

Horseback Riding Program 2024

Purpose: The purpose of the IOHA Horseback Riding Program is to promote and reward IQHA members for enjoying their American Quarter Horses, and other breeds, in and out of the competitive show arena. This 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 made to participants who reach benchmark hours.

Divisions: There will be two separate divisions-Quarter Horse and All Breed. Both will offer Adult (19 & over) and Youth (18 & under).

Enrollment: In order to participate in the IQHA HBR Program you must be a current IQHA member. In addition, each HBR participant must pay an annual enrollment fee of \$15. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be ridden per division under each fee.

Hours: Participants are required to log the hours they spend riding, driving, or groundwork with their horse(s), as well as the location. A separate log sheet will need to be completed per person, per division. Hours are logged in half-hour increments and no more than 8 hours may be logged each day.

Awards: The season will run from January 1 to December 15. Participants have until December 15th to submit their completed log sheets to the program coordinator. In addition, Lifetime Benchmark Hours have been established. Once a participant reaches 50, 250, 500, 750, 1,000, 1,500, and 2,000 hours they will receive a special award from IQHA. ONLY hours accumulated in consecutive years as an enrolled member will count toward 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 kept by the participant on the honor system.
- In order for hours to count, participants MUST be a CURRENT IQHA member before hours can be logged.
- Separate log sheet must be kept for each person per division.
- Participants may enroll at any time. Hours may not be counted until the program enrollment has been received and acknowledged by IQHA.
- Log sheets not submitted by December 15th will not be counted for year-end awards or lifetime benchmark awards.

- Eligible hours include time spent riding, driving, or doing groundwork with your horse. Time spent grooming, feeding, or health maintenance do not count toward hours logged. Some examples of eligible hours may include but are not limited to:
 - Trail Rides and horse show sponsored by IQHA with be awarded DOUBLE POINTS (Maximum of 16 hours per day).
 - Training/exercising while mounted or during groundwork.
 - Riding lessons or clinics.
 - Horse shows including breed shows, fun shows, county fair, 4-H/FFA shows, open shows, etc.
 - Rodeo and jackpots including roping, barrel racing, team penning, or sorting, mounted shooting, etc.
 - Parades.
 - Any organized practice events.
 - Drill team practice and performance.
 - Sheriff Posse or Search and Rescue.
 - Outriding.
 - General pleasure riding.
 - Pen riding (sale barn or feedlot) or pasture gathering.
 - Driving for pleasure or competition.
 - Dressage, horse trials, 3-day eventing competitions.
 - Fox hunting.
 - Judged extreme cowboy races.
 - Horse sale demonstrations.

The foregoing rules are subject to interpretation or changes, if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise. Any such interpretation or 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 IQHA social media pages.

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