

PREMIER Mount N Trail Association

By-Laws and Constitution

Mission Statement

To provide incentive to horse owners of all levels and disciples, horses of all breeds and to build partnerships/skills utilizing natural obstacles and trails for competition and also trail riding, while promoting a family – friendly atmosphere for the equine industry.

Officers

President

Appointed by the founders. President will represent the organization, sign all legal documentation, speaks for the organization and runs/attends all meetings. Will be fair and impartial and protect the rights of all members while keeping order to the organization.

Vice President

Voted in by the membership. Vice President will represent the organization, signs all legal documentation, speaks for the organization and runs the meetings if the President is not present. Attends all meetings. Will be fair and impartial and protect the rights of all members while helping keeping order to the organization.

Secretary

Voted in by the membership. Secretary will attend all meetings. Will take notes for all meetings. Takes board attendance at each meeting. Will keep records for all meetings in a safe space. If someone else is appointed, notes will be passed on to new secretary.

Treasurer

Voted in by the membership. Treasurer will keep accurate records of all financial for the association and report at each regular meeting. Treasurer is held to the highest standards and will use QuickBooks for all financial records. Will all pay any/all bills that are voted on to be paid. Will collect all funds and deposit them to the bank account or petty cash. Will sign all checks with President and Vice President. Collects the mail from PO box.

Board of directors

Six (6) members serving a three- year term with 2 members elected each year.

Directors duties will be to attend all meetings. Positively represent the association. Be fair and impartial to protect the rights of the members. Vote on issues that need voted on.

Election of directors will take place at annual banquet each year. All Board members have the right to vote except the President, which will place their vote but will only be use in a tie

Breaker. All board members will assist in running any fundraiser's and help grow the association. Directors will be appointed to run chairs and report back to the board timely. If a director is out of State, they are still obligated to help in some way for the fundraiser's.

Past President

Past president will be a appointed position of the president that was the year before. If that person is unable to be, the next in line past president would be in that position.

Facilities/Associations

Each facility or association will be renewed annually that is in the program.

Year will run from November 1st through October 31st each year.

Facilities offering Mountain Trail Challenges

- Must have a minimum of 8 trail- type obstacles (See list of potential obstacles)
- Pictures of the Park/Facility and all obstacles must be submitted to PMT so it can be listed in promotions
- Additional obstacles are permitted as long as they are made in a natural manner. No "Trail Trash" permitted. (examples: Wacky noodles, blow up Santa's)
- Facilities may offer their own individual seasonal awards and are encouraged to do so
- Make a donation of an item for the annual PMT Raffle

To host a Mountain Trail Challenge

- Challenge must offer the minimum 20 PMT Class list
 - o Novice In Hand and Riding
 - o Youth Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced – In Hand & Riding
 - o Adult Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced – In Hand & Riding
 - o Open Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced – In Hand & Riding
- Challenges are welcome to offer other classes as well, they just will not count for PMT or OQHA Year-end high points
- Challenges must use a PMT Judge for points to count
- Challenges must have trail patterns that follow the guidelines for PMT (see guidelines in Rules)
- Flyers for Mt Trail Challenges use PMT logo. Promote PMT at events
- For Yearly Facilities, hang provided PMT banner where it can be seen
- Use scoring program and judges score sheets

Trail Riding Facility/Association

- Has horse trails and/or hosts trail rides. Can be none owned trails
- Can use the PMT logo on flyers to help promote events
- Promotes PMT in the riding program
- Make a donation of an item for the annual PMT raffle

Benefits to Facilities and Associations

- PMT will promote Facilities and Associations through social media

- Yearly Mt Trail Challenge facilities will receive a PMT Banner to hang
- There will be promotions all year long for facility and association in the program. A rotation of where rider's ride at your facility or association event they can earn double points. See rule book for details, saddle program.
- A PREMIER Mount N Trail item will be sent to Yearly facilities for a raffle item or prize item, to the discretion of the facility
- Personalized computer scoring program for MT Trail Competitions
- Ribbons will be available for purchase with PMT Logo
- Competitor Back numbers will be given to MT Trail Competitions
- All competitors can be eligible for PMT year end high point awards for the Mt Trail Competition
- Hours can be turned in for volunteering at and PMT facilities or association, riding their horse, working their horse or showing their horse for mile stone awards. Hours will keep accumulating as long as membership is current. Any laps in membership will start back at 0 (Saddle program)

