

DRUM HORSE BREED REGISTRY (DHBR)

2026–2027 Year-End Awards

Ambassador of the Year Award

(Highest-Pointed Exhibition Horse)

Awarded to the horse earning the highest total exhibition points for the season.

Eligibility & Terms

- A horse may receive the Ambassador of the Year Award **only once**.
- The winning horse will serve as an official **DHBR Ambassador** for the following year.
- The Ambassador will be featured in DHBR **marketing, promotional materials, and public outreach**.

DHBR Hall of Fame

The DHBR Hall of Fame represents the **highest honor** bestowed by the Registry and is reserved for truly exceptional Drum Horses.

Eligibility Requirements

- The horse must have earned **Year-End Awards in two (2) different disciplines**.
 - **publicly recognizable** within the Drum Horse community.
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- Induction is determined by a **vote of DHBR members**.

Award Limitations

- **One (1) horse inducted every three (3) years**.

- This award is intentionally limited and **not awarded lightly**, preserving its prestige and historical importance.

DHBR Legacy Award

A **member-driven award** honoring an individual who has made a significant and lasting impact on the Drum Horse breed.

Criteria

- Voted on by DHBR members.
- Recognizes continued dedication, leadership, and positive representation of the breed.
- Awarded to individuals whose contributions extend beyond a single season.

DHBR Year-End High Point Awards

Awarded to the horse and up to two riders earning the **highest total points** in each category during the competition year. The award is given to the owner of the horse at the end of the year. Highpoints are not transferrable to new ownership if sold.

Categories

- **Youth High Point Award** – Highest-pointed youth exhibitor of the year
- **Western High Point Award** – Highest-pointed Western discipline horse of the year
- **English High Point Award** – Highest-pointed English discipline horse of the year

Award Entry & Eligibility Requirements

- All horses **must be registered with the Drum Horse Breed Registry (DHBR)** prior to submission of Year-End Award paperwork.
- The **owner and the rider must have a DHBR membership and in good standing** applicable award year.
- DHBR will **verify registration and membership status** before a horse is accepted for Year-End Award consideration.

- **Award entry submission opens December 1 and closes January 1.** Late submissions will not be accepted.

DHBR Point System Overview

This points system awards competitors based on **placing** and **class size**, ensuring fairness by scaling points according to the level of competition.

Point Allocation

Classes with 1–3 Horses

- 1st Place: **5 points**
- 2nd Place: **3 points**
- 3rd Place: **1 point**

Classes with 4–6 Horses

- 1st Place: **7 points**
- 2nd Place: **5 points**
- 3rd Place: **3 points**
- 4th Place: **1 point**

Classes with 7 or More Horses

- 1st Place: **10 points**
- 2nd Place: **7 points**
- 3rd Place: **5 points**
- 4th Place: **3 points**
- 5th Place: **1 point**

Additional Considerations

- Points are accumulated throughout the year from **all eligible events**.
- **Bonus points** may be awarded for designated special events or championships.
- The horse or exhibitor with the **highest total points** at the conclusion of the competition year in each category will receive the corresponding **DHBR Year-End Award**.

Year-End Award Tie-Breaker Rules

In the event of a tie in total points at the conclusion of the competition year, the following tie-breaker criteria will be applied **in order**, until the tie is resolved:

1. Greatest Number of First-Place Finishes

The horse or exhibitor with the highest number of first-place placings in eligible classes will prevail.

2. Highest Points Earned in the Largest Classes

Priority will be given to the horse or exhibitor earning the highest cumulative points in classes with **seven (7) or more entries**.

3. Total Number of Classes Competed

The horse or exhibitor who competed in the greatest number of eligible classes during the year will be awarded the title.

4. Highest Single-Event Point Total

The horse or exhibitor with the highest total points earned at any single eligible event will be declared the winner.

5. DHBR Awards Committee Review (Final Determination)

If a tie remains, the DHBR Awards Committee will review the tied records and make a final determination based on overall season performance.

Tie-breaker rules apply to all DHBR Year-End High Point Awards. Tie-breakers do not apply to member-voted awards, including the DHBR Hall of Fame and DHBR Legacy Award. All decisions are final.

This system is designed to reward consistency, versatility, and excellence while maintaining fairness across varying levels of competition.