



Competitive Horse Incentive Program

Standard Operating Procedure

Purpose: This procedure provides guidance for the National Walking Horse Association (NWA) Competitive Horse Incentive Program (CHIP).

Scope: This procedure applies to any NWA member who wishes to participate in CHIP.

Responsibilities:

Title	Description
Board of Directors	Board of Directors assure that CHIP rules are in place and meet the needs and desires of NWA members
Executive Officer	Provides a venue for formal recognition of CHIP participants. Provides forms, maintains and files copies. Assures that information is provided on all media outlets and all communications are answered in a timely manner.
Trail Committee	Solicits and encourages CHIP enrollment. Provides information to NWA membership through all NWA and other approved media sources.

Procedures:

1. CHIP awards are presented at designated distance levels and will accumulate from year to year. The distance levels are as follows:
 - a. Initial 100 miles
 - b. 250 mile increments thereafter
2. The high mile horse receives an annual award.
3. Logs must be submitted by Oct 15th of each year to be eligible for year-end awards.
4. CHIP hours will accumulate from October 1-September 30 for the purposes of yearly high-mile awards.

CHIP Rules:

1. CHIP is open to any NWA member and any gaited horse owned by an NWA member.
2. As long as the horse is owned by any NWA member, it may accumulate miles with any rider or any combination of riders to be counted towards the CHIP high mile horse award.
3. Riding time is to be reported by the distance covered. No credit is given for showing.
4. Trail miles will be counted in $\frac{1}{4}$ mile increments, with the miles rounded out to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and with a 1 mile minimum per ride.
5. Miles must be reported on the official log forms/book along with the contact information for the ride coordinator. These forms are available online or can be mailed/emailed upon request.
6. Miles are accrued at competitive trail competitions, endurance rides, stadium courses and shows that utilize a licensed judge that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Competitive trail competitions must be a minimum of three miles with a minimum of three obstacles.
 - b. Endurance rides must be a minimum of 25 miles.
 - c. Stadium trail obstacle classes such as an ACTHA AOCs or trail obstacle classes offered at a horse show must have a minimum of 6 obstacles and will count as 2 miles in a log book.
7. NWA sanctioned competitive rides or endurance rides that utilize a licensed judge, will receive double the actual amount of miles.

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