



2007 OAATS Competitive Trail Ride Rules

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1.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.10** Entries are open to stallions, mares and geldings suitable and in condition for riding uses. Equines must be at least 48 months of age for all rides 35 miles or less, at least 60 months of age for all rides over 35 miles and all multi-day rides regardless of the number of miles covered each day. The Ride Manager or Head Veterinary Judge may request a copy of the animal's registration papers to verify the animal's age. In the case of an unregistered entry, the Head Veterinary Judge may use his/her discretion. His/her decision cannot be overruled.
- 1.11** No blind or nerved horses may be entered.
- 1.20** Absolutely no drugs may be administered to the horse within 72 hours of competition or during the competition itself. Ride Management and/or Veterinary Control reserve the right to draw random blood and/or urine samples on any horse at any time. Any horse testing positive will be immediately disqualified and receive no mileage or completion.
- 1.21** Any entry testing positive to a drug test must be reported to the OAATS Rules Committee Chair within 30 days of the ride. Any rider having his/her mount test positive on a drug test will be subject to a hearing and further discipline by the OAATS Trail Committee.
- 1.22** In the case of pre-existing open wounds the Head Veterinary Judge may allow the use of a medicine for that particular wound only, as long as the medicine in question cannot be absorbed into the blood stream and be considered performance enhancing. The same consideration may be given to a wound occurring during the competition itself. All wounds must be presented at all checks and vet areas clean and without medication. Non-medicated Vaseline is allowed during competition, however must be wiped away during all veterinary hands on examinations.
- 1.30** State law requires all out-of-state horses to show proof of a negative coggins test within 12 months. Any horse having or showing signs of an illness that is considered contagious and/or dangerous to other competitors shall be disqualified from competition by the Head Veterinary Judge; and, if deemed necessary, asked to leave the grounds.
- 1.40** Any form of tack is permitted and can be changed throughout the competition as long as the horse carries the minimum weight declared in the riders pre-ride weight division. See rules **5.00** and **5.01**. If a tack change lowers the weight beyond the division minimum, then the horse and rider may complete for mileage and completion only.
- 1.41** No inhumane restraints are allowed.
- 1.42** Any form of protection to the horse's legs is strictly prohibited from competition.
- 1.43** A rider may choose to use protective boots, however once used, the horse and rider team will receive mileage only for the ride. The horse must still pass all veterinary requirements to receive mileage.
- 1.44** Any type of boots that do not go over the coronary band are considered a type of shoe; however, at the judges discretion may be removed for the final hands on.
- 1.50** Unshod horses may be entered, but can be disqualified at the discretion of the Judges.
- 1.60** Water hoses, salves, salt on the back, soaps, liniments, compresses, and bandages are strictly forbidden. Water that has not been artificially heated or cooled may be used from a bucket. Horses may be allowed to stand in water of natural temperature but must be attended by the rider for the duration.

2.0 COMPETITION

- 2.00** It is the sole responsibility of the rider, regardless of age; to know and follow the rules published by the OAATS Trail Committee. If the rider does not know and/or understand the rules, it is his/her responsibility to find a copy of the rules or a member of the Trail Committee for clarification.
- 2.10** Competition is defined as the time from the initial vet-in through the completion of the final hands-on for each entry.
- 2.20** Riders must remain in the saddle for all forward motion over the trail. Riders may dismount and themselves and/or their horses at any time as long as they make no forward progress.
- 2.21** Riders may be given permission by ride management to dismount and lead their horses through any area designated as unsafe. Riders will be allowed to walk that section of the trail only and must remount for any further forward motion on the trail.
- 2.22** If a rider comes to a situation he/she feels is extremely dangerous, the rider may dismount and lead their horse through that small section of trail. This must be reported directly to the Ride Manager at the next vet check or the finish. This rule is established for the safety of both riders and horses; if abused it may be grounds for disqualification.
- 2.23** In the case of a lost shoe riders may dismount and lead their horses to the nearest farrier. Riders still must meet the time requirements for the ride to be eligible for placement. There are no time allowances given for lost shoes.
- 2.30** Riders are required to follow the marked trail in the correct direction and correct order as described by ride management. If a section of the trail is missed, you must return to the point of error, pick up the trail and continue following the entire trail to completion. If a rider cannot correct the error in the same loop that the error occurred, then the rider will be ineligible for placement. If ride management feels the correct number of miles were completed; completion and mileage may be given.
- 2.31** Riders must have access to a trail map.
- 2.32** In the case of extreme sabotage and/or management error placements may be given to those felt covering the correct number of miles within the required time frame. Members of the OAATS Trail Committee must be consulted before placements are given.
- 2.40** Horse and rider are considered a team throughout the competition. In the case of rider illness or injury a substitute rider may finish the ride, but the new team will be riding for mileage and completion points only. Only one rider change is allowed during competition.
- 2.50** For the duration of the competition (rule 2.10) the rider is required to care for his/her own mount. Caring for one's own mount includes all feeding, watering, cooling, blanketing, grooming, leading, grazing, saddling, trot outs, and caring for the mount on trail and in vet-checks. While on trail or in vet-checks riders may receive assistance in having a horse held so they can attend to personal needs or confer with ride management. In this case the horse holder must remain stationary and may not move around to graze the horse. Riders may have a horse held for mounting if the situation warrants. Riders may receive assistance carrying two person muck tubs during the competition. Riders with multiple horses stabled in the same fences or paddocks may work together to share feeding chores and manure removal. Junior riders may have assistance with girthing and mounting.

