

2018 Raise the Bar Rules

Award Rules

- Points will be based on horse/rider combination.
- Riders must participate in 2 Raise the Bar Circuit shows on the same horse.
- Points will count from all shows attended.
- Riders must use the same name for each horse at each show. Riders should verify the show name of their horse so that points are correctly recorded.
- Awards: Grand & Reserve Champion Ribbons and special prizes for each division. Awards for placing 1st thru 6th in each division. An Overall Rider Award for each age division will be given based on points earned in Equitation Classes (on the flat and over fences). Professionals are exempt from the overall rider award.
- Four Divisions - 14 & under, 15-19, 20 & Up, and Professional if warranted. Not all circuit shows will offer age divisions for all classes but points will be awarded for each class by age or professional status.
- Rider age is determined by the age of the rider on January 1st of that year (not dependent upon when they have a birthday). Riders will ride in the same age division all year. Each rider must have their date of birth recorded in the Raise the Bar database. It is the rider's responsibility to make sure the correct date is recorded. It is also the responsibility of the rider to enter the correct age division at the shows.
- Equitation Classes (Over Fences and on the Flat) will be offered at all shows and count towards the overall year end award points for each division except for the professional division.
- The Year End Awards will be given out at the Year End Awards Presentation during the January/February of the following year.
- Riders must pick up their Year End Awards by the 2nd Raise the Bar Circuit show the same year presented.

General Rules

- Formal attire not required, but helmets and proper foot ware are required when mounted on any horse or pony at anytime at the show facility.
- Any mounted persons must have a signed show liability release form on file.
- Flat classes not to canter in poles or crossbars. At judge's discretion for 18'-2' hunter classes.
- Canter in pole classes will be penalized.
- Canter in crossbar over fences classes is not required, but not to be penalized.
- Running martingales (with proper stops) will be allowed in hunter classes over fences, but may be penalized (NOT eliminated) at judge's discretion. Martingales of any type are not permitted in flat classes.
- For details on each individual show, visit each facilities' website or phone or e-mail the facility contact.