



# ApHC Distance Programs

**WE INVITE YOU TO ENROLL YOUR APPALOOSA IN THE DISTANCE PROGRAM.**

**THERE ARE A VARIETY OF AWARDS TO BE EARNED BY YOU AND YOUR HORSE.**

Distance Program and awards may be separated into three general categories - endurance riding, competitive trail riding and pleasure trail riding.

## **Requirements for all Distance Programs:**

- A one-time enrollment fee of \$35 per horse must be submitted along with a completed enrollment form. This enrolls your horse for life. No mileage or credit will be granted prior to enrollment.
  - Thereafter, there is an annual fee of \$10/horse to have ride results recorded in the horse's official record.
- **Owners and riders** of horses enrolled in the ApHC Distance Program must be current ApHC members at the time of enrollment at all times when mileage is accumulated. (If the horse is owned by more than one person, only one owner must be a current ApHC member.)
- **Breeders** need not be active ApHC members unless the owner and breeder are the same person(s). However, in order for the breeder(s) to be eligible to receive the ApHC distance breeder's medallion, they must have been an active ApHC member during the year the dam was bred.
- The **ApHC Ride Year** is December 1 through November 30.
- If a horse is eligible to receive a medallion or high mileage award, or is the winner of the Appaloosa National Championship Endurance Ride, a current, publishable **digital image** or **printed photograph** with use permission from the photographer must be submitted by December 15 following the end of the ride year in which the award was earned. The image will be used for publication in the *Appaloosa* Journal and/or the annual Yearbook.

## **Requirements for the Endurance & Competitive Trail Ride (END/CTR) Distance Programs:**

- The horse must be ApHC registered as: **regular (#)**, **CPO (CN)** or have been issued a **Performance Permit** prior to the qualifying year.
- The horse must be a minimum of **five years old** as of foaling date to receive END/CTR mileage.
- **Ride Results** must be recorded on official forms provided by and available from the ApHC.
  - It is the rider's and/or owner's sole responsibility to provide official results for the competitive and endurance rides in which they participate. Riders must record ride information on the **Ride Report Form** and obtain the signature of the ride manager. It is requested that reports be submitted to the ApHC within 10 days of the completion of the ride, but they must be submitted no later than **December 15** following the end of the current ride year (November 30). Ride results received after that date will not be accepted. Results will be verified with the sanctioning organization.
- **ApHC-approved endurance and competitive trail ride sanctioning organizations:** American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), Great Lakes Distance Riding Assn. (GLDRA), Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Assn. (UMECRA), Washington State Horseman, Inc. (WSH), International Arabian Horse Association (IAHA) Ohio Arabian and All Breed Trail Society (OAATS), Ohio Arabian Horse Assn. (OAHA), Appaloosa Distance Riders Association (ApDRA), North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), Eastern Competitive Trail Rider Assoc. (ECTRA), Southeastern Distance Riders Assoc. (SEDRA), Texas Endurance Riders Assoc. (TERA), Dutch Endurance Riders (DER), and Netherlands Noreniging Lande Afstands Ruiters (NVLR), The Swedish National Equestrian Association, Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association (OCTRA) and Middle Of The Trail Distance Riders Association (MOTDRA). The ApHC reserves the right to approve any other distance ride it deems suitable.
- A Competitive Trail Ride is defined as a ride where participants cover a marked course in a given period of time; no less than 25 miles in one day or 40 miles in two; and is required to have a licensed veterinarian present for monitoring and judging. For medallion eligibility, 2-day rides must be 50 miles (80km) or more. A separate merit system is in place for events such as Mountain Horse Challenges, Trail Trials, Trail Challenges and similar competitions under the Judged Trail Ride category of the Appaloosa Competitive all-Breed Activities Program (ACAAP).

## **Requirements for Pleasure Trail Ride Programs – ApHC-sponsored national or -sanctioned regional trail rides:**

- The horse must be ApHC-registered: **any registration type** may participate.
- The horse must be a minimum of **four years old** as of foaling date to participate on pleasure trail rides and receive mileage.
- **Ride Mileage** must be recorded on official log sheets provided by and available from the ApHC.
  - It is the rider's and/or owner's sole responsibility to provide official results for the trail rides in which their horse participates. Riders must record mileage on the **Ride Log Sheet** and obtain the signature of the ride manager, head scout or trail & distance coordinator. It is requested that the reports be submitted to the ApHC within 10 days of the completion of the ride, but they must be submitted no later than **December 15** following the end of the current ride year (November 30) for mileage to be counted. Log sheets received after that date will not be accepted or recorded.

## **\*\*AWARDS for ApHC DISTANCE PROGRAMS\*\***

All horses must be enrolled in the Distance program. Horse owners and riders must be members in order to accrue miles and saddle log hours that count towards awards. See the *Official Handbook of the ApHC* for complete rules!

### **Endurance & Competitive Trail Ride (END/CTR) awards:**

- **250-mile (400km) Register of Merit (ROM)**
- **500-mile (800km) Superior Event Award (SEA)**
- **350-mile (560km) Endurance Ride Medallion and 350-mile (560km) Competitive Trail Ride Medallion**
- **1,000 Mile (1600km) Award**
- **Year-End High-Mileage Awards**
  - **High-Mileage Endurance Appaloosa Award** - Presented to the horse completing the highest number of qualifying miles in approved open Endurance rides within a ride year.
  - **High-Mileage Competitive Trail Ride Appaloosa Award** - Presented to the horse completing the highest number of qualifying miles in approved open Competitive Trail rides within a ride year.
  - **High-Mileage Appaloosa of the Year Award** - Presented to the horse completing the highest total combined miles in approved open Endurance and Competitive Trail rides within a ride year. Rides must meet minimum mileage requirements.
- **Chief Joseph Commemorative Award** is a combination award earned by a rider for successful completion of 1,000 Saddle Log Program hours + 10 approved Endurance rides + 10 approved Competitive Trail rides.
- **ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride** is held annually at different locations throughout the country. Contact the Trail & Distance Coordinator for more information or see our website; [www.appaloosa.com](http://www.appaloosa.com). Ride awards typically include a championship trophy, George Hatley Best Condition award, top 10 ribbons and other awards donated by our generous sponsors.

### **Pleasure Trail Ride awards – ApHC-sponsored National and -approved Regional trail rides:**

- **400-mile (640km) Register of Merit (ROM)** for mileage accrued on ApHC -sponsored and -approved Regional trail rides.
- **800-mile (1280km) Superior Event award** for mileage accrued on ApHC -sponsored and -approved Regional trail rides.
- **Chief Joseph Trail Ride 10-year Medallion** is awarded to horses completing ten consecutive years on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride.
- **Chief Joseph Trail Ride 13-year Award** for horses completing thirteen years (consecutive or not) on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride.
- **1000-mile (1600km) Medallion**

#### *Note:*

*ApHC Distance Program awards may vary from year to year. Owners and breeders must notify the ApHC within one year of qualification if an earned award was not received.*

***Would you like to receive awards just for riding your favorite Appaloosa?  
It's easy -- check out our Saddle Log Program!***