



## Mountain Pleasure Horse Association (MPHA) Kentucky Horse Breeders Incentive Fund 2025-2027

### Nominating Requirements:

Mountain Pleasure Horses that fit the following requirements may be nominated to participate in the program:

- Horse must be 25 (twenty-five) years of age or younger
- Horse must have been bred for and born in Kentucky
- Horse must reside in Kentucky
- Horse must be registered with the MPHA and must have DNA verification of either the horse's sire or dam. A three (3) generation pedigree on one (1) side shall be displayed on the certificate of registration, so that the horse, at least one (1) of the horse's parents, and at least one (1) of the horse's grandparents are displayed on the certificate.

Note: All earned money will be awarded to the current owner on record with the MPHA registry.

### High Point Program:

Horses will earn points from participation in approved equine events and competitions throughout the season (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>). Points will be awarded on both placement in a competition (places 1-6<sup>th</sup>) or participation in an approved event.

Horses must be nominated and elect a riding division annually. Each horse may only select one division per season. Divisions include *senior horse* division, *junior horse* division, and *youth* division. All riders/handlers must be current MPHA members.

*Senior horse division* is open to those horses that are 11 years of age and older (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year).

*Junior horse division* is open to those horses 10 years of age and younger (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year).

*Youth division* is open to horses that are youth owned and/or leased and/or trained. Youth riders ages 17 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year are permitted in this category. Once declared a youth horse, the horse must remain in the division for the duration of the year. Riders of the horse may change but must still meet the age requirement.

The horse with the most overall total number of points collected over the competition year will win “High Point Horse” for their respective division, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest placing horse in each division being “Reserve High Point”.

MPHA approved events and disciplines are listed below:

- Competitive Trail
- Trail Obstacle Competition
- Sanctioned Breed Show (MPHA/\*NMHA Classes Only! No “fun shows”)
- Equitation
- Driving
- Showmanship
- Halter/Conformation
- Drill Team Exhibition (to include Breyerfest and KHP Parade of Breeds demonstrations)
- Drill Team Competition
- Parade
- Horse Fair Demonstration
- Mounted Shooting/Archery
- Cattle Sorting
- Calf/Team Roping
- Reining
- Speed/Contesting Events (Barrel Racing/Pole Bending)
- Liberty Competitions
- Gaited Dressage/Western Dressage
- Hunter/Show Jumping
- Organized Trail Rides (Must be an MPHA approved ride to qualify—no “riding on own” or “farm trail rides”)

\*NMHA-National Mountain Horse Association—is a show circuit that promotes all mountain horse breeds, Mountain Pleasure Horses being one of those.

Competitions and events do not need to be in Kentucky for qualifying points to be earned.

Other competitive events may be proposed to the MPHA Board for approval. Applicant must submit event details to the board 30 days prior to the event for approval. The board’s decision is final.

It will be the responsibility of the horse owner to provide proof of completion of the competition, event, exhibition, or trail ride to the designated points collector via MPHA High Point Event Form. This form **MUST** be signed by event coordinator or judge to be counted towards high points.



The points collector is Rebekkah Layne—859-274-8489, mccoysrebekkah@gmail.com  
 Forms may be emailed or mailed to her at PO Box 5, Jeffersonville, KY 40337

Points Logs must be submitted to the points collector by **midnight on November 1<sup>st</sup>** of the season.

**Points will be awarded as such:**

Placing in event	Points granted
1 <sup>st</sup>	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16
4 <sup>th</sup>	15
5 <sup>th</sup>	14
6 <sup>th</sup>	13
*Participation	10

Distribution of Funds (100%)	
Sire	10%
Dam	10%
Participating Horse	80%
»In the event sire or dam is deceased, the % will go directly to the owner of the participating horse.	

\*Points are awarded for participating in competitions, organized trail rides, drill team exhibitions, and clinics. (See above list)

At the end of the season, points will be tabulated for each nominated horse. The top ten horses in each division (Senior, Junior, Youth) will be awarded KBIF money based on their overall points collected. In the event of a tie, the horse with the most points collected in Kentucky will be awarded the higher placement.

The total award money will be distributed 50% to the Senior division, 25% to the Junior division, and 25% to the Youth division. The total \$\$/division will be divided by the sum of the points/division, yielding a dollar per point value.

**For example:**

\$1000 total KBIF award money  
 \$1000 divided between divisions = 50% Senior, 25% Junior, 25% Youth  
 Total points for Senior division to 10 places = 1000  
 1000 points X 50% = \$500  
 \$500/1000 points = \$0.50 per point

If a high point winner earned 400 points, they would win \$200 of the KBIF money.

**Distribution of Funds:**

All money earned will be approved by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Award checks will be distributed the following year from the Kentucky Department of Treasury. Award checks will only be distributed to owners when all program requirements have been met. Any owner not meeting the requirements will not receive any money.

**Deadlines:**

Deadline for nomination is May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. No late entries will be accepted.

**Change of Ownership:**

Any nominated horse that has a change of ownership must:

- Submit a change of ownership form to the MPHA registry
- Pay the \$10 transfer fee

Money that is earned during an event season will be awarded to the current owner on record. If a horse changed ownership during the event season, the new owner is responsible for submitting transfer records.