

10. Combination Team (COMBO)

10.1. Each application for a Combination Team will be evaluated and voted upon based on individual merit.

10.2. Exceptions to OHSET's combination team process may be made due to specific circumstances. In no case shall an exception granted be deemed a precedent on which to base future COMBO decisions.

10.3. Only Schools may apply for a combination team, not families or individuals.

10.4. Recruitment of athletes, and any conduct or circumstances toward that end, or to the appearance thereof, is to be strongly discouraged; and any application determined to promote recruitment will be denied.

10.5. Definitions:

10.5.1. Combination Team Student(s): attending a high school that has 3 or less competing athletes, applies, as a school (known as the applying school), to participate with another high school for the only purpose of competing in a team event or events.

10.5.2. Applying Team: The school that does not have enough athletes to field a team for a specific event and is applying to combine with another school.

10.5.3. Sponsoring Team: The school that will combine with the applying school's students in team events for OHSET competitions and practice.

10.5.4. Recruitment, or "undue influence" is that attempt by any person (including, but not limited to coaches, advisors, trainers, boosters, teachers, or administrators) to induce a student to attend/participate at a public or private school for the purpose of creating a team of elite competitors.

10.6. Team COMBO

10.6.1. Sponsoring teams have no size limit.

10.6.2. Applying teams with more than three (3) competing athletes will not be allowed to combine.

10.6.2.1 Applying team cannot combine with two different schools.

10.6.3. Both of the combination teams must submit in writing, stating who the applying school is and who the combining school is. This information should be addressed to the District Board, on the proper form, to the District Chair for review and approval by the District Board of Directors.

10.6.4. Team COMBO Procedure for Approval

10.6.4.1. The Head Coach and Advisor of the sponsoring school must sign the application.

10.6.4.2. The Head Coach and Advisor of the applying school must sign the application.

10.6.4.3. Each completed application will be reviewed for approval at the next regular District Board meeting, and if approved, notification is to be sent to the State Board. All requests and approvals from application to District Board approval must happen between October 1st and January 31st of the current season.

10.6.5. Approved team combinations exist only for the current season.

10.6.6 There will be no restrictions on State Championship or PNWIC participation.

10.6.7 Points are awarded equally to both combination teams

10.6.8 Combination teams may compete in their respective schools uniforms/colors with their unique athlete number.

10.6.9 Alternates – If alternates are used, both combination schools make up the alternate pool.

11. Scoring/Placing

1st - 20 pts	6th - 11 pts	11th - 6 pts
2nd - 18 pts	7th - 10 pts	12th - 5 pts
3rd - 16 pts	8th - 9 pts	13th - 4 pts
4th - 14 pts	9th - 8 pts	14th - 3 pts
5th - 12 pt	10th - 7 pts	15th - 2 pts
Participation 1 pt		

11.1.Point System

11.1.1. Method of scoring will remain consistent at the State and District level.

11.1.2. State qualifiers at the district level are not official until confirmed by the state.

11.1.3. District results must be submitted to the State Points Chair within one week of each district meet.

11.1.4. Ties are not to be broken at any District Meet or the State Championship in any event, except as noted below for Team Penning and IHOR.

11.1.4.1. Points are awarded equally to all athlete/teams with scores tied at that placing except IHOR and Team Penning where time breaks the tie.

11.1.4.2. All athletes/teams with tied scores will receive full points for the position they are tied at.

11.1.4.3. *COMBO Teams are awarded points equally as if tied.*

11.1.4.4. The points for placing below the ties are awarded as usual after the number of tied positions has been subtracted from the placing *except combo teams, where tied positions will not be subtracted.*

EXAMPLE:

Tie for 1st. No 2nd place or 2nd place points awarded

Score 90 - 1st place, 20 pts	Qualifies as a 1,2,3 finish
Score 90 - 1st place, 20 pts	Qualifies as a 1,2,3 finish
Score 89 - 3rd place, 16 pts	Qualifies as a 1,2,3 finish
Score 88 - 4th place, 14 pts	Does NOT qualify as a 1,2,3 finish
Score 87 - 5th place, 12 pts	Does NOT qualify as a 1,2,3 finish

