



# ApHC Distance Programs

**WE INVITE YOU TO ENROLL YOUR APPALOOSA IN THE DISTANCE PROGRAM!  
THERE ARE A VARIETY OF AWARDS TO BE EARNED BY YOU AND YOUR HORSE.**

The Distance Program and awards may be separated into two general categories; endurance/competitive trail riding and pleasure trail riding.

## **Requirements for all Distance Programs:**

- A one-time **enrollment fee of \$25** per horse must be submitted along with a completed **enrollment form**. This enrolls your horse for life. No mileage or credit will be granted prior to enrollment.
- **Owners and riders** of horses enrolled in the ApHC Distance Program must be current ApHC members at the time of enrollment and during the ride year mileage is accumulated. (If the horse is owned by more than one person, only one owner must be a current ApHC member.)
- **Breeders** need not be active ApHC members unless the owner and breeder are the same person(s). However, in order for the breeder(s) to be eligible to receive the ApHC distance breeder's medallion, they must have been active ApHC members during the year the dam was bred.
- The **ApHC Ride Year** runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- If a horse is eligible to receive a medallion or high mileage award, or is the winner of the Appaloosa National Championship Endurance Ride, a current, publishable **digital image** or **printed photograph** with use permission from the photographer must be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup> following the end of the ride year in which the award was earned. The image will be used for publication in the ApHC Journal and/or the award Yearbook.

## **Requirements for the Endurance/Competitive Trail Ride (END/CTR) Distance Programs:**

- The horse must be ApHC registered as: **regular (#)**, **CPO (CN)** or have been issued a **Performance Permit** prior to the qualifying year.
- The horse must be a minimum of **five years old** as of foaling date to receive END/CTR mileage.
- **Ride Results** must be recorded on official forms provided by and available from the ApHC.
  - It is the rider's and/or owner's sole responsibility to provide official results for the competitive and endurance rides in which they participate. Riders must record ride information on the **Ride Report Form** and obtain the signature of the ride manager. It is requested that the reports be submitted to the ApHC Trail & Distance Department within 10 days of the completion of the ride, but they must be submitted no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>** following the end of the current ride year (November 30<sup>th</sup>.) Ride results received after that date will not be accepted or recorded. Results will be verified with the sanctioning organization.
- **ApHC-approved endurance and competitive trail ride sanctioning organizations:** American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), Great Lakes Distance Riding Assn. (GLDRA), Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Assn. (UMECRA), Washington State Horseman, Inc. (WSH), International Arabian Horse Association (IAHA) Ohio Arabian and All Breed Trail Society (OAATS), Ohio Arabian Horse Assn. (OAHA), Appaloosa Distance Riders Association (ApDRA), North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), Eastern Competitive Trail Rider Assoc. (ECTRA), Southeastern Distance Riders Assoc. (SEDR), Texas Endurance Riders Assoc. (TERA), Dutch Endurance Riders (DER), and Netherlands Noreniging Lande Afstands Ruiters (NVL), The Swedish National Equestrian Association, Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association (OCTRA) and Middle Of The Trail Distance Riders Association (MOTDRA). The ApHC reserves the right to approve any other distance ride it deems suitable.
- **A Competitive Trail Ride is defined** as a ride where participants cover a marked course in a given period of time; no less than 25 miles in one day or 30 miles in two; and is required to have a licensed veterinarian present for monitoring and judging. For medallion eligibility, 2-day rides must be 50 miles or more. A separate merit system is in place for events such as Mountain Horse Challenges, Trail Trials, Trail Challenges and similar competitions under the Judged Trail Ride category of the Appaloosa Competitive all-Breed Activities Program (ACAAP).

## **Requirements for Pleasure Trail Ride Distance Programs – ApHC-sponsored National or sanctioned Regional trail rides:**

- The horse must be ApHC registered: **any registration type** may participate.
- The horse must be a minimum of **four years old** as of foaling date to participate on pleasure trail rides and receive mileage.
- **Ride Mileage** must be recorded on official log sheets provided by and available from the ApHC.
  - It is the rider's and/or owner's sole responsibility to provide official results for the trail rides in which their horse participates. Riders must record mileage on the **Ride Log Sheet** and obtain the signature of the ride manager, head scout or trail & distance coordinator. It is requested that the reports be submitted to the ApHC Trail & Distance Department within 10 days of the completion of the ride, but they must be submitted no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>** following the end of the current ride year (November 30<sup>th</sup>) for mileage to be counted. Log sheets/mileage received after that date will not be accepted or recorded.

