

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY SPORT HORSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

General Eligibility

Eligible horses are purebred Saddlebreds registered with the American Saddlebred Registry (ASR), and half-Saddlebreds registered with the Half-Saddlebred Registry of America (HSRA).

The owner must be a current member in good standing of the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) and the horse must be enrolled in the ASR Sport Horse Incentive Program (Program) in the competition year (December 1 – November 30). The enrollment fee is \$150 per competition year. The deadline for enrollment is April 1st of the competition year.

Eligible competitions/events are limited to those recognized by USEF, FEI, EC, USDF, USHJA, ADS, AERC, NRHA, USEA, NATRC and ACTHA, a National Equine Organization. Eligible disciplines are Dressage, Hunters, Jumpers, Combined Driving, Pleasure Driving, Endurance, Reining, Eventing, Endurance, Limited Distance and Competitive Trail.

The owner or agent of an eligible horse enrolled in the Program is responsible for submitting competition results to the ASR Office no later than December 15 of the competition year. For the 2011 competition year, competition results will be accepted retroactively to December 1, 2010.

Competition results must include the following information:

- The name, dates and location of the competition/event
- The name of the National Equine Organization(s) that recognized the competition/event
- Competition results from the website of one of the National Equine Organizations listed above OR complete competition results signed by the competition secretary or manager along with a copy of the prize list or omnibus showing the list of classes offered and the officials for the competition/event
- The show name of the horse if different from that under which it is registered with the ASR or HSRA and a copy of the registration or recording demonstrating it is the same horse

The ASR reserves the right to verify all results submitted. If an entry has been disqualified by USEF, by a National Equine Organization, or by the horse show where the horse has competed, the owner shall forfeit and return all premium money, trophies and ribbons upon notification. The ASR reserves the right to correct the results and reassign winnings.

General Rules and Regulations

Eligible horses enrolled in the Program for a given competition year compete to earn a portion of the total money paid into the Program as enrollment fees for that competition year.

Prize money will be distributed as follows: The total amount of money to be distributed will be divided among the disciplines for which eligible horses are enrolled in proportion to the number of horses enrolled in each discipline. Thus, if 100 horses are enrolled in the Program and 25 are enrolled in Dressage, 25% of the total money will be distributed among the horses enrolled in Dressage. The amount of money allocated to Dressage will be divided by the total number of points earned by all eligible horses in Dressage to determine the award payout per point. The number will then be multiplied by the number of points earned by each horse to determine how much is to be awarded to the owners. For example:

If there is \$5,600 allocated for distance riding and there are 1,275 points earned, then the award payout per point would be \$4.39. Based on this calculation, following is an example of the possible payout for Distance Riding:

Horse A - 550 points X 4.39 = \$2,414.50
Horse B - 275 points X 4.39 = \$1,207.25
Horse C - 200 points X 4.39 = \$878.00
Horse D - 100 X 4.39 = \$439.00
Horse E - 75 X 4.39 = \$329.25
Horse F - 50 X 4.39 = \$219.50
Horse G - 25 X 4.39 = \$109.75

The mechanism by which the portion of the money allocated to each discipline will be divided among eligible horses is set forth in the specific rules of each discipline.

Eligible horses may be enrolled in more than one discipline but no more than one enrollment fee per competition year will be required for each eligible horse.

Eligible horses must compete in at least two recognized competitions/events in a specific discipline within a competition year to be eligible to receive prize money from the Program in that discipline.

Eligible horses competing in Dressage must compete in a minimum of two recognized competitions before two different judges to be eligible to receive prize money from the Program in Dressage.

Each eligible horse that is enrolled in the Program and that, within the competition year, has completed the requirements for any discipline for which this Program is designated will receive a share of the available prize money.

Owners and agents of eligible horses competing in any discipline covered by this Program are subject to the rules and regulations of the applicable governing associations for that discipline. The ASR and HSRA and the administrators of this Program are not responsible for ensuring knowledge of or compliance by a participating owner or agent with the rules and regulations of the governing association for any discipline covered by this Program. It is the responsibility of the participating owner or agent to know and follow the rules and regulations governing the discipline in which he or she competes. If an entry has been disqualified by USEF, by a National Equine Organization, or the horse show where the horse has competed, the owner shall forfeit and return all premium money, trophies and ribbons upon notification. The ASR reserves the right to correct the results and reassign winnings. Please note that enrollment fees are non-refundable.

Specific Discipline Rules and Regulations

Distance Riding

Distance riding is categorized into three award categories for purposes of prize money distribution in this Program. Eligible horses may compete in any or all of these categories in a competition year and if they have completed eligibility requirements, may receive prize money in all.

Prize money allocated to the distance riding discipline will be divided among the three categories in proportion to the number of eligible horses competing in each category. Categories are exclusive and do not compete with each other.