Tie for 2 and. No 3rd place or 3rd place points awarded

Score 90 - 1st place, 20 pts	Qualifies as a 1, 2, 3 finish
Score 89 - 2nd place, 18 pts	Qualifies as a 1, 2, 3 finish
Score 89 - 2nd place, 18 pts	Qualifies as a 1, 2, 3 finish
Score 88 - 4th place, 14 pts	Does NOT qualify as a 1, 2, 3 finish
Score 87 - 5th place, 12 pts	Does NOT qualify as a 1, 2, 3 finish

Clarification 1: In Hand Obstacle Relay (IHOR) – ties in total score awarded at a meet are broken by lowest time. If still tied, tie is not broken. IHOR ties in year end point totals in a district are NOT broken.

Clarification 2: Team Penning – OHSET rules used to sort number of goes cows are penned; number of cows penned, and total time. If still tied, tie isn't broken.

11.2. Team Points

11.2.1. Team points, including participation points, are double the individual points.

11.2.1.1. Schools are to be allowed to field as many event teams as they would like.

11.2.1.2. If a school has more than one team in a team event, only the top team's score is counted toward total team points. No Participation points given to remaining teams from the same school.

11.2.1.3. In Drill, at a District meet, a school may earn meet team points from only one drill team-their highest placing drill team from either Freestyle 6+ or Freestyle Fours, but not both.

11.2.2. Districts may limit event teams if needed.

11.2.3. All team points are tracked for State qualification.

11.3. Individual Points

11.3.1. Junior Varsity points are not awarded to the team or year-end high-point team award.

11.3.2. The Junior Varsity athlete will receive individual points and be eligible for individual year-end awards and state qualifying.

11.4. Disqualification (No points awarded)

11.4.1. Points are NOT given for disqualifications.

11.4.1.1. If an athlete/team is disqualified from an event for any reason, the athlete/team and school team will not receive a point, including participation points.

- 11.4.1.2. Disqualification will be given for prohibited equipment, including uniform violations
- 11.4.1.3. An athlete may be disqualified for cruelty to horse or persons
- 11.4.1.4. Obvious lameness or unsoundness detected in participating equine.
- 11.5. Elimination (Participation point awarded)
 - 11.5.1. Eliminated athletes/teams will receive participation point(s).
 - 11.5.2. Eliminations include:
 - 11.5.2.1. Three combined refusals in Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences.
 - 11.5.2.2. "Off Course" in Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences.
 - 11.5.2.3. No Times in timed or cow events.
 - 11.5.2.4. Unintentionally grounded athlete
 - 11.5.3. Eliminated athletes will not be eligible for placing points.
- 11.6. Off Course
 - 11.6.1. Athletes will receive ZERO (0) points for the elements of the pattern that are "off course" or not attempted (including reining).
 - 11.6.1.1. Refer to Dressage rules for an exception.
 - 11.6.2. The "off course" athlete will not be disqualified or eliminated.
 - 11.6.2.1. Refer to Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences for an exception.
 - 11.6.3. All other element scores will be tallied and awarded to athlete.

12. Year End District Points

- 12.1. An accurate point count must be kept for every event in the competition and points compiled at the end of the district's competition season.
- 12.2. Each individual/team's points for all three meets will be added together for ranking.
- 12.3. Athletes may qualify for a maximum of 5 individual year-end awards or state qualification.
 - 12.3.1. State Qualifiers at the district level are not official until confirmed by the state.
- 12.4. Participation points alone cannot qualify an athlete or team for year-end award or the State Championship.
- 12.5. Ties in yearend district point totals are not broken.
- 12.6. Average Event/Class Size
 - 12.6.1. For each district meet, add up the total number of athletes/ teams (*combo teams count as one team*) that competed in that event.
 - 12.6.1.1. No-shows and scratches do not count toward event total.
 - 11.6.1.2. DNF (did not finish) or DQ's **do** count toward event total.
 - 12.6.2. Add totals for that event for all three meets. Divide by three. All fractions are rounded up.
- 12.7. A minimum of three (3) and up to a maximum of 10% (rounded up) of the average number of individual/team competitors identified above, of the top year end point earners in each event will qualify for the State Championship.
 - 12.7.1. TOP 10% RULE: Multiply .10 times the average event size. If the average event size is 30 (even) or less, that event sends award winners only to state. NOTE: This may result in more than three award winners going to state if there are ties in the award placing.
 - 12.7.1.1. If average event size is 30 plus a fraction or more, that event sends, the top 10% of the average event size.
 - 12.7.1.2. These point results are to be submitted to the State Board of Directors for notification of State competition participants.

