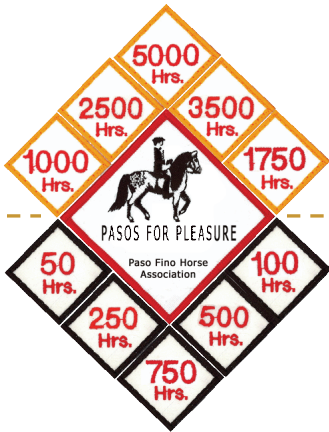


PFHA Recreational Rider Programs

Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc.



About the Paso Fino

The Paso Fino horse reflects its Spanish heritage through its proud carriage, grace and elegance. With its lively but controlled spirit, responsive attitude and smooth, natural 4-beat, the Paso Fino is sought after as an extremely comfortable and versatile equine partner.

The popularity of the breed continues to grow among recreational riders both young and old. The amazing stamina of the Paso Fino coupled with its extremely smooth ride is a significant factor in its choice for recreational riding. The Paso Fino is making its mark in recreational competition, proving to be a highly competitive horse in all types of recreational competitive venues.

The REWARDS of riding the smoothest gaited horse

Pasos for Pleasure

Rewards participating PFHA members for time spent riding registered Paso Fino horses

- ◆ Earn cumulative hour patches and gift awards
- ◆ Non-pointed riding activities such as every-day trail rides, arena work, saddle training, parade or drill team venues, etc. qualify
- ◆ A one-time registration fee to join the program allows members to earn awards
- ◆ Participants keep a log of time spent in the saddle and submit their log upon reaching specified cumulative hours for respective patch and gift award

Program open to all current PFHA members

Ticket to Ride

Yearly drawing of “tickets” submitted by PFHA members participating in the Ticket to Ride program for prize awards

- ◆ Qualifying activities include trail competitions, parades, drill team, benefit events as well as other non-show events
- ◆ Five documented qualifying activities make up one complete *Ticket to Ride*
- ◆ Participants send in completed tickets by September 1st to be entered in a drawing held at the Grand National show. Participants do not have to be present to win

Program open to all current PFHA members

AERC Breed Award

Yearly award presented to a participating PFHA member with the highest mileage as verified by the AERC

- ◆ Qualifying American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) rides include competitions in Limited Distance and/or Distance Divisions
- ◆ Any number of registered Paso Fino horses may be used by the rider while competing for this award
- ◆ AERC year runs December 1 – November 30
- ◆ Award based upon the combined number of miles in Limited Distance and/or Distance successfully completed within the year
- ◆ Riders must mail or fax the appropriate form to PFHA requesting consideration for the award no later than October 1 in the year in which they wish to be considered.

Program open to all current PFHA members

All participants must be current PFHA members and horses must be registered Paso Finos

Competitive Trail

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

- ◆ Current PFHA members who participate in competitive trail rides on registered Paso Fino 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 PFHA
- ◆ Appropriate, completed form, fee and documentation must be mailed or faxed to PFHA within 20 days of the ride
- ◆ Title of PFHA Competitive Trail Horse of the Year with award is presented at the Grand National show
- ◆ Horse's points accrued in the program are applied toward Society of Merit Awards

Endurance Trail

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

- ◆ Current PFHA members who participate in endurance trail rides on registered Paso Fino 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 PFHA
- ◆ Appropriate, completed form, fee and documentation must be mailed or faxed to PFHA within 20 days of the ride
- ◆ Title of PFHA Endurance Trail Horse of the Year with award is presented at the Grand National show
- ◆ Horse's points accrued in the program are applied toward Society of Merit Awards

Pleasure Long Distance Trail

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

- ◆ Must be organized ride of 10 or more miles with a trail manager or boss, and either be sanctioned or pre-approved by PFHA 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 PFHA regional rides
- ◆ Appropriate, completed form, fee and documentation must be mailed or faxed to PFHA within 20 days of the ride
- ◆ Title of PFHA Pleasure Long Distance Trail Horse of the Year with award is presented at the Grand National show
- ◆ Horse's points accrued in the program are applied toward Society of Merit Awards



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Program Forms

Recreational rider program forms can be found on the PFHA website www.pfha.org. Click on *Infoseek* at the top of the home page, then click on *Forms*. All forms may be printed out for personal use. Recreational rider program forms may also be obtained by contacting the PFHA office.

Rules

Complete rules governing the Pasos for Pleasure, Ticket to Ride and AERC Breed Award programs are on the respective forms for each program. Rules governing the three pointed programs (Competitive Trail, Endurance Trail and Pleasure Long Distance Trail) are found in the PFHA Rule Book, Chapter 7, which is on the PFHA website. Go to *Infoseek* at the top of the homepage, then click on *Rule Books* then click the English flag next to the most recent year noted before the "Rule Book and Tack". A hard copy of the PFHA Rule Book may be requested from the PFHA office for a minimal fee.