

# Kansas Quarter Horse Association

## HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM

**Purpose:** The purpose of the KQHA Horseback Riding (HBR) Program is to promote and reward KQHA 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:** To participate in the KQHA HBR program, you must have a current KQHA 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.

**Logging 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. Hours are logged in half-hour time increments and no more than 8-hours can be logged each day. Hours are logged in a calendar year (January 1- December 31). Participants have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to submit their completed log sheets to the program coordinator. *During the introductory year of 2023, participants can log all 2023 hours prior to enrollment.*

**Awards:** The three participants logging the most hours in each division (Adult & Youth) will receive year-end award recognition.

In addition, “lifetime benchmarks” have been established. Once a participant reaches 100 hours, 250 hours, 500 hours, 1000 hours, 1500 hours and 2500 hours, they will receive a special award from KQHA. Only hours accumulated in consecutive years as an enrolled member will count towards these benchmarks. If an individual chooses not to enroll in the HBR Program for a year, all past hours are lost, and they will begin again at their next enrollment with 0 hours.

The 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 Kansas Quarter Horse Association. We will do our best to inform participants of any changes, via publication on the KQHA website and on the KQHA Facebook page.

### General Program Rules

- Time logs are being kept on the honor system.
- For hours to count, participants MUST have a CURRENT KQHA membership.
- Separate log sheets must be kept for each individual horse.

- Participants may enroll at any time but must have a current KQHA membership. Hours cannot be counted until the program coordinator has received the enrollment and sent a welcome letter/e-mail and log form.
- In order for hours to be logged for a program year all log sheets must be received by email or postmarked on or before January 7 of the following year. (ex: 2023 hours must be received by email on or before January 7, 2024 or postmarked on or before January 7, 2024)
- Eligible hours include any time spent with your horse, regardless of what activity you're doing (riding, driving, groundwork). Hours spent grooming, feeding or health maintenance do not count toward hours logged. Some examples of eligible hours may include but are not limited to:
  - Training/exercising while mounted or during groundwork
  - Riding lessons or clinics
  - Trail riding for pleasure or competition
  - Horse shows including breed shows, fun shows, county fair 4-H/FFA/open shows, etc.
  - Rodeo ambassador appearances at rodeos or in parades
  - Rodeo or jackpots including roping, barrel racing, team penning, team sorting, etc.
  - Parades
  - Any organized practice events
  - Drill Team practice & performance
  - Sherriff Posse or Search and Rescue
  - Outriding
  - General pleasure riding
  - Pen riding (sale barn or feed lot) or pasture gathering
  - Driving for pleasure or competition
  - Dressage, Horse Trials, 3-Day Eventing competitions
  - Fox Hunting
  - Judged Extreme Cowboy Races
  - Horse Sale Demonstrations

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