- 2.60** Junior riders are defined as any rider 17 or younger on January 1 of the current ride season. If a junior rider turns 18 during the ride season he/she has the option of riding as an adult. Once the option of riding as an adult has been taken the rider is considered an adult for the rest of the ride season.
- 2.61** Junior riders are required to wear protective headgear.
- 2.62** Junior riders must ride with an adult sponsor for the entire ride. Both the junior and his/her sponsor will leave at the same time and must arrive and pass through all checkpoints together. If a sponsor change is necessary the change must take place at a vet check or the junior rider will be disqualified.
- 2.63** Junior riders aged 14 or above may have the option of riding unsponsored providing they have a minimum of 300 career miles and have a letter of permission **signed and notarized** by his/her legal guardian disclaiming ride management from any and all responsibility for any and all incidents that could occur. Ride management has the option of ignoring this statement and requiring the junior to ride sponsored.
- 2.70** Novice divisions will be open to all riders or horses with 2 years or less of competition, any horse or rider who only completes two or less rides a year, or any senior horse or rider who wishes to ride for mileage only.
- 2.71** Novice divisions receive only mileage points towards year-end awards. No placement points are to be given.
- 2.80** Ride time is to be announced at the rider's meeting. Time given should take into consideration all holds and vet checks. Ride time cannot be changed throughout the course of that days ride.
- 2.81** Ride time must not exceed a 7.0 miles an hour pace.
- 2.82** Ride time must be set by the Ride Manager who must consider weather conditions, trail condition, and all terrain covered during the competition.
- 2.83** in the case of rider injury, horse injury, or potential safety situation for horses, riders, or management, ride management may override a particular rule. If possible these situations should be discussed with available BOD's at the ride before the change is made.
- 2.90** Ride Management must have an emergency plan for accidents occurring to both riders and horses and must make this plan known at the rider's meeting.
- 2.91** Ride Management must provide a farrier to be present at the ride during competition.
- 2.92** Ride Management must provide at least one Veterinarian equipped and prepared to treat emergencies that may occur during the ride.
- 2.93** Ride Managers cannot ride their own ride.

3.0 JUDGING

- 3.00** A ride must have both a Head Veterinary Judge and a Second Judge. Each judge's scoring responsibilities may vary according to each judge's expertise. However, once the scoring begins they cannot change these responsibilities. Both Judges have the authority to pull a horse and rider. If pulled, a rider has the option of appealing to the Head Veterinary Judge whose decision

will be final. Beginning in 2003 a horse may be disqualified by the Head Veterinary Judge and/or Ride Manager for any behavior deemed unsportsman like or abusive.