Points are awarded according to the rules of each organization, as follows:

Endurance/Limited Distance—American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC)

25 mile completion – 5 points
30-35 mile ride completion – 7 points

50 mile ride completion – 10 points
75 mile ride completion –20 points
100 mile ride completion –30 points

Additional points will be awarded as follows:

Top Ten – add 5 points
First Place – add 5 points
Best Condition – add 5 points

Competitive Trail—North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC)

Points will be awarded as follows for each ride completed. No distinction is made among Open, Novice, CP or Junior.

Completion - 5 points
First Place - 6 points
Second Place - 5 points
Third place - 4 points
Fourth Place - 3 points
Fifth Place - 2 points
Sixth Place - 1 point
Multi-day ride - 3 points

Competitive Trail—American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA)

Points will be awarded as follows for each ride completed:

Completion – 5 points
First place – 6 points
Second place – 5 points
Third place – 4 points
Fourth place –3 points
Fifth place – 2 points
Sixth place – 1 point

Jumpers

Points will be awarded for Junior Jumper, Amateur Owner Jumper, Young Rider Jumper, Open Jumper, Children's and Adult Jumper, Pony Jumper, and 5-, 6-, and 7/8-Year-Old Jumper, pursuant to USEF Rule GR1133.2, as follows:

In classes in which 3-8 exhibitors compete:

First place - 15 points
Second place - 10 points
Third place - 5 points
Fourth place - 4 points
Fifth place - 3 points
Sixth place - 2 points

In classes in which 9-15 exhibitors compete:

First place - 20 points
Second place - 15 points
Third place - 10 points
Fourth place - 5 points
Fifth place - 4 points
Sixth place - 3 points

In classes in which 16-25 exhibitors compete:

First place - 25 points
Second place - 20 points
Third place - 15 points
Fourth place - 10 points
Fifth place - 5 points
Sixth place - 4 points

In classes in which more than 25 exhibitors compete:

First place - 30 points
Second place - 25 points
Third place - 20 points
Fourth place - 15 points
Fifth place - 10 points
Sixth place - 5 points

A bonus equivalent to the level of difficulty will be awarded for each clear round jumped, regardless of class ranking. Example: A single clear round at 1.35m earns 1.35 bonus points. A double clear at 1.35m earns 2.7 bonus points.

In order to be eligible for clear round bonuses, the owner must submit a copy of the judge's card for the class, or a document annotated and signed by the show secretary indicating clear rounds.

Reining

Eligible horses enrolled in the Program may receive points in any division recognized by the NRHA with the exception of 10 & Under Youth Short Stirrup.

A "no score" or a score of 0 will result in no points earned for that class for purposes of this Program.

Points will be awarded as follows:

First place - 10 points
Second place - 9 points
Third place - 8 points
Fourth place - 7 points
Fifth place - 6 points
Sixth place - 5 points
Seventh place - 4 points
Eighth place - 3 points
Ninth place - 2 points
Tenth place - 1 point

Hunters

Eligible horses enrolled in the Program may receive points in any class in the Hunter division recognized by USEF or USHJA.

Points will be awarded as follows:

In classes in which 3-8 exhibitors compete:

First place - 15 points
Second place - 10 points
Third place - 5 points
Fourth place - 4 points
Fifth place - 3 points

Sixth place - 2 points

In classes in which 9-15 exhibitors compete:

First place - 20 points

Second place - 15 points

Third place - 10 points

Fourth place - 5 points

Fifth place - 4 points

Sixth place - 3 points

In classes in which 16-25 exhibitors compete:

First place - 25 points

Second place - 20 points

Third place - 15 points

Fourth place - 10 points

Fifth place - 5 points

Sixth place - 4 points

In classes in which more than 25 exhibitors compete:

First place - 30 points

Second place - 25 points

Third place - 20 points

Fourth place - 15 points

Fifth place - 10 points

Sixth place - 5 points

Additional points will be awarded as follows:

5 points will be awarded for a division championship.

3 points will be awarded for a division reserve championship.

Eventing

Points will be awarded for competition in the following divisions: Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Completion of an Event:

Beginner Novice - 1 point

Novice - 2 points

Training - 3 points

Preliminary - 4 points

Intermediate - 5 points

Advanced - 6 points

Placing in an event will add points as follows:

Beginner Novice:

First place - 10 points

Second place - 9 points

Third place - 8 points

Fourth place - 7 points

Fifth place - 6 points

Sixth place - 5 points

Seventh place - 4 points

Eight place - 3 points
Ninth place - 2 points
Tenth place - 1 points

Novice:

First place - 15 points
Second place - 14 points
Third place - 13 points
Fourth place - 12 points
Fifth place - 11 points
Sixth place - 10 points
Seventh place - 9 points
Eight place - 8 points
Ninth place - 7 points
Tenth place - 6 points

Training:

First place - 20 points
Second place - 19 points
Third place - 18 points
Fourth place - 17 points
Fifth place - 16 points
Sixth place - 15 points
Seventh place - 14 points
Eight place - 13 points
Ninth place - 12 points
Tenth place - 11 points

