

RULES OF THE ARABIAN HORSE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION (AHDRA)

1. Membership and dues

- 1.1. Membership is open to any individual interested in the Arabian Horse breed and their use in distance or competitive trail riding
- 1.2. AHDRA may be joined at anytime during each calendar year by submission of the membership application and dues to the Secretary/Treasurer of AHDRA or as an Arabian Horse Association (AHA) affiliated local club joined through the Arabian Horse Association (AHA).
- 1.3. Dues and fees will be established annually by the Board of Directors, with this decision subject to review by vote of the organization's membership.

2. Competition, points and awards

2.1. Competitive season

- 2.1.1. For the purpose of calculating points for annual and other awards, the competition year will be November 1st through October 31st.

2.2. Qualification requirements

2.2.1. Rider

- 2.2.1.1. To earn points towards awards, the rider must be either an active Affiliate or Associate member in good standing with AHDRA
- 2.2.1.2. Upon request to the Secretary/Treasurer, membership and eligibility for award points can be two weeks (fourteen calendar days) prior to the receipt of the membership application and dues

2.2.2. Horse

- 2.2.2.1. Horses must be registered with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and nominated with AHDRA, with registration numbers and correct spelling of each horse's name

2.2.3. Events

- 2.2.3.1. Rides sanctioned by the following organizations are approved for the accumulation of points for awards:
 - 2.2.3.1.1. American Endurance Conference (AERC)
 - 2.2.3.1.2. Arabian Horse Association (AHA)
 - 2.2.3.1.3. Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Association (UMECRA)
- 2.2.3.2. The rules of the ride as determined by the sanctioning body shall govern, and riders shall adhere to said rules in order for points to be awarded

2.3. Award divisions

- 2.3.1. Points and awards are calculated for three separate AHDRA divisions and three distinct events:
 - 2.3.1.1. Divisions:

- 2.3.1.1.1. Purebred Arabian horses, open division
- 2.3.1.1.2. Part bred Arabian horses, open division
- 2.3.1.1.3. Juniors , a division consisting of riders who have:
 - 2.3.1.1.3.1. not reached the age of 18 by the beginning date of the applicable competitive season
 - 2.3.1.1.3.2. ride either a purebred or partbred Arabian horse
 - 2.3.1.1.3.3. have elected not to compete in the open divisions
- 2.3.1.2. Events:
 - 2.3.1.2.1. Endurance (ride events of 50 miles or more)
 - 2.3.1.2.2. Limited Distance (ride events of less than 50 miles)
 - 2.3.1.2.3. Competitive Trail Rides
- 2.4. Calculation of points for determination of awards
 - 2.4.1. Points are calculated for each rider/horse team
 - 2.4.2. Points are awarded for actual placement in each ride event following the method used by UMECRA, i.e., for each increment of 25 miles, first place is awarded 11 points down to 6 points for sixth place and 5 points for all placings/completions thereafter.
 - 2.4.3. Bonus point calculations
 - 2.4.3.1. Points earned at rides sponsored by AHDRA will be calculated at 150% of the usual point scoring (i.e., points received multiplied by 1.5).
 - 2.4.3.2. Points earned at AHA Regional or National rides will be calculated at 125% of the usual point scoring (i.e., points received multiplied by 1.25).
- 2.5. Annual Awards
 - 2.5.1. Rider/horse teams must compete in at least three individual events/rides in order to qualify for awards.
 - 2.5.2. For each Division, the number of awards will be 30% (rounded up) of the total number of rider/horse teams in the Division, up to a maximum of ten placings.
 - 2.5.2.1. Highest rider/horse team in points will be designated the Champion of that Division for the year
 - 2.5.2.2. Second highest rider/horse team in points will be designated the Reserve Champion of that Division for the year
 - 2.5.2.3. All other awards will be designated as “top ten” awards
 - 2.5.3. Versatility award
 - 2.5.3.1. Rider/horse teams who have completed at least six rides consisting of two endurance, two limited distance, and two competitive rides are qualified for the versatility awards
 - 2.5.3.2. One versatility award will be made for the rider/horse team with the highest point totals in each of the following Divisions:
 - 2.5.3.2.1. Pure bred
 - 2.5.3.2.2. Part bred
 - 2.5.3.2.3. Junior
 - 2.5.4. Multiple awards for a single rider/horse team: Should a team earn multiple placings for awards, these placings will be designated on a single award.

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2.6. Distribution of awards

2.6.1. A cost effective and efficient method shall be employed for distribution of awards, and may include:

2.6.1.1. Presentation at an AHDRA event held in conjunction with the annual UMECRA Conference, typically held each January.

2.6.1.2. Distribution at rides

2.6.1.3. Should a member wish to have their award shipped, the member will be expected to pay AHDRA for shipping costs.