-11	2	1			
12-15	3	2	1		
16-19	4	3	2	1	
20 +	5	4	3	2	1

In addition, regional points are assigned as follows:

12 points, Champion.

6 points, Reserve Champion.

4 points, remaining of Top Five or Top Six.

Scores will not count; only final placings will determine points. If a regional show places a full Top Five or Top Six, then points will be awarded to 50% of the class not to exceed five or six. (i.e., If 6 horses are in the class, points will be awarded to the Champion, Reserve Champion, and the highest placing Top Five horse)

Remember not all disciplines take part in leveling. Here is the list of disciplines that would be affected with this change:

Western – Western Pleasure, Western Riding

Hunter Seat – Hunter Pleasure

Saddle Seat – Park, English, Country English, Show Hack.

Ranch Rail

Ranch Riding – excludes the VRH Ranch Riding

CAC realizes that this will point riders out of Select faster but will also balance the number of participants in the Select and Choice levels.