- 3.10** No Head Judge, Second Judge, or any member of their immediate family may directly own a horse in competition. These horses may compete for mileage and completion points only.
- 3.20** The Second Judge is not required to be a DVM but must have proficiency in equine anatomy, stress and fatigue factors, lameness' and knowledge of distance competition.
- 3.30** Rides must be scored according to the OAATS Score sheets provided. All areas of the score sheet must be used. Absolutely no changes to the scoring system are allowed.
- 3.40** If ride management chooses, they may offer special awards such as Horsemanship and Trail Horse. These awards are not required.
- 3.41** Special award judges may not judge their own horse or a horse owned and/or ridden by a member of their immediate family.
- 3.42** A Recorder shall have no say in regard to any horse or rider in competition.
- 3.50** Any number of designated vet and pulse checks are allowed and may be scored as long as they are in the same area of the trail for all riders, are not before 10 miles each day, and riders are informed of their location. All pulse checks must be scored by rule 4.20.
- 3.60** There is a mandatory 1/2 hour hold (including the 10-min P-R) on or about the halfway point of the trail. Ride Management has the option of having more than one hold or holds longer than 1/2 hour.
- 3.70** The final trot out is to be scored immediately following the final P-R. Scoring must be done on lameness, fatigue and metabolic factors at this time. No scoring may be done on these after this time.

4.0 SCORING

- 4.00** The pre-ride condition is to be used as a base line for the competition. All declarations must be made at this time. No declarations are allowed after the initial vet-in. The only points that can be penalized at a pre-ride check are for behavior.
- 4.01** P-R's are never a comparative score.
- 4.10** Day one's scores are to be compared to the pre-ride scores. Any areas showing a condition worse than the initial vet-in are to be penalized in accordance with the point system designated on the OAATS score sheet. No credits are given for improvement in condition. Day two's scores are to be compared to day one's scores in the same manner with the exception of capillary refill, dehydration, and gut sounds. These items are to be compared to baseline.
- 4.20** Horses are to be scored on pulse at all vet checks and finals as follows; Riders ride into vet areas and receive an arrival time. Riders have 10 minutes from that time to cool their horse and present their horse to a P-R person for a pulse. It is the sole responsibility of the rider to make sure his/her horse is presented on time. Penalty for late arrival to the P-R area is 1 point per minute late. The horses pulse is taken and immediately recorded. A rider has the option to request an immediate second pulse. If this option is taken, without exception, the second pulse is scored. A rider may present before 10 minutes but that pulse must count as the first pulse.

- 4.21** Horses not recovering to the pre-established parameter pulse at the 10-minute vet check, pulse check, or final are scored on the first pulse but must be held at the P-R check for an additional 10 minutes to have a second pulse check. If after the second check the horse has not recovered to a pulse of parameter, the horse is to be disqualified.
- 4.22** No P-R is to count before 10 miles each day of competition.
- 4.23** Heartcheck monitors will be allowed as long as they are used for all riders and in the same manner. Example: Vet check one uses all heartchecks, vet check two uses all stethoscopes. If heartchecks are used they must be placed on the horse and have the pulse read 15 seconds from being placed on the horse. The pulse taker must give care that they keep the watch/receiver within one foot of the heartcheck for the full 15 seconds. For an immediate second pulse a stethoscope must be used. In the case of a documented arrhythmia a stethoscope must be used for all vet checks.
- 4.30** A ride window is to be the time given by ride management to complete the ride without time penalties. Example: Ride time is given to be 5 hours and 30 minutes to 6 hours. Riders must not complete the ride before 5-1/2 hours or after 6 hours (this includes all holds) or they will be penalized as stated in rule 4.31.
- 4.31** Time penalties are to be assessed as 1 point per every minute before or after the ride window on rides less than 50 miles, 1/2 point for every minute on rides 50-99 miles, and 1 point for every 3 minutes on rides 100 miles and over.
- 4.40** **All tie scores will be broken by the following standards in the specified order.** These items are only to be used as a tiebreaker if any the horses involved in the tie actually lost points in these areas.

1. Pulse
2. Lameness
3. Fatigue
4. Metabolic Factors

If the tie can not be broken by using the specified guidelines than the placings will stand as a tie and the riders will flip a coin for the awards. In the case of a tie the points will be added together and then split by the horses involved.

