



## OFFICIAL RULES

Revised January 1, 2010

The IQHA Horseback Riding Rewards Program is a component of the Association's Recreational Riding Programs.

It provides recognition for members who dedicate their time and energies to riding or driving their horses - either out on public trails, on private land, in training pens, or just relaxing in the back yard. It is not a show or competition program, however, it does reward IQHA members who accumulate the most riding or driving hours during those everyday workouts and rides we take on our horses – be they show horses or backyard companions.

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### Divisions

**AQHA Registered Quarter Horse Division** – For any horse registered with the American Quarter Horse Association.

**All-Breed Division** – For any breed of horse, including unregistered Quarter Horses.

**Elite Rider Division** – For any rider who logs 500 or more hours on all horses ridden during a single program year.

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### Reward Levels

- 1) There are four (4) reward levels in the IQHA Horseback Riding Rewards Program .
  - a) **Ongoing Cumulative Milestone Hours by Rider.**
  - b) **Year End Division High-Point Hours Horse**
  - c) **Year End All Around High Point Rider**, all divisions except Elite, all horses ridden
  - d) **Year End Elite High-Point Rider**, all horses ridden in the Elite Division
    - 1e.) **Ongoing Cumulative Milestone Hours** are focused on the individual rider. When a rider reaches the 50, 100, 250, 500, 750, 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 riding hour levels that rider will receive a special prize as a reward for achieving that milestone. Hours are tracked for life and as long as the rider maintains an IQHA membership in good standing reward eligibility will continue until the 3,000 hour level is reached.
    - 1f.) **Division High Point Hours Horse** award is for the horse with the highest number of hours ridden and/or driven within its Division. The horse with the most hours will be singled out for the end of year High Point Grand Champion Horse Award in that Division. The horse with the second most hours will be the Reserve Champion.

1g.) **All Around High Point Rider** award is for the Rider with the most hours ridden on all of his or her horses in the Program during the award year in any division except the Elite Rider Division. The Rider will be singled out for the end of year All-Around Grand Champion Rider Award. The rider with the second highest hours will be the Reserve Champion.

1h.) **Elite High Point Rider** award is for the Rider who has logged 500 or more hours in any program year, December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Rider with the most hours ridden or driven on all of his or her horses in the Elite Division will be singled out for the end of year High Point Grand Champion Elite Rider Award. The Rider with the second most hours in this division will be the Reserve Champion. Riders and horses in the Elite Division are not eligible for an award in any other Division.

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### Rules of Participation

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- 2) A rider may ride several horses in one or all divisions, except the Elite Division. A Rider who has qualified for the Elite Division cannot log hours in any other Division. Elite Division riders may ride several horses within the Elite Division.
- 3) A Rider may log hours on several horses, however, all horses must be nominated on information forms supplied by the Horseback Riding Hours Reward Program Coordinator.
- 4) To participate in this program a current membership in the Illinois Quarter Horse Association must be held. Riding hours will only be credited while the rider's membership is current.
  - 4a.) All hours received from a member whose dues have lapsed will be accepted but not recorded. The rider's horse will be kept in the program; however, reward hours will not be credited until the rider's dues are brought current.
- 5) Each rider pays a one-time fee of \$25.00 to participate in the Horseback Riding Hours Reward Program. This is a **lifetime fee** and the rider is eligible to receive full benefits of the program without paying additional participation fees as long as he or she is an IQHA member in good standing.
- 6) A rider may ride or drive an unlimited number of horses in the program at no additional charge, however, each horse must be owned by the rider or a family member, and be nominated by submitting the horse's name, breed, and registration number (if any) to the Horseback Riding Hours Reward Program Coordinator.
  - 6a.) Proof of ownership or lease of the horse must be submitted upon request. Copies of bills of sale, registration papers, or lease agreements can be used to meet this requirement.
- 7) Hours must be submitted each month on official IQHA Log Sheets supplied by the Horseback Riding Hours Reward Program Coordinator. Copies of the official IQHA log sheet may be used if needed. **All log sheets must specifically indicate the postal address of the location where the horse was ridden or driven.** If on public lands include facility names.
  - 7a.) Separate log sheets must be submitted for each horse ridden or driven. Horses can not be combined on a single log sheet.
  - 7b.) Log sheets must be postmarked by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month in which the hours were ridden . Log Sheets received after the monthly deadline can not be

credited toward the Annual High Point, however, these sheets will be credited to the horse's ongoing cumulative hours bank for Milestone prizes.

- 8) The program year begins December 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November 30<sup>st</sup>. There is no enrollment deadline. Hours are cumulative and tracked for life; however, ANNUAL HIGH POINT AWARD hours are limited to the current year's hours – December 1 through November 30, for the rider and horses -- and must be submitted or postmarked on or before December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) Riding and driving activities that count for this program include, trail riding, pleasure driving, riding lessons, parades, search and rescue, outriding, tracking or branding cattle, mounted posse, non-show carriage driving events and pleasure riding or training in your backyard or arena. **Double bonus hours are earned when attending IQHA or AQHA sponsored Trail Rides.**
- 10) Activities that do not count for this program are ride times in judged classes, judged competitive endurance rides, judged dressage, judged horse trials, judged driving competitions, judged 4-H shows, and judged local fairs. Ride time devoted to warm up while at a judged event can be credited.
- 11) Grievance and/or Dispute Procedure: Any participant may dispute any action or decision made within the rules of the Horseback Riding Rewards Program. Any dispute or grievance must be in writing and submitted to the Chairperson of the IQHA Recreational Riding Programs Committee and the President of the Illinois Quarter Horse Association, and must state the reason for the grievance or dispute and the remedy sought by the participant. Any dispute or grievance not in writing and not submitted to the Chairperson of the Recreational Riding Programs Committee and IQHA President will be deemed invalid and no action will be taken. When a properly written dispute or grievance is submitted the Chairperson shall investigate the dispute or grievance and forward his or her findings with a recommended remedy to the IQHA President and each member of the Committee. The Committee will then render a decision by vote on the dispute. The Chairperson will then communicate the Committee's decision to all parties involved in the dispute or grievance. The Committee's decision may be appealed in writing to the Board of Directors of the IQHA. The decision by the Board of Directors of the IQHA will be final.
- 12) The Illinois Quarter Horse Association reserves the right to change these rules at any time with or without notice.



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The Illinois Quarter Horse Association promotes statewide interest in horse ownership and supports all breed equine development and welfare in the state of Illinois. It is an affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), the world's largest equine breed registry, and has the expressed purpose of promoting interest in owning, riding, breeding, raising, training, exhibiting, and racing of the American Quarter Horse.



# IQHA

ILLINOIS QUARTER  
HORSE ASSOCIATION

YES! PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE  
IQHA Horseback Riding Rewards Program

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$25.00 (this is a one-time, life-time, fee)      TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or both:  
 Registered Quarter Horse Division       All Breeds Division      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I currently have an IQHA membership (if yes, skip next section)

I do not have a current IQHA membership

Check membership category and enclose additional fee

12-month Single Annual Membership - \$25

12-month Family Annual Membership - \$30

12-month Youth Annual Membership - \$20

12-month Race Annual Membership - \$30

12-month Race & Halter Annual Membership - \$45      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Are you?     Adult     Youth (18 and under) – Please select only one.

HORSE: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_ REG # \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHECKS PAYABLE TO "IQHA"**

**DO NOT SEND CASH**

**Mail to:**

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Oswego, Illinois 60543

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