Awards & Criteria

Sonoita Awards are for the combined total of both judges, based on the nine-point system. If there are nine or more horses in a class, first place earns nine points, second earns eight points and so on. If there are fewer than nine horses, first place earns points equal to the total number of horses in the class, second place earns one fewer and so on. In the case of a tie the tiebreaker judge will be utilized. The tiebreaker judge is determined prior to the class.

HIGH POINT OPEN VRH Buckle:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by division will be the Buckle Winner.
The six classes that count are Cutting, Ranch Riding, Reining, Ranch Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Conformation.
The Divisions are Open, All Breed Adult

HIGH POINT AMATEUR VRH BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by division will be the Buckle Winner.
The six classes that count are Cutting, Ranch Riding, Reining, Ranch Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Conformation.
The Divisions are Rookie Amateur, Ltd Amateur, Amateur.

HIGH POINT YOUTH VRH BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by division will be the Buckle Winner.
The six classes that count are Cutting, Ranch Riding, Reining, Ranch Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Conformation.
The Divisions are Open, Rookie Youth, Ltd Youth, Youth.

HIGH POINT OPEN RANCH/REINING BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by DIVISION will be the Buckle Winner.
The Divisions are: Open, All Breed Adult W/T, and All Breed Adult.

Classes that count: Open Ranch Riding, Junior Working Western Rail, Senior Working Western Rail, Open Ranch Trail, Open Reining,, All Breed Adult W/T Ranch Riding, All Breed Adult W/T Working Western Rail, All Breed Adult W/T Ranch Trail, All Breed Adult Ranch Riding, All Breed Adult Working Western Rail, All Breed Adult Ranch Trail, All Breed Adult Reining.

HIGH POINT AMATEUR RANCH/REINING BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by DIVISION will be the Buckle Winner.
The Divisions are: Rookie Amateur, L1 Amateur, and Amateur.

Classes that count toward the award are: Rookie Amateur Ranch Riding, Rookie Amateur Ranch Trail, Rookie Amateur Reining, L1 Amateur Ranch Riding, L1 Amateur Ranch Trail, L1 Amateur Reining, Amateur Ranch Riding, Amateur Working Western Rail, Amateur Ranch Trail, Amateur Reining.

HIGH POINT YOUTH RANCH BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by DIVISION will be the Buckle Winner.
The Divisions are: All Breed W/T Youth, All Breed Youth, Rookie Youth, L1 Youth, and Youth

Classes that count toward the award are: All Breed W/T Youth Ranch Riding, All Breed W/T Youth Working Western Rail, All Breed Youth W/T Ranch Trail, All Breed Youth Ranch Riding, All Breed Youth Working Western Rail, All Breed Youth Ranch Trail, All Breed Youth Reining, Rookie Youth Ranch Riding, Rookie Youth Ranch Trail, Rookie Youth Reining, Youth Ranch Riding, Youth Working Western Rail, Youth Ranch Trail, Youth Reining.

HIGH POINT ALL AROUND OPEN BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by DIVISION will be the Buckle Winner.
The Divisions are: Open, All Breed Adult W/T, and All Breed Adult.

Classes that count toward the award are: Open 3yr Old Stallion, Open Aged Stallion, Open Performance Stallion, Open 3yr old Gelding, Open Aged Gelding, Open Performance Gelding, Open 3yr Old Mare, Open Aged Mare, Open Performance Mare, Open Pleasure, Open Trail, Open Hunter Under Saddle, All Breed W/T Adult Showmanship, All Breed Adult W/T Pleasure, All Breed Adult W/T Horsemanship, All Breed Adult W/T Trail, All Breed W/T Hunter Under Saddle, All Breed W/T Adult Equitation, All Breed Adult Showmanship, All Breed Adult Pleasure, All Breed Adult Horsemanship, All Breed Adult Trail, All Breed Hunter Under Saddle, All Breed Adult Equitation.

HIGH POINT ALL AROUND AMATEUR BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by DIVISION will be the Buckle Winner.
The Divisions are: Rookie Amateur, L1 Amateur, and Amateur.

Classes that count toward the award are: Amateur 3yr Old Stallion, Amateur Aged Stallion, Amateur Performance Stallion, Amateur 3yr old Gelding, Amateur Aged Gelding, Amateur Performance Gelding, Amateur 3yr Old Mare, Amateur Aged Mare, Amateur Performance Mare, Rookie Amateur Showmanship, Rookie Amateur Pleasure, Rookie Amateur Horsemanship, Rookie Amateur Trail, Rookie Amateur Hunter Under Saddle, Rookie Amateur Equitation, L1 Amateur Showmanship, L1 Amateur Pleasure, L1 Amateur Horsemanship, L1 Amateur Trail, L1 Amateur Hunter Under Saddle, L1 Amateur Equitation, Amateur Showmanship, Amateur Pleasure, Amateur Horsemanship, Amateur Trail, Amateur Hunter Under Saddle, Amateur Equitation.

HIGH POINT ALL AROUND YOUTH BUCKLE:

The exhibitor who earns the most points by DIVISION will be the Buckle Winner.

The Divisions are: All Breed W/T Youth, All Breed Youth, Rookie Youth, L1 Youth, and Youth.

Classes that count toward the award are: Youth 3yr old Gelding, Youth Aged Gelding, Youth Performance Gelding, Youth 3yr Old Mare, Youth Aged Mare, Youth Performance Mare, All Breed Youth W/T Showmanship, All Breed Youth W/T Horsemanship, All Breed Youth W/T Pleasure, All Breed Youth W/T Trail, All Breed Youth W/T Hunter Under Saddle, All Breed Youth W/T Equitation, All Breed Youth Showmanship, All Breed Youth Horsemanship, All Breed Youth Pleasure, All Breed Youth Trail, All Breed Youth Hunter Under Saddle, All Breed Youth Equitation, , Rookie Youth Showmanship, Rookie Youth Horsemanship, Rookie Youth Pleasure, Rookie Youth Trail, Rookie Youth Hunter Under Saddle, Rookie Youth Equitation, Rookie Youth Showmanship, Rookie Youth Horsemanship, Rookie Youth Pleasure, Rookie Youth Trail, Rookie Youth Hunter Under Saddle, Rookie Youth Equitation, L1 Youth Showmanship, L1 Youth Horsemanship, L1 Youth Pleasure, L1 Youth Trail, L1 Youth Hunter Under Saddle, L1 Youth Equitation, Youth Showmanship, Youth Horsemanship, Youth Pleasure, Youth Trail, Youth Hunter Under Saddle, Youth Equitation.