- 4.41** With this system the possibility of a tie for Reserve Champion could involve two weight divisions. If this occurs, the same calculation will be used; and the points will be split among the riders involved.
- 4.42** In the case of ties, Ride Managers must list the ties and whom they involve on a separate sheet and send it to the OAATS Committee along with the score sheets, the address is listed on the bottom of the score sheets. The recording secretary of OAATS will be notified of these ties and will tabulate the points accordingly.

5.0 DIVISIONS

- 5.00** All open riders must declare a ride weight in pounds at the beginning of each ride. If the rider's weight with tack is known from a previous ride in the current season and no tack changes have occurred, that weight may be given to ride management and used for the ride. If this is the first ride of the season for the rider then he/she must weigh in with tack. These weights are then divided as evenly as possible into two or three weight groups, light, heavy and if opted middle. Riders are placed into their weight division by these weights. Once the ride has started no rider

can change his/her weight division. Junior and novice riders do not weigh in. The weight of the lightest rider in each division becomes the division minimum.

- 5.01** Once the ride has started, a horse must carry the minimum weight in his/her weight division as established by rule 5.00 or be ineligible for placement.
- 5.10** Elevator rides are rides which riders enter one day at a time. Upon successful completion of the first day they may elevate to the second days mileage. However, once elevated the rider is ineligible for placement in the first day's ride. If a rider gets pulled on the second day he receives his/her mileage and completion for the first day.
- 5.11** On elevator rides the horses/riders are placed into their weight divisions on the first day and remain in that division throughout the ride regardless of the number of entries that are pulled or stop at the end of day one.

6.0 RIDE AWARDS

- 6.00** Completion will be awarded to all horses that finish the ride, remained healthy and covered the correct number of miles within a reasonable amount of time.
- 6.01** Any horse requiring medical treatment during the competition will be disqualified.
- 6.10** All horses completing the ride, meeting rules 6.00 and 6.01, completed the course within 1/2 hour of the window for each days competition, did not ride with protective boots (re: Rule 1.43), and have not been disqualified by a rule infraction will be eligible for placement.
- 6.20** Placements are to be given to the top 6 highest scoring horses in each weight division.
- 6.30** The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be the two highest scoring horses in each open ride.
- 6.40** Best of Breed Awards may be given if Ride Management chooses.

7.0 PROTESTS

- 7.00** Any rider has the right to protest the decision of the Judges or Ride Management. There will be a fee of \$25.00 to initiate the protest; this fee, along with the signed written protest must be presented to the Protest Chairman of the OAATS Trail Committee within ten days of the ride. Protests are not held confidential.
- 7.01** All protesters must state their appeal or the rule(s) that was violated.
- 7.10** The protest will be brought before the OAATS Trail Committee and will require a vote of at least 15 members of the trail committee for a ruling. If the majority upholds the ruling of those voting the \$25.00 will be returned and corrective action will be taken.
- 7.20** Scoring discrepancies found by rider are to be brought to the attention of Ride Management within 1/2 hour of the awards ceremony. All participants are strongly encouraged to report any errors at this time. After 1/2 hour the scores and placing will stand.
- 7.21** Ride Management must send a copy of all score sheets to the address stated on the bottom of the score sheet within 14 days of the ride. Score sheets will be checked by a member of the

committee for error. If an error is found at this time, placings and points will be adjusted. If this would happen, ride management will be notified and be responsible for contacting all parties involved.

8.0 YEAR END DISTANCE PROGRAM AWARDS

8.00 To be eligible for OAATS Distance Program career mileage awards, you must enter your horse into the distance program through the OAATS Trail Committee. This involves filling out the OAATS Distance Horse Nomination Form included in our spring mailer, or found on our website, and submitting the one time \$15.00 nomination fee. For every year after a \$10.00 recording fee must be paid each year you compete to keep your horses mileage accumulating. Back mileage may be bought at a rate of \$10.00 a year. Back mileage will not count for OAATS Year End Trophies! It will, however, count towards all distance program mileage awards.

8.10 The OAATS ride season runs from December 1 through November 31 of a given ride season.

8.20 The current OAATS Distance Program Career Mileage Awards are:

300 Miles	Award
700 Miles	Award
1000 Miles	Plaque
1500 Miles	Plaque
2000 Miles	Clock
2500 Miles	\$25.00 towards award
3000 Miles	\$50.00 towards award

Additional increments of 500 miles will be \$50.00 towards your choice of awards. Beginning at 5000 miles and every 1000 mile plateau following, a plaque will also be awarded to acknowledge the achievement.

