



Horseback Riding Program 2009

Purpose: The purpose of the IQHA Horseback Riding (HBR) Program is to promote and reward IQHA members for enjoying their American Quarter Horses, and other breeds, outside of the competitive show arena. This is not a competitive program, however, awards will be given to those who accumulate the greatest number of hours in the saddle throughout the year. In addition, “lifetime achievement” recognition will be given to participants who reach benchmark hours.

Divisions: There will be four separate divisions. Two horse divisions: AQHA and Other Breed. Each of these will have two rider categories: Adult (19+) and Youth (18 and under).

Enrollment: In order to participate in the IQHA HBR program, you must have an IQHA (or IQHYA for Youth) membership. In addition, participants must pay an annual enrollment fee of \$15. You pay one enrollment fee per division. So, for example, if an adult wanted to register for both AQHA and Other Breeds, they would pay a total of \$30, plus membership. However, there is no limit to the number of horses that can be ridden per division under that one fee.

Hours: Once a participant has enrolled in the program, they will receive a welcome letter and hour log sheet(s) from Holly Benton, HBR Chair. Participants are required to log the hours they spend riding their horse, as well as the location. A separate log sheet is required for each horse and/or division.

Awards: The 2009 “season” will run from January 1-October 1. After Oct. 1, participants have until November 1 to submit their completed log sheets to Holly. The participants logging the most hours in each division/rider category will receive year-end awards, similar to the show high-point award recipients.

In addition, “lifetime benchmarks” have been established. Once a rider reaches 50, 100, 250, 500, 750, and 1,000 hours, they will receive a special award from IQHA. Only hours accumulated in consecutive years as an enrolled member will count towards these benchmarks. If an individual chooses not to participate in the HBR Program for a year, all past hours are lost, and they will begin again at their next enrollment with 0 hours.

General Rules:

- Logs are being kept on the honor system.
- In order for hours to count, participants **MUST** have a **CURRENT** IQHA or IQHYA Membership. Family memberships do count.
- Separate log sheets must be kept for each individual horse, and each division (AQHA vs. Other Breeds).
- Participants may enroll at any time. Hours cannot be counted until Holly has received the enrollment, and sent a welcome letter and log form.
- Log sheets not submitted by November 1 will not be counted for Year-end awards, however, they will count towards Lifetime Benchmarks if they are received by December 31.
- Activities that count for hours in this program include:
 - Trail riding (***DOUBLE HOURS for attending the IQHA/AQHA Trail Ride!***)
 - Riding lessons
 - Parades
 - Practice roping, cutting, or penning
 - Drill Team
 - Sheriff's Posse
 - Search and Rescue
 - Outriding
 - Pleasure Riding
 - Training
 - Pen Riding (such as at a cattle sale barn)
 - **DRIVING – NEW THIS YEAR!!!**
- Activities that do **NOT** count for this program include:
 - Judged horse shows
 - Competitive endurance rides
 - **Competitive driving events – new this year**
 - Dressage competitions
 - Horse trials
 - County Fairs
 - Jackpot Ropings, Barrel Races, Pennings, or Rodeos
 - Competitive ropings/barrel races/etc. (such as USTRC, Barrel Bash, etc.)
 - Horse Sales
- The foregoing rules are subject to interpretation or change, if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise. Any such interpretation of the change shall be made by the Board of Directors of Iowa Quarter Horse Association. We will do our best to inform participants of any changes, via publication on the IQHA website and in the IQHA Magazine.