

POINTS AND AWARDS

All Awards are solely based upon points compiled at OCER sanctioned rides.

In order to be eligible for any and all OCER year-end points and mileage awards, both the rider and the equine's owner must be current OCER members. Memberships must be paid prior to the start of a Ride in order to receive points for that ride. NOTE: A membership Form or note requesting to become a member must be completed and signed prior to the start of the ride. Membership dues and forms may be given to the ride manager, OCER treasurer or OCER secretary. Memberships mailed to the secretary will be dated according to the postmark.

For BREED AWARDS requiring registration papers, the equine's breed registration papers must be on file with the OCER point secretary. These papers are kept in a permanent file as long as the equine's owner is a member, and do not have to be resubmitted annually. For non-registered horse awards and mule award, OCER will provide a nomination form for the owner to sign. OCER will keep this form in the permanent file. An equine may be eligible for more than one breed award if so registered or if it meets the requirements for an unregistered award. Since breed awards are not sponsored by OCER, having papers on file does not guarantee an award if no sponsor is found. Breed Awards are available when sponsored and must be announced by March 1 of the current ride year.

Points are awarded on a scale of one (1) point for every five (5) miles completed. (The entire ride distance entered must be completed to receive any points.) Bonus points are awarded to Endurance and Limited Distance riders & Endurance equines finishing in the top ten (NOTE: Limited Distance equines receive no bonus points). 100 mile riders & equines receive double points. Equines nominated for a breed award will accumulate one (1) point for every five (5) miles plus bonus points for Endurance rides (Equines competing in Limited Distance rides receive no bonus points.)

Examples:

25 miles = 5 completion points + 10 points for first place
1st place 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th
15 points 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6

50 miles = 10 completion points + 10 points for first place
1st place 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th
20 points 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11

100 miles = 20 completion points + 20 points for first place
1st place 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th
40 points 38 36 34 32 30 28 26 24 22

In case of a tie, the total points earned by tied riders / equines are totaled and divided equally. Example: Two riders tied for first place would be 20 plus 19 points divided by 2 for 19.5 bonus points each. If a 3-way tie, 20 + 19 + 18 divided by 3 for 19 points each.

Junior riders receive points in their own division and do not affect an adult rider's points. The equine's points are awarded according to actual placement. Example: If a junior rider wins the ride, he receives 20 points and his equine receives 20 points. A senior rider finishing 2nd receives 20 points and his equine receives 19 points.

Points are awarded according to overall placement at a ride, but recorded in the weight division entered at THAT RIDE. Example: If a rider enters a ride as a lightweight and receives 15 points, those points will count toward the lightweight award. If that same rider enters the next ride as a middleweight and receives 15 points, those points go toward the middleweight award. The rider has 15 points in 2 divisions, not 30 points total.

A rider may ride as many eligible (owned by an OCER member) equines as desired during the season. All points / miles will be added together for that rider.

An equine may be ridden by more than one eligible (OCER member) rider during the season and all points / miles will be added together for that equine. The person recorded with the OCER Point Secretary as the legal owner of the equine on the last date of that ride year (November 30) will receive that equine's award from OCER.

Best Condition and Hi Vet: Separate annual Best Condition and Hi Vet Awards are given in both Limited Distance and Endurance categories. When an equine receives a Best Condition or Hi Vet award at an OCER ride, it will receive one point for every mile of the ride distance. If there is a tie at the end of the year, the actual BC or Hi Vet scores will be averaged to determine the highest total score.

Example: One equine wins BC (or Hi Vet) on a 25 & 30 mile ride for a total of 55 points. Another equine wins BC (or Hi Vet) on (2) 25 mile rides for a total of 50 points. The one with 55 points wins the LD award for the year. An equine wins a BC (or Hi Vet) on a 100 mile ride receiving 100 points. Another equine wins 2 BCs (or Hi Vets) on 50 mile rides for a total of 100 points. The total BC (or Hi Vet) scores from the (2) 50 mile rides would be averaged, say $(645 + 695)/2 = 670$, and compared to the total BC (or Hi Vet) score of the 100 mile equine, say 680. The one with the highest actual BC (or Hi Vet) score average is the winner. In this example, the BC (or Hi Vet) score of 680 would win.

Year-end awards are given in weight divisions, high mileage LD/Endurance rider, high-point Endurance equines and high mileage LD equines, just to name a few. OCER rewards the riders at the end of the year for supporting the sport of endurance, because without the riders, there is no sport. You as a rider are very important, and encouraging you to have fun and ride your equine safely is a goal of OCER.