8.30 Awards are also presented to the Top Five Mileage Horses for each ride season.

8.40 Awards will also be given to the Top Five horses completing the most competitive miles and the Top Five horses completing the most endurance miles for each ride season.

9.0 OAATS YEAR END TROPHY ELIGIBILITY

9.00 To be eligible for all awards, the horse must be enrolled in the OAATS Distance Program as described in rule 8.00 and either the horse owner or rider must be an associate or full member of OAATS. An application for membership can be found included in our spring mailer, or found on our website, or requested from the Distance Program Chair.

9.01 The OAATS ride season will run from December 1 through November 31. You must enter the program by March 15 of the current ride year for all rides completed from December 1 through March 15 to count. If you enter the program later, you will only be given mileage and points for your last four weeks of competition. No exceptions!

9.02 Mileage tickets must be turned in within 30 days of competition for the points to count. Tickets turned in later will forfeit all placement points. Mileage tickets can be requested from the Distance Program Recorder.

9.03 Points for all year-end awards are to be calculated based on the OAATS Point System.

- 9.04** If in the event that the requirements are not met for any of the above listed trophies, the trophy will be retained by the OAATS Trail Committee until the next year's awards.

9.10 OAATS YEAR-END TROPHY AWARDS

- 9.10.01** For all OAATS year-end trophy awards (awards beginning with the letters OAATS) the horse is required to complete the OAATS Sponsored Ride (except where noted in award). This is meant to include the 50 or more mile endurance or 50 or more miles competitive OAATS Sponsored ride for each ride season.

- 9.10.02** The Ride Manager, Ride Secretary, Trail Manager, Vet Check manager, Timing Manager, and Volunteer Lay Judge of the OAATS sponsored Rides are waived of the requirement of completing the said ride to qualify for year end awards. They must still meet the sanctioned mileage requirements for these awards, and if competing for any of the OAATS Trophies will only receive completion points for that event unless the horse actually competes with a different rider. In order for these horses to be eligible for these trophies, the rider must declare a CTR or endurance ride that is the same distance as the mandatory at the February meeting. This ride must be used as one of the rides for any trophy calculations.

9.10.10 OAATS TRAIL HORSE AWARD:

Is to be awarded to all horses regardless of placing, riders, or breed, who are at least five years of age at the OAATS Sponsored Ride, who complete 300 miles of OAATS approved rides in one season. 50 of those miles must be from completing the 50 Mile CTR, 50 Mile Endurance Ride or the two 25 Mile LD rides at the OAATS Sponsored ride.

9.10.20 OAATS COMPETITIVE HORSE ROTATING TROPHY:

Is to be awarded the horse that, regardless of riders, wins the most points on four OAATS Sanctioned competitive trail rides. The OAATS sponsored ride must count. To qualify at least four OAATS sanctioned rides must be completed. Awards will also be given to the three runners up. Any horse winning the trophy 3 times will receive a smaller version of the trophy for their achievement.

9.10.30 OAATS ENDURANCE HORSE ROTATING TROPHY:

Is to be awarded to the horse that, regardless of riders wins the most points on four OAATS sanctioned endurance rides. The OAATS sponsored ride must count. To qualify at least four OAATS sanctioned rides must be completed. Awards will also be given to the three runners up. Any horse winning the trophy 3 times will receive a smaller version of the trophy for their achievement.

9.10.40 OAATS HORSE OF THE YEAR ROTATING TROPHY:

Is to be awarded to the registered Arabian or registered Part-Arabian horse that, regardless of riders, earns the most points in one ride season. The total points for this award will include an addition of 10% of the horses completed mileage. All rides are to count. To qualify the horse must complete at least four OAATS sanctioned rides including the OAATS sponsored ride.

9.10.50 OAATS JUNIOR RIDER ROTATING TROPHY:

Is to be awarded to the junior rider who earns the most points on any four OAATS sanctioned rides. The OAATS sponsored ride must count. To qualify at least four OAATS sanctioned rides must be completed. Any rider winning the trophy 3 times will receive a smaller version of the trophy for their achievement.

