



# **OAATS HANDBOOK**

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# Section 1

## 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 Board of Directors.

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. Desitin and 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 Board of Directors. 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 BOD 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 rest 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 Board of Directors 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 have a ride farrier present at each ride unless stated differently in the ride flyer.

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 un-sportsman 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 scoresheet 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 Heart rate monitors (HRM) will be allowed as long as they are used for all riders and in the same manner. Example: Vet check one uses all HRMs, vet check two uses all stethoscopes. If HRMs 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 HRM 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<sup>st</sup> Pulse
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lameness
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fatigue
- 4<sup>th</sup> Metabolic Factors

If the tie cannot be broken by using the specified guidelines than the placing 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 Recording Secretary along with the scoresheets; the address is listed on the bottom of the score sheets. The recording secretary of OAATS 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 Board of Directors within ten days of the ride. Protests are not held confidential.

7.10 All protesters must state their appeal or the rule(s) that was violated.

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.

7.30 Ride Management must send a copy of all scoresheets to the address stated on the bottom of the score sheet within 14 days of the ride. Score sheets may be reviewed for errors, if an error is found at this time, placing and points will be adjusted. Ride management will be notified and be responsible for contacting all parties involved.

7.40 Protests will be reviewed and voted on by the majority of the OAATS board within 45 days of receiving the protest.

## Section 2

### Membership and horse requirements for all OAATS Award Programs:

OAATS has multiple awards programs available based on the career mileage, annual mileage, and annual points earned by individual horses entered our program. For a horse to be eligible for **any** of the OAATS awards the horse's annual recording fees must be paid within 30 days of the horse's first ride for any given season. Additionally, either the horse owner or rider must be an associate or full member of OAATS. Membership forms can be found on the club website. Any mileage earned while the horse was not entered into the program will be lost unless the back mileage fee (\$30 per year) is paid. Back mileage may only be used for awards based on career mileage.

Mileage reports must be turned in within 30 days of competition for the points to count. Reports turned in later will forfeit all placement points, but will retain mileage as long as the horse has been entered into the program. Reports may be completed on-line on the OAATS website.

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

### 8.0 OAATS AWARDS PROGRAMS

8.10 The current OAATS Horse Career Mileage Award plateaus are:

300 Miles	Award
700 Miles	Award
1000 Miles	Plaque
1500 Miles	Award
2000 Miles	Clock (or \$75 towards award of choice)
2500 Miles	\$25.00 towards award
3000 Miles	\$50.00 towards award

Additional increments of 500 miles will be awarded \$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.

8.20 Annual mileage awards will be presented to the top three overall mileage horses for each ride season, all ride types to count.

8.30 Annual mileage awards will be given to the top three horses accumulating mileage in rides of over 50 miles in length. (OAATS Over 50 award)

8.40 Annual mileage awards will be given to the top three horses accumulating mileage in rides of 49 or less miles in length. (OAATS Under 50 award)

8.50 A special award will be given to any rider who completes all 5 days of the Shore to Shore 50 mile rides on the same horse for any given year.

### 9.0 OAATS YEAR-END POINT RELATED TROPHIES

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



9.02 If in the event that the requirements are not met for any of the trophies, the trophy will be not be presented for the given year.

#### 9.03 OAATS HORSE OF THE YEAR TROPHY:

The OAATS Horse of the year trophy is to be awarded to any 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.

#### 9.04 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.

#### 9.05 OAATS COMPETITIVE HORSE TROPHY:

Is to be awarded the horse that, regardless of riders, wins the most points on four OAATS Sanctioned competitive trail rides. To qualify at least four OAATS sanctioned rides must be completed. In the case that four rides have not been completed in a given season the award will not be presented.

#### 9.06 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. Award will also be given to the runner up.

9.07 OAATS Endurance BC Award will be presented to the horse accumulating the most BC wins in Endurance rides for any given ride season. In the case of a tie, the horse with the higher mileage will win.

9.08 OAATS Limited Distance BC Award will be presented to the horse accumulating the most BC wins in Limited Distance for any given ride season. In the case of a tie, the horse with the higher mileage will win.

#### 9.09 OAATS JUNIOR RIDER 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.

### 9.10 OAATS YEAR-END AWARDS

9.10.1 OAATS TRAIL HORSE AWARD: Must meet the following requirements:

- Horse must have completed 300 miles of OAATS Sanctioned events in one season.
- The primary rider must work one full day of any OAATS sanctioned ride, the DBDR ride does not count.
- The horse must be entered in a 25 Mile or more OAATS sponsored ride.

