



Horseback Riding Program 2024

Purpose: The purpose of the NCQHA Horseback Riding (HBR) Program is to promote and reward NCQHA members for enjoying their American Quarter Horses, and other breeds, outside of the competitive show arena. This is not a competitive program,

however, awards will be given to those who accumulate the greatest number of hours in the saddle throughout the year. In addition, “lifetime achievement” recognition will be given to participants who reach benchmark hours.

Divisions: *There will be two separate divisions: Adult (19 and over) and Youth (18 and under). Both divisions will be open for logging hours on any breed of equine.*

Enrollment: In order to participate in the NCQHA HBR program, you must have an NCQHA (or NCQHYA for Youth) membership. In addition, participants must pay an annual enrollment fee of \$15. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be ridden per division under each fee.

Hours: Participants are required to log the hours they spend riding their horse, as well as the location. A separate log sheet is required for each horse.

Awards: The “season” will run from January 1- October 1. After Oct. 1, participants have until November 1 to submit their completed log sheets to the HBR Coordinator. The two participants logging the most hours in each division (Adult/Youth) will receive year-end awards, similar to circuit Champion/Reserve award recipients.

In addition, “Lifetime Benchmarks” have been established. Once a rider reaches 50, 500, 1,000, 1,500 and 2,000 hours, they will receive a special award from NCQHA and be recognized on the NCQHA website and Facebook page. Only hours accumulated in consecutive years as an enrolled member will count towards these benchmarks. If an individual chooses not to participate in the HBR Program for a year, all past hours are lost, and they will begin again at their next enrollment with 0 hours.



General Rules:

Logs are being kept on the honor system.

In order for hours to count, participants **MUST** have a **CURRENT** NCQHA or NCQHYA Membership. Family memberships *do count*.

Separate log sheets must be kept for each individual horse.

Participants may enroll at any time. Hours cannot be counted until the HBR Coordinator has received the enrollment, and sent a welcome letter/e-mail and log form. Log sheets not submitted by November 1 will not be counted for Year-end awards, however, they will count towards Lifetime Benchmarks if they are received by December 31.

Activities that count for hours in this program include:

- Trail riding (***DOUBLE HOURS for attending the NCQHA Trail Ride!***)
- Riding lessons
- Parades
- Practice roping, cutting, or penning
- Drill Team
- Search and Rescue
- Pleasure Riding
- Training your horse, including ground work
- Grooming your horse
- Pen Riding (such as at a cattle sale barn)
- Driving

Activities that do NOT count for this program include:

- Judged horse shows
- Veterinary related activities
- Competitive endurance rides
- Competitive driving events
- Dressage competitions
- Horse trials
- County Fairs
- Jackpot Ropings, Barrel Races, Team Pennings or Rodeos
- Competitive ropings/barrel races/sortings/pennings/mounted shootings, etc.
- Horse Sales

The foregoing rules are subject to interpretation or change, if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise. Any such interpretation of the change shall be made by the Board of Directors of North Carolina Quarter Horse Association. We will do our best to inform participants of any changes, via publication on the NCQHA website and the NCQHA Facebook page.

