



ABI / RHF Buckle Series – 2026 Incentive Guidelines

The IQHA Ranch Horse Futurity, in collaboration with the financial support of ABI Attachments, has established the ABI / RHF Incentive Buckle Series to support Iowa Quarter Horse Association shows and encourage participation among ranch horse exhibitors throughout the season.

Participating Shows – Points will be accumulated at the following IQHA shows:

Mayflower State Show
Denison May Show
Scenic City Summer Show
Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic

High Point Awards / 3 Divisions: Open, Amateur, Youth
ABI Sponsor Money will be awarded at each participating show:

Open Ranch – \$100 ABI Sponsor Money
Amateur Ranch – \$100 ABI Sponsor Money
Youth Ranch – \$50 ABI Sponsor Money

Iowa State Fair - The Iowa State Fair will award the following:

Open Ranch – \$100 ABI Sponsor Money
Amateur Ranch – \$100 ABI Sponsor Money
Youth Ranch – \$50 ABI Sponsor Money
These awards are not included in the overall Buckle Series point standings.

Eligible Classes for High Point - Points will be accumulated from the following

AQHA Ranch Trail - AQHA Western Ranch Rail - AQHA Ranch Riding

Point Calculation - High point standings will be determined based on placings in the eligible classes from points accumulated **on the number of horses shown in each class. One horse one rider combination.**

Buckle Series Champions - The exhibitors earning the highest total points throughout the Buckle Series will receive: **Champion ABI / IQHA Ranch Horse Futurity Buckles**

Series champions will be recognized and awards presented during the **IQHA Fall Classic & Ranch Horse Futurity**. Saturday, September 26th, Iowa State Fairgrounds – Des Moines, Iowa

HI-POINT SCORING GUIDE

Hi-Point is awarded to the ***horse & rider combination*** that earns the **highest total points across all eligible classes**. (Open, Amateur and Youth Divisions)

Points are accumulated from **AQHA Classes: Ranch Riding - Ranch Trail - Ranch Rail**

HOW POINTS WORK Points are based on **class size** and awarded under **each judge**.

- 👉 **1st place = total number of entries**
- 👉 Each placing below drops by **1 point**
- 👉 Points from **all judges are added together**

No placing = **0 points**
Judge A - Tiebreaker Judge

Example:

If a class has **20 entries**:

- 1st = 20 points
- 2nd = 19 points
- 3rd = 18 points
- 4th = 17 points etc..

EXAMPLE (3 JUDGES)

Ranch Riding (20 entries)

- Horse/Rider A: 1st, 1st, 3rd → **58 pts**
- Horse/Rider B: 1st, 3rd, 4th → **55 pts**

Ranch Trail (30 entries)

- Horse/Rider A: 3rd, 3rd, 4th → **83 pts**
- Horse/Rider B: 3rd, 4th, 4th → **82 pts**

Ranch Rail (35 entries)

- Horse/Rider A: 5th, 5th, 5th → **93 pts**
- Horse/Rider B: 6th, no placing, no placing → **30 pts**

FINAL TOTALS

- **Horse/Rider A = 234 points**
- **Horse/Rider B = 167 points**

🏆 **Horse/Rider A wins Hi-Point**