#### 9.10.2 OAATS MULTI-YEAR TRAIL HORSE AWARD:

Is to be awarded to all horses regardless of placing, riders, or breed, who complete 300 miles of OAATS approved rides in any number of seasons. The horse must have been entered in at least two OAATS Sponsored events (each day to count as an event) during the qualification period. All riders must be current members of OAATS at the time of the event. Additionally to qualify for this award the horse *“must be declared to the OAATS recording secretary as a multi-year horse before the horse’s first event of the season.”* All horses declared a multi- year horse must remain in that program for the entire season. No exceptions. Horses enrolled in the multi-year program may not also be enrolled in the novice horse program and are ineligible for the OAATS trail horse award as defined in 9.10.01.

### 9.20 MEMBER AWARDS

9.20.00 Member mileage awards will be presented to each member as they earn career mileage in increments of 1,000 miles. Special awards will be presented to those reaching the 5,000, 10,000, and 15,000 mile plateaus.

9.20.01 Ride Manager Award will be earned by any one person managing 6 days of distance events. This award may be accumulated over any number of years.

9.20.02 Ride Volunteer Award will be earned by any one person volunteering for any unpaid position for 12 days of distance events, only actual ride days will count. Ride Secretary may claim one additional day per ride. The event must be an OAATS sanctioned event. This award may be accumulated over any number of years.

9.20.03 Trail Master Award will be earned by any one person marking and/or unmarking trail for 12 days with a minimum of 5 miles of trail marked/unmarked per day. Limit of 2 days per person for marking/unmarking rides of 50 miles and under, 4 days for rides of 51-75 miles, and 6 days for rides of 76-100 miles. The event must be an OAATS sanctioned event. The award may be accumulated over any number of years.

### 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 Murray’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.

### 9.40 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 30 miles or less and can be either Limited Distance, CTR open, CTR novice, or Recreational Distance. 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 horses 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 HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE AWARD:

Any novice horse entered in the OAATS Novice program, as defined by rule 9.40.10, is eligible for this award. The horse receiving the highest cumulative score during the season will be the High Point Novice Horse recipient. Only OAATS sanctioned events will qualify. A copy of score sheet 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. No points will be awarded for recreational rides.

### 9.50 RECREATIONAL RIDING HORSE AWARDS

OAATS offers a recreation riding program for those who don't care to ride competitively. To be eligible for this program the rider must pay a onetime horse nomination fee of \$25 and the rider must be a current member of OAATS for all time earned. This award is based on the accumulative hours spent pleasure riding and/or driving. Hours must be sent to the recording secretary within 30 days of the end of the ride season.

### 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 appropriate fee for each ride weekend being sanctioned. Current fees are stated on the sanctioning form.

10.02 Ride sanctioning requests must be submitted to the OAATS Sanctioning Chair a minimum of 90 days before the event, and may not be further than 500 miles from Columbus, Ohio.

10.03 Those wishing to sanction an OAATS CTR and requesting OAATS ride insurance must have their sanctioning and insurance fees paid to the Sanctioning Chair by February 15 of any given season.

10.10 OAATS will 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.

10.30 OAATS will recognize and sanction any endurance, limited distance, and introductory rides as sanctioned by the American Endurance Ride Conference, all competitive trail rides as governed by OAATS CTR Rules, and OAATS recreational distance rides.

10.40 OAATS Recreational Distance Rides are defined as rides of 10 to 20 miles in length, must be veterinary controlled, an AERC check format may be used, ride management must carry standard ride insurance, must not award any placing positions, completion awards must be presented, ride may not be ridden any faster than 7 miles per hour, maximum ride time may be defined by ride management, those participating in these events may use their riding hours towards the OAATS recreational riding program. Mileage from these events may count towards any of the OAATS year end and mileage program awards.

10.41 OAATS sanctioned Equathon mileage may be applied towards both lifetime and overall mileage awards provided an AERC vet-check is used throughout the equestrian portion of the event. Equines must be at least four years of age to participate for mileages of 25 miles and under or five years of age for 26 miles and over.

**11.0 THE OAATS ORGANIZATION**

11.00 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](http://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	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.
1st	100	50	60	75	100	
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							
PLACE	%	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:

Endurance rides must be at least 50 miles to count.

Endurance Best Condition earns additional 50% of points.

Competitive rides must be at least 25 miles to count.

Competitive Grand Champion earns additional 50% of points.

Competitive Reserve earns additional 25% of points.

Completion points are for non-placing horses only