Preliminary:

First place - 25 points
Second place - 24 points
Third place - 23 points
Fourth place - 22 points
Fifth place - 21 points
Sixth place - 20 points
Seventh place - 19 points
Eight place - 18 points
Ninth place - 17 points
Tenth place - 16 points

Intermediate:

First place - 30 points
Second place - 29 points
Third place - 28 points
Fourth place - 27 points
Fifth place - 26 points
Sixth place - 25 points
Seventh place - 24 points
Eight place - 23 points
Ninth place - 22 points
Tenth place - 21 point

Advanced:

First place - 35 points
Second place - 34 points
Third place - 33 points

Fourth place - 32 points
Fifth place - 31 points
Sixth place - 30 points
Seventh place - 29 points
Eight place - 28 points
Ninth place - 27 points
Tenth place - 26 points

Combined Driving

Points will be awarded for competition in the following divisions: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Completion of an event:
Training - 1 point
Preliminary - 2 points
Intermediate - 3 points
Advanced - 4 points

Placing in an event will add points as follows:

Training:
First place - 20 points
Second place - 19 points
Third place - 18 points
Fourth place - 17 points
Fifth place - 16 points
Sixth place - 15 points
Seventh place - 14 points
Eight place - 13 points
Ninth place - 12 points
Tenth place - 11 points

Preliminary:
First place - 25 points
Second place - 24 points
Third place - 23 points
Fourth place - 22 points
Fifth place - 21 points
Sixth place - 20 points
Seventh place - 19 points
Eight place - 18 points
Ninth place - 17 points
Tenth place - 16 points

Intermediate:
First place - 30 points
Second place - 29 points
Third place - 28 points
Fourth place - 27 points
Fifth place - 26 points
Sixth place - 25 points
Seventh place - 24 points
Eight place - 23 points

Ninth place - 22 points
Tenth place - 21 points

Advanced:

First place - 35 points
Second place - 34 points
Third place - 33 points
Fourth place - 32 points
Fifth place - 31 points
Sixth place - 30 points
Seventh place - 29 points
Eight place - 28 points
Ninth place - 27 points
Tenth place - 26 points

Dressage

Eligible horses competing in Dressage must compete in a minimum of two recognized competitions before two different judges to be eligible to receive prize money from the Program in Dressage.

Points will be awarded for scores of 55% or above that are received at USEF/USDF-recognized competitions at the following levels: Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, FEI Prix St. Georges, FEI Intermediare I, FEI Intermediare II, and FEI Grand Prix.

The average of all scores of 55% or above at a particular level received by an eligible horse at USEF/USDF recognized competitions will be considered the point total for the eligible horse at that level. If the eligible horse competes at more than one level and receives scores of 55% or above at each level, only the higher score of the levels will be eligible for the horse's total points. Thus, if the eligible horse obtains a 57% average score at First Level and a 59% average score at Training Level, only the Training Level score will be eligible for points.

Additional percentage points to the average score per level will be awarded as follows:

First Level - 2 points for an average score of 60% or better
Second Level - 4 points for an average score of 60% or better
Third Level - 6 points for an average score of 60% or better
Fourth Level - 8 points for an average score of 60% or better
Prix St. Georges - 10 points for an average score of 60% or better
Intermediare I or II - 12 points for an average score of 60% or better
Grand Prix - 14 points for an average score of 60% or better

Obstacle Driving and Pleasure Driving

Points will be awarded for scores of 55% or better that are received at USEF/ADS-sanctioned competitions at the following levels: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced.

Points will be awarded as follows:

First place - 25 points
Second place - 20 points
Third place - 15 points
Fourth place - 10 points
Fifth place - 5 points
Sixth place - 2 points

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the Saddlebred Sport Horse Incentive Program?

A: This Program is designed to recognize and financially reward owners of registered Saddlebred and Half-Saddlebred horses competing in the sport horse divisions.

Q: Who is eligible?

A: Purebred Saddlebreds registered with the American Saddlebred Registry and Half-Saddlebreds registered with the Half-Saddlebred Registry of America may be enrolled in the Program annually.

Q: How much does it cost to participate in the Program?

A: The cost is \$150 per horse per year.

Q: Do I need to be a member of ASHA?

A: The owner of record of the enrolled horse must be a member in good standing of the ASHA during the competition year (December 1 – November 30). A non-owning rider or driver need not be a member.

Q: How is this Program different from other awards programs?

A: The Program pays year-end prize money based on points earned in the sport horse disciplines.

Q: What are the sport horse disciplines? How do I earn points?

A: Points can be earned in the disciplines of Dressage, Hunters, Jumpers, Driving (both combined driving and pleasure driving), Distance Riding (both Endurance and Competitive Trail), Reining and Eventing. The Program eligibility rules and regulations specify how points are tabulated.

Q: What is the enrollment deadline?

A: The deadline for enrollment is April 1 of the competition year.