9.20 OTHER AWARDS

9.20.10 THE CHALLENGE CUP:

The Challenge Cup is to be awarded to any horse that is not a registered Arabian or part-Arabian, who earns the most points in OAATS sanctioned events only. Horses are **not required to complete the mandatory** ride to qualify for this award, however any horse completing the mandatory ride will receive double points for that ride only. Points are to be calculated in the following manner: There will be no bonus points allowed for these awards, i.e. no extra points for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in CTR or Best Condition for endurance. For both endurance and CTR rides only the top 10 placing horses will receive placement points, all remaining horses will receive completion points. All CTR rides will be converted to overall top 10 places when score sheets are returned to OAATS. A bonus of 10% of all miles ridden will be added to the final score. This is to be an annual rotating award and will not retire.

9.20.20 AHA HIGH POINT ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN COMPETITIVE AWARDS:

These awards are currently being donated by AHA and will continue as long as AHA supports the program. To be eligible for these awards the horse must be a registered Arabian or Half Arabian. The horse must complete 300 miles of OAATS sanctioned events. Only points from OAATS CTR sanctioned events will count in the following manner: There will be no bonus points allowed for these awards, i.e. no extra points for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. The top 10 placing horses will receive placement points, all remaining horses will receive completion points. All CTR rides will be converted to overall top 10 places when score sheets are returned to OAATS.

9.20.30 TOP 5 ARABIAN, HALF ARABIAN, AND OPEN AWARDS:

These awards have been donated to OAATS and will be awarded as long as the donations continue. Awards will be given to the Top 5 highest scoring Arabians, Half Arabians, and Open Breed Horses as well as Champion and Reserve Champion in each division. All points are to count but the horse must complete 200 miles of OAATS sanctioned events to qualify. In addition each horse will receive mileage points of 10% of their total miles.

9.30 NOMINATED AWARDS

9.30.01 Nomination for these awards should be turned into the Board of Directors before the November meeting. Nomination should include the reason(s) why the applicant is deserving of this award.

9.30.02 Selection is decided by the OAATS Board of Directors.

9.30.10 THE CHARLIE HORSE AWARD:

Is in memory of Jean Robson-Miller's old trail horse Charlie and is to be awarded to the outstanding older trail horse as decided by the OAATS Trail Committee. To qualify the horse must be over 15 years of age. It is Jean's request that the committee tries to honor a different horse every year. However, a horse may win the trophy more than once if the Trail Committee deems it appropriate.

9.30.20 THE DUG MURRAY HELPING HANDS AWARD:

Is in memory of Joanne Decker's first husband Dug who was killed in a car accident in January of 1991. Dug was always at our rides with a smile and a joke helping anyone whom needed a hand. He will be missed. This award is meant to go to the person who is felt best carries on Dug's tradition of happily helping anyone who needs assistance.

9.30.30 THE FIREMASTER AWARD:

Is in memory of Becky McCarty's beloved gelding "Fire" who was lost following a tragic pasture incident. This award is to be given to a gelding of any breed. The recipient of this award should not go to the horse with the most wins or placings, but to the gelding that consistently competes to the best of his ability, truly loves the trail, and always goes above and beyond for his human partner. This award is given to promote the true partnership between horse and rider and that to finish is to win. This award will be given out only when the donator feels a horse within the OAATS program is deserving and is not to be considered an annual award.

9.30.40 THE SALILAH OSCAR:

This is a donated award in honor of Carolyn Sullivan's uniquely adventurous rookie horse Salilah, who decided warm-up consisted of racing alone down the trail and swimming with the boaters was a form of competitive riding. This award is to be given to a graduating rookie horse that is enrolled in the Novice Horse Program. The recipient of this award will have done similar or improved adventures during his/her rookie career. Riders are encouraged to submit nominations as events occur throughout the horse's rookie career.

