



The Paso Fino and other Gaited Breeds are making their marks in recreational competition, proving to be a highly competitive horses in all types of recreational competitive venues.

Below is a brief description of the recreational rider programs offered by High Plains Paso Fino Horse Association that are the REWARDS of riding the smoothest gaited horses. All participants of High Plains PFHA (HPPFHA) programs must be current High Plains PFHA members and ride Paso Fino horses or other Gaited breeds..

The complete rules governing the Gaited for Pleasure and Ticket to Ride Programs as well as the AERC and the NATRC Breed Awards are printed on the following pages for each program. Rules governing the three pointed programs, Competitive Trail, Endurance Trail, and Pleasure Long Distance Trail are found here.

Ticket to Ride Program

Prizes awarded in annual drawing of “tickets” submitted by HPPFHA members participating in this program.

- Qualifying activities include scheduled/organized HPPFHA pointed trail competitions, parades, drill teams, benefit events as well as other non-HPPFHA or other Gaited breed pointed show events.
- Five documented qualifying activities make up one complete *Ticket to Ride*.
- Participants send in completed tickets postmarked no later than September 5th of every year so the ticket entered into a drawing held at the HPPFHA membership meeting.

AERC Breed Award Program

Yearly award presented to a participating HPPFHA member with the highest mileage as verified by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC).

- Qualifying AERC rides include competitions in Limited Distance and/or Distance Divisions.
- Any number of HPPFHA Gaited horses may be used by the rider while competing for this award.

NATRC Breed Award Program

Yearly award presented to a participating HPPFHA member with the most competitive trail points in rides sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC).

- The rider of the horse must be a HPPFHA and a NATRC member in good standing and with NATRC at the time the points for the award are accrued
- and at the time the names are submitted to HPPFHA for the award.
- NATRC requires either a copy of the horse's registration papers or a registration number for Paso Fino or Gaited points.
- HPPFHA members do not need to apply to participate. The top five horses will automatically be submitted by NATRC to HPPFHA at the end of the NATRC year.

Competitive Trail Program

Yearly presentation of title with award presented to a participant's horse with the most sanctioned points.

- Current HPPFHA members who participate in competitive trail rides on gaited horses are eligible to apply for points for their horses for each successfully completed ride.
- Rides must be organized by organizations such as the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) and must be sanctioned by HPPFHA.
- The paperwork must be postmarked no later than September 5th and mailed to the HPPFHA RR Chair. Competitive Trail Horse of the Year award is presented at the HPPFHA membership meeting.
- Participants do not have to be present to win.

Endurance Trail Program

Yearly presentation of title with award presented to a participant's horse with the most sanctioned points.

- Current HPPFHA members who participate in endurance trail rides on gaited horses are eligible to apply for points for their horses for each successfully completed ride.
- Rides must be organized by organizations such as the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) and must be sanctioned by HPPFHA.
- Appropriate completed form and documentation must be mailed (postmarked) to HPPFHA Chair of RR committee before the end of the HPPFHA year (August 31). In that case the paperwork must be postmarked no later than September 5th and mailed to the HPPFHA; Trail Horse of the Year award is presented at the Membership meeting
- Participants do not have to be present to win.

Pleasure Long Distance Trail Program

Yearly presentation of title with award presented to a participant's horse with the most sanctioned points.

- Must be an organized ride of 10 or more miles with a trail manager or boss, and either be sanctioned or pre-approved by HPPFHA no less than 10 business days prior to the date of the ride.
- Qualifying rides include benefit rides such as those put on by some hospice organizations, hunter or cavalry paces, or HPPFHA regional rides.
- Appropriate completed form and documentation must be mailed (postmarked) to HPPFHA (August 31). In that case the paperwork must be

postmarked no later than September 5th and mailed to the HPPFHA RR Committee Chair.

- Award is presented at the HPPFHA membership meeting.

Gaited For Pleasure Program

The HPPFHA Gaited for Pleasure Program was designed to reward those members who use their gaited horses for pleasure riding or driving on non-pointed trail rides. The program is intended not only to provide the trail rider or driver with an opportunity to receive awards and recognition for participating in all breed rides, drives, parades, and other pointed show or trail activities, but also to provide exposure for and to exhibit the versatility of the gaited Horse in general.

To participate, a rider or driver must maintain membership in HPPFHA and ride or drive only gaited Horses. A form must be filled out and sent to the HPPFHA Committee Chair. The rider or driver must maintain a written log in fifteen (15) minute increments of the horses and hours actually spent riding or driving. Any riding or driving time may be logged as long as it is not time that will be utilized to obtain HPPFHA points. Therefore, time in the saddle or buggy actually showing in a pointed show class or when on Pleasure Long Distance Trail, Competitive Trail, or Endurance Trail rides or drives for which the competitor applies for points may NOT be logged and submitted for Pleasure hours. As each successive level is reached in the program, the rider will send a copy of the log to HPPFHA, RR Committee Chair who will send a letter and patch with the current hour level on it and whatever award is allocated for that level. The hours logged will appear on the HPPFHA website under the Members tab. HPPFHA RR Chair will document the rider's or driver's name and total hours ridden or driven on the HPPFHA website

The program ends at 5000 hours. Once a rider or driver achieves this milestone he/she may continue to send in logs with their hours on it and the hours will be placed on the website. However, no other recognition will be given after the 5000 hour level is reached. An annual high hour award is also given at the annual membership meeting.