



Application for Excellence in In-Hand

An *Excellence in In Hand* requires at least 75 points.

The 75 points must be attained from at least three separate NMDA shows and points awarded by at least three different NMDA licensed judges. In counting the number of eligible Miniature Donkeys in competition, a Miniature Donkey that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included. No points earned prior to January 1, 2015 can be counted towards the Excellence program.

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Class Placement	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 TH	
5 or More in Class	5	4	3	2	1	Points towards Excellence
4 or More in Class	4	3	2	1		
3 or More in Class	3	2	1			
2 or More in Class	2	1				
1 in Class	1					

High Point (Pre-Green, Green or Open) - 3 points in addition to the points earned above for class placement.

Reserve High Point (Pre-Green, Green or Open) - 2 points in addition to the points earned above for class placement.

NOTE: If your Donkey receives High Point or Reserve High Point, the above points can be used towards your Excellence -In Hand and Excellence – Driving, except for the Pre-Green High Point and Pre-Green Reserve High Point. For Pre-Green, those points may only count towards your Excellence – In Hand.

It is the responsibility of the Owner to keep records of their specific Donkey’s points. When the Owner believes they have accumulated 15 points for a title of *Excellence in In Hand*, they need to complete this “Application for Excellence in In Hand” form. Placements and points will be verified against NMDA records.

Once verified and rendered to be accurate, the American Donkey Association shall award the applying Owner and Miniature Donkey with a title of *Excellence in In Hand*. Final decision on awarding of points will be determined by the American Donkey Association.

You may use the excel form we have on our website that will automatically total your points.