



MFTHBA Horse Show Buckle Series

Purpose:

The MFTHBA is committed to supporting local shows and the inclusion of Missouri Fox Trotting Horse classes. This program is designed to facilitate the recognition of registered Missouri Fox Trotting Horses competing in local competition. The program is designed with maximum flexibility for show managers to design a series that works best for their local area.

Requirements:

- Horses competing for the High Point Buckle must be registered Missouri Fox Trotting Horses.
- The owner AND exhibitor of the horse must be current MFTHBA members. This membership must be current before any points accrued may be counted toward the high point award.
- Series must contain at least 3 shows. At least 1/3 of the participating shows must utilize a MFTHBA carded judge.
- All other requirements for the individual buckle series will be determined by the individuals requesting the buckle series.

Participation Requirements

To set up a local MFTHBA Buckle series, the participating shows will submit a proposal for their series. The proposal must include a description of the rules for the series including how ties will be broken. It must also clearly list the shows (with their dates and judges) that will be participating. The proposal should include the signatures of each participating show manager. Once completed, the proposal, along with a \$50 application fee for the series, should be submitted to the MFTHBA office. Once the series is approved, the application fee will be deposited.

Within 30 days of the last show within the series, the series manager will submit information on at least the Top 5 in the Buckle Series. This information will include:

- Horses name and registration number
- Owners name and MFTHBA membership number

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- Class/event/division information:
 - a list of the horses and exhibitors for each class the horse earned points in
 - exhibitors MFTHBA membership number(s)
 - classes they participated in at each show where they earned points
 - their placings
 - The name of the judge.

The records should also include the total points earned by the Top 5 participants. The series MUST submit a story for inclusion in The Journal and on the MFTHBA website. The story should include a picture of the winner. The article should be submitted at the same time as the results information. This information may be submitted electronically.

Additional Information and Guidelines:

- Each buckle series should be applied for at least 45 days prior to the buckle series event, but as early as possible is encouraged – the earlier the application is submitted, the earlier the application can be approved and be advertised for.
- If the buckle series application is submitted and approved more than 60 days prior to the series, there will be dates and information listed in the MFTHBA Journal.
- We encourage show managers to be creative when creating buckles series guidelines and to offer different guidelines for every buckle series applied for – series applications with repetitive qualifications, such as the same classes or events in back to back series, will not be approved.
- Applicants can name their own buckle series but it must be listed that the events are an MFTHBA Sponsored Buckle Series.

Awards

Once all the information has been received and reviewed, the MFTHBA will order a custom belt buckle to send to the winner. The buckle will include the name of the buckle series, the Missouri Fox Trotter silhouette, and the name of the horse or rider depending on how the individual buckle series was set up. This buckle will be mailed directly to the High Point Winner. In addition, the Top 5 winners will receive certificates along with a letter of congratulations from the MFTHBA office.

Please be aware that buckles only allow for a certain number of characters per line. If approval is needed for wording, the show manager or buckle series applicant will be notified prior to the buckle being finalized.

Shows Participating In More than One Series

Any individual show may be involved in up to two MFTHBA Buckle Series. Each series must be applied for separately. At least 50% of the shows within the series must be different than any other series.