9.40 NOVICE HORSE AWARDS

9.40.01 All graduating novice horses will receive a certificate of graduation.

9.40.10 THE NOVICE HORSE PROGRAM:

This program will be open to all horses in their first and second years of competition only. For both years of competition a qualifying ride is an OAATS sanctioned event of 25 miles or less and can be either LTD endurance, CTR open or CTR novice. Horses competing in multi-day rides of any length or competing in two rides on the same weekend will be disqualified for that year. In both years the horses must at least enter the 25 mile OAATS mandatory CTR or LD ride. First year horses must complete at least 70 but not over 150 miles of competition. Second year horse must complete at least 100 and not over 200 miles of competition. Horses who successfully meet the requirements for their respective year will be given an award at our annual awards banquet. Note the requirements are for mileage only, there is no placement requirement.

9.40.20 GAIA HIGH SCORING NOVICE HORSE AWARD:

This is a donated award in honor of Nancy Owen's Gaia. The horse receiving the highest cumulative score over the 2-years in the Novice Horse Program will be the recipient. Only OAATS sanctioned events will qualify. A copy of scoresheet or rider's card must be submitted to Distance Recorder with the Mileage Reporting Form. For LD computations, the Overall Ride Rating letter grade given in the post ride scoring will be converted to a numeric score as follows: A – 100, A-/B+ - 95, B – 90, B-/C+ 85, C – 80, C- - 75, No score turned in will be counted as C-. For CTRs the final score will be used in the computation.

10.0 SANCTIONING

10.00 Any ride sanctioned by the OAATS Trail Committee must be run in accordance with all rules and guidelines.

10.01 Sanctioning applications must be submitted to the Sanctioning Chairperson along with the \$25 fee for each ride weekend being sanctioned.

- 10.02** Sanctioning deadlines are: Intent for the next season by the first week of November, Preliminary reservation by December 31, and final forms, sanctioning fees, and insurance (if requested) paid by the first weekend of February in the current ride season.
- 10.10** OAATS will be automatically co-sanction two rides on the same weekend as long as the rides are at least 300 miles apart and they are not both CTR rides. Any rides less than 300 miles apart will be allowed to co-sanction on the same weekend as long as both ride managers agree.
- 10.20** CTR rides choosing the same weekend will be given preference by seniority in most instances, but can revert to first requested if appropriate.

11.0 THE OAATS ORGANIZATION

- 11.0** OAATS is organized under its by-laws with a Board of Directors.

A complete copy of the current by-laws may be found on the club website at www.oaats.org or by asking any member of the board of directors. The by-laws contain information on organizational structure, membership types, and election procedures.

The OAATS Point System

ENDURANCE RIDE TROPHY POINTS						Pioneer qualifications
Place	%	50 Mile	60 Mile	75 Mile	100 Mile	
1st	100	50	60	75	100	Pioneer rides are endurance rides sanctioned as multi-day events, at least 155 miles in length, and having at least 50 miles of competition per day. Anyone wishing to enter a multiple day ride as one ride for the OAATS Endurance Horse Trophy must state his/her intent in writing to the Distance Mileage Recorder BEFORE the start of the ride. Any horse/rider team not completing the entire event will receive no points towards the Endurance Trophy. The horse and rider will still get credit for any and all mileage completed within the AERC guidelines for completion criteria.
2nd	95	47.5	57	71.25	95	
3rd	90	45	54	64.5	90	
4th	85	42.5	51	63.75	85	
5th	80	40	48	60	80	
6th	75	37.5	45	56.25	75	
7th	70	35	42	52.5	70	
8th	65	32.5	39	48.75	65	
9th	60	30	36	45	60	
10th	55	27.5	33	41.25	55	
COMP*	30	15	18	22.5	30	

COMPETITIVE RIDE TROPHY POINTS							
PLAC E	%	25 Mi.	30 Mi.	40 Mi.	50 Mi.	60 Mi.	80 Mi.
1st	100	25	30	40	50	60	80
2nd	90	22.5	27	36	45	54	72
3rd	80	20	24	32	40	48	64
4th	70	17.5	21	28	35	42	56
5th	60	15	18	24	30	36	48
6th	50	12.5	15	20	25	30	40
COMP *	30	7.5	9	12	15	18	24

NOTES ABOUT POINTS:

1. Endurance rides must be at least 50 miles to count.
2. Endurance Best Condition earns add'l 50% of points.
3. Competitive rides must be at least 25 miles to count.
4. Competitive Grand Champion earns add'l 50% of points.
5. Competitive Reserve earns add'l 25% of points.
6. Completion points are for non-placing horses only.