Clarification 1: All award winners qualify for State Championship, even if total number of award winners is greater than 10% of event.

Example A: Two athletes tied for first place in district. Average event size is 29. Both athletes tied at first place receive gold awards, 3rd highest receives silver, 4th highest receives bronze. All four qualify for State.

Example B: Three Team Penning teams tied for third place in district. Average event size is 30.

Award gold and silver as usual, and three tied teams receive bronze awards. All five teams qualify for State.

Clarification 2: There is a tie at the score for the last qualifying (non-award) spot; all with that score qualify for State.

Example A: No ties in award placing. Average event size is 60. 10% rule would send 6 to State. There are two athletes/ teams tied for sixth place. Both athletes/teams tied for sixth qualify for State.

Clarification 3: 10% rule determines more than award winners will qualify for State, and there is a tie at a position above the last qualifying position. The number of athletes/teams determined with the 10% rule does **not** increase.

Example A: No ties in award placing. There are two athletes tied for fourth place. Average event size is 60. 10% rule would send six to State. The event sends the top six qualifiers to state.

Clarification 4: If there were originally ties for placing's that qualified for State and a qualifier does not attend the State Championship, additional placing's/alternates qualify only based on the 10% Rule.

Example A: Three Team Penning teams tied for third in district. Average event size is 30. Award gold, silver and three bronze awards are given. All five teams qualify. Any of the qualifying teams then declines to attend. No additional (alternate) teams qualify to attend until the number of award winning teams attending the State Championship drops below three.

Example B: Three athletes tied for third place in district. Average event size is 60. 10% rule would send six to State. Gold, silver and bronze awards are given. The top athletes (award winners plus next highest scoring athlete) qualify for State. Any qualifying athlete declines to attend the State Championship, the first alternate is now qualified to attend, keeping the total qualifiers attending the State Championship to six.

Example C: No ties in award placing. There are two riders tied for sixth place. Average event size is 60. 10% rule would send six to State. Both athletes tied for sixth place qualified for State. Any qualifier declined to attend the State Championship, no additional athletes qualify to attend until the number of remaining qualifiers attending the State Championship drops below six.

Clarification 5: If a qualifier does not attend, and there were only three award winners originally with an event size of 30 or less, and there is a tie for the next alternate position, then all tied at that position are eligible to attend State.

Example A: No ties in award placings. There is a three-way tie for fourth place. Average event size is 30. The three award winners qualify for State. Any award qualifier declined to attend State, all three alternates tied for fourth place now qualify to attend.

13. Awards

13.1. District Awards

13.1.1. The top 3 individual and team event winners will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

13.1.1.1. An athlete must have an official time in order to medal in roping and daubing

13.1.2. High Point team of all designations (Large, Medium, Small, and Mini) will be awarded a team trophy.

13.1.2.1. Junior Varsity points are not included in the totals for the high point team awards.

13.1.3. At a minimum, the following Individual High Points and Reserve High Points will be awarded:

13.1.3.1. Performance

13.1.3.1.1. Highest and 2nd highest point earners when all individual performance event point totals are tallied

13.1.3.2. Timed Event

13.1.3.2.1. Highest and 2nd highest point earner when all individual timed

event point totals are tallied.

13.1.3.3. Team Contributor

13.1.3.3.1. Highest and 2nd highest point earner in only team events.

13.1.3.4. Versatility

13.1.3.4.1. Highest and 2nd highest point earner in a combination of timed and performance events

13.1.3.4.1.1. Athlete must ride a 3-2 combination; meaning they must ride either 3 performance events and 2 timed events or 3 timed events and 2 performance events.

13.1.3.4.1.2. Only Individual event points count

13.1.4. Rookie of the year

13.1.4.1. Rookie is defined as a first year OHSET member, any grade

13.1.4.2. Highest individual point earner in their first OHSET year

13.2. Districts may determine other awards as appropriate.

13.3. Additional details are available under the Awards Standard Operating Guideline, found in the appendix of this Rule Book.