

Rules of the Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA)

1. Membership and dues

- 1.1. AHDRA may be joined at any time by submission of the membership application and dues to the Secretary/Treasurer of AHDRA. If membership in the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) with an Affiliate membership in AHDRA is desired, application and payment may be made through AHA or through the Secretary/Treasurer of AHDRA.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. To be a member in good standing all dues and assessments must be current.

2. Competition, points and awards

- 2.1. Competitive season will be November 1st through October 31st
- 2.2. Qualification requirements
 - 2.2.1. Competitor
 - 2.2.1.1. To earn points towards year-end awards, the competitor must be a member in good standing with AHDRA competing on a nominated horse.
 - 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. Must be registered with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA).
 - 2.2.2.2. Must be nominated by providing the horse's AHA registration number and either the registered or barn name.
 - 2.2.2.2.1. For UMECRA competitors, the name must match exactly.
 - 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 Ride Conference (AERC)
 - 2.2.3.1.2. Arabian Horse Association (AHA)
 - 2.2.3.1.3. Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Association (UMECRA)
 - 2.2.3.1.4. Middle of the Trail Distance Riders Association (MOTDRA)

2.2.3.2. For rides not sanctioned by UMECRA, the AHDRA member must submit their ride results to the AHDRA Points Keeper within two weeks (fourteen calendar days) of the date of the ride. Any exceptions to this rule due to extenuating circumstances must be approved by a majority vote of the AHDRA Board of Directors.

2.2.3.3. The rules of the ride as determined by the sanctioning body shall govern, and competitors 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 distinct AHDRA divisions and events:

2.3.1.1. Divisions

2.3.1.1.1. Purebred Arabian horse, open division

2.3.1.1.2. Part-bred Arabian horses, open division

2.3.1.1.3. Junior division

2.3.1.1.3.1. In Endurance or Limited Distance, the Junior designation includes those competitors who have not reached the age of 16 by the beginning date of the competition year and have elected not to compete in the open division.

2.3.1.1.3.2. In Competitive Trail, the Junior designation includes those competitors who have not reached the age of 18 by the beginning date of the competition year.

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 Ride

2.4. Points

2.4.1. Regular points are calculated for each distinct competitor/horse team.

2.4.1.1. Awarded for overall placement in each event, except for Junior results which are extracted and points assigned separately.

2.4.1.2. Assigned following the UMECRA methodology (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).

2.4.2. After point assignments are made, the results are filtered by division.

2.4.3. Bonus points

2.4.3.1. Points earned at rides sponsored by AHDRA will be calculated at 150% of the regular point scoring (i.e., points earned multiplied by 1.5).

2.4.3.2. Points earned at AHA Regional or National rides will be calculated at 125% of the regular point scoring (i.e., points earned multiplied by 1.25).

2.4.4. Point standings will be periodically posted and dated on the AHDRA website. The AHDRA points keeper must be informed of discrepancies in points or other perceived errors within thirty-one (31) days of the posting on the website.

2.5. Year-end awards

2.5.1. Awards are given for a distinct competitor/horse team.

2.5.2. Final standings awards

2.5.2.1. For each division and event, the number of awards presented will be 30% of the total number of teams who competed, rounded up, with a maximum of ten placings.

2.5.2.1.1. Teams must compete in a minimum of three rides to qualify in an event.

2.5.2.2. Multiple awards: Should a team earn final placings in multiple events, those placings will be cited on a single award.

2.5.3. Versatility award

2.5.3.1. The team must be nominated in writing to the Point Keeper by July 1 to be considered for this award.

2.5.3.2. Teams who have completed at least six rides consisting of two endurance, two limited distance and two competitive trail rides are qualified for this award.

2.5.3.3. One versatility award will be made for the team with the highest point totals in each of the three recognized Divisions.

2.5.3.3.1. Purebred

2.5.3.3.2. Part-bred

2.5.3.3.3. Junior

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.

3. AHDRA sponsored rides

3.1. Helmets shall be required for all competitors in events sponsored by AHDRA.