## **\*\*AWARDS for ApHC DISTANCE PROGRAMS\*\***

### **Endurance/Competitive Trail Ride (END/CTR) awards:**

- **250-mile Register of Merit (ROM)** is given to a horse completing 250 miles in open Endurance (including open limited distance) or open Competitive Trail Riding, separate or combined, consisting of rides 25 miles or longer, over the lifetime of the horse. This is a once-in-a-lifetime award.
- **500-mile Superior Event Award (SEA)** is the next level up, with the same parameters as the 250-mi ROM.
- **350-mile Endurance Ride Medallion and 350-mile Competitive Trail Ride Medallion**  
Medallions are awarded to horses completing at least 350 miles in either approved open competitive trail rides 25 miles or longer, or approved open endurance rides 50 miles or longer within the ride year (Dec 1 to Nov 30). A horse may earn multiple medallions in both categories over its lifetime.
  - Bonus miles: Double mileage –which will count toward medallions only- will be given to those winners of overall Best Condition in endurance rides and overall High point (Sweepstakes) in competitive trail rides.
  - A horse may compete in both endurance and competitive rides, however mileage from one may not be combined with the other for a medallion; they must be earned separately.
  - A large medallion and a smaller replica are presented to the first listed owner of the horse. A smaller replica is also presented to the breeder, if applicable. Only one owner medallion and one breeder medallion per qualifying horse will be awarded regardless of the number of co-owners or co-breeders.
- **1,000 Mile Award** - Awarded every 1,000 miles to horses completing mileage in either approved endurance or competitive rides. The same rides approved for medallions will also count for 1,000-mile credit; however bonus miles will not count toward this award. As in the medallion parameters, mileage from one category does not count toward the other. Mileage is accrued from year-to-year and a horse may earn multiple awards in its lifetime.
- **Year-End High-Mileage Awards**
  - **High-Mileage Endurance Appaloosa Award** - Presented to the horse completing the highest number of miles in approved open Endurance rides within a ride year.
  - **High-Mileage Competitive Trail Ride Appaloosa Award** - Presented to the horse completing the highest number of miles in approved open Competitive Trail rides within a ride year.
  - **High-Mileage Appaloosa of the Year Award** - Presented to the horse completing the highest total combined miles in approved open Endurance and Competitive Trail rides within a ride year.
  - A minimum of 350 miles in competitive and/or 350 miles in endurance must be completed before these awards will be given.
  - Bonus miles for Best Condition and High Point winners do not count toward annual high mileage awards.
  - Mileage ties will be broken by presenting the award to the horse with the highest number of actual rides.
- **Chief Joseph Commemorative Award** is a combination award earned by a  rider  for successful completion of 1,000 Saddle Log Program hours plus 10 approved Endurance rides plus 10 approved Competitive Trail rides.
  - The person must be a current ApHC member and current enrollee of the ApHC Saddle Log program during the accumulation of the endurance and competitive rides. The horse(s) ridden must be enrolled in the ApHC Distance Program (see "Requirements" section). Novice rides and bonus miles do not count toward this award. A special log sheet will be provided for recording each of the 10 endurance and 10 competitive trail rides. A separate sheet is used to record the 1000 Saddle Log hours. Contact us for information and enrollment in the Saddle Log Program.
- **ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride** is held annually at different locations throughout the country. Contact the Trail & Distance Coordinator for more information or see our website; [www.appaloosa.com](http://www.appaloosa.com).

### **Pleasure Trail Ride awards – ApHC-sponsored National and sanctioned Regional trail rides:**

- **400-mile Register of Merit (ROM)** for mileage accrued on ApHC National and sanctioned Regional trail rides.
- **800-mile Superior Event award** for mileage accrued on ApHC National and sanctioned Regional trail rides.
- **Chief Joseph Trail Ride 10-year Medallion** is awarded to horses completing ten consecutive years on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride.
- **Chief Joseph Trail Ride 13-year Award** for horses completing thirteen years (consecutive or not) on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride.

*Note:*

*ApHC Distance Program awards may vary from year to year. Owners and breeders must notify the ApHC within one year of qualification if an earned award was not received.*

***Would you like to receive awards just for riding your favorite Appaloosa?  
It's easy -- check out our Saddle Log Program!***



# ApHC Distance Programs

## Horse Enrollment Form

\_\_\_\_\_ **Horse Registered Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ApHC Registration No.**

First listed owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

For horses with multiple owners, at least **one owner** must be a current ApHC member for the year of enrollment. In order for mileage to count, any **rider(s)**, including owners, must be current ApHC members at the time of the ride event. **Breeders** are required to have been active members during the year the dam was bred if they wish to be eligible to receive the breeder's medallion.

**I would like to enroll the horse above in the following Distance Programs** (check all that apply):

*Please see Distance Programs sheet for qualifications and awards*

**Pleasure Trail Riding Events**

**Endurance Riding Events**

**National Championship Endurance Ride**

**Competitive Trail Riding Events**

*Please note that credit for mileage will not be granted prior to enrollment.*

Check here if you are interested in pursuing the Chief Joseph Commemorative Award! This award is earned by the rider for successful completion of 1000 hours in the Saddle Log Program *plus* 10 endurance rides *plus* 10 competitive trail rides. We will send you an application for enrollment in the Saddle Log Program. The horse(s) used in the CTR & END rides must be enrolled in the Distance Program.

**Fees:** A **one-time fee of \$25.00** enrolls a horse in the Distance Program for its lifetime:

Enclosed is my check payable to the ApHC in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bill my credit card:  VISA  MasterCard in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's *Signature* \_\_\_\_\_



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