Annual Fees

Facility Membership

- \$250 annual fee. November 1st – October 31st All event dates must be turned in by Dec 1 for following year so they can be on the calendar. Dates will not be accepted after this date
- Facilities will receive a PMT banner and a PMT item that can be used in a raffle or as a prize. To the facilities discretion how item is utilized
- All Mt Trail Challenges can be used for competitors to earn points as long as guidelines are followed. No limit on number of Mt Trail Challenges
- MT Trail Challenges that are on the same date as another one in the program will be to the discretion on the board if it will be listed. Will be a first come. If facilities are far enough from each other it will be permitted
- Will be in double point program and saddle hour program

One Day Mt Trail Challenge

- \$125 one-time fee. Due before December 1st for the following calendar year so dates can be listed
- Will receive a PMT item that can be used for raffle or prize at event. To the facilities discretion how item is utilized
- MT Trail Challenges that are on the same date as another one in the program will be to the discretion on the board if it will be listed. Will be a first come. If facilities are far enough from each other it will be permitted
- Competitors points will be counted for event as long as guidelines are followed
- Will include PMT Scoring program
- Will be in double point program & saddle hour program

Trail Riding Facility/Association

- \$75 annual fee. Due by December 1st for the following calendar year
- Will be in double point program and saddle program
- Volunteer hours will count towards saddle hour program which will encourage participation at your facility/event
- Will receive a PMT item that can be used for raffle or prize at event. To the facilities discretion how item is utilized

Membership

Includes

Eligible for High point awards in all classes offer by PMT

Eligible for high point awards from OQHA, see classes offered

Eligible for Overall cumulative high point awards by PMT

Eligible for saddle hours program and earn mile marker awards at the end of each year

Eligible to earn double hours at promoted facility/association all year long

Membership to PMT and OQHA (a Quarter Horse is not required)

Fees

\$40 annual Adult membership

\$30 annual Youth membership

Includes up to 2 horses per membership

Every additional 1- 2 horses are an extra \$20

☐ 2 horses include

☐ 3-4 horses add another \$20 (and so on if more than 4 horses)

Eligibility

Every Equine enthusiast. You do not need to own a horse to be a member and you earn the saddle point awards, you can earn point just helping at the facilities/associations that are in the program. See saddle program.

Any breed of horse. All Horses are graded the same. Minis, donkeys, mules, draft horses, zebras, gaited horses, registered horses, grade horses, auction specials, breed barn top quality – all are welcome in the program and can earn the same points in the Mt Trail Challenge High Pint Awards and Saddle Program. Its all based on skills, improving the bond with your horse and having fun with your new Mt Trail Family.

PMT Saddle Program

Any member can participate. Just log all your hours that you work, show, ride or drive a horse. Includes Mini's or none rideable horses as long as they are being worked by member

Horse/Mini/Donkey/Mule/Gaited Horse must be worked by member. Members horse being worked by someone else does not count for member

See PMT Saddle log sheet to log hours

Does not have to be your horse or just 1 horse. Hours are counted per membership; log is on the person. Wither it is your job to work horses or a hobby, hours count!

Any PMT Facility or association that is in the program that hosts a work party or event that you can volunteer at, you can log your hours. These do need to be noted on your log sheet as volunteer hours, where and when so it can be verified

This is on the honor system, please be respectful

Logs will run from November 1st – October 31st each year so that awards can be given at the annual banquet

Awards will be mile marker accomplishments for every member

There is no limit to how many mile markers you can earn in a season. Hours will continue to accumulate with renewal of annual membership. All mile markers you reach will be awarded

Mile markers will be awarded at: 25, 50, 75, 150, 300, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000 Hours. If 3000 is earned we will address adding to the program

It is the sole responsibility of the Member to turn in their hours no later then November 1st each year.

HOURS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER POSTMARK OF NOVEMBER 1st AND WILL NOT BE COUNTED. Current membership will keep your current tally but late logs will not be added in

Mt Trail Competitor Award Program

PMT will offer five (5) places in each of the following 20 classes. Will be taking the top 5 points earned for each Competitor/Horse combo. Must show at least 5 Mt Trail Challenges in the program and hold a current membership

- Novice In Hand and Riding
- Youth Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced – In Hand & Riding
- Adult Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced – In Hand & Riding
- Open Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced – In Hand & Riding

PMT will offer All Around High Point Awards in the following 3 Divisions. 1st – 5th places in each division. Will be taking all of the same competitors/horse combo points earned for the classes listed below and adding them together. Must show at least 5 Mt Trail Challenges.

- All Novice and Beginner Classes
- All Beginner and Intermediate Classes
- All Intermediate and Advanced Classes

Different horse/competitor combos can win and be in different classes

Points are awarded by the placing received in each class. If 11 competitors in a class; 1st will get 11, 2nd 10 and so on for everyone in the class. If 2 in a class; 1st gets 2 and 2nd gets 1

Horses names need to be turned in with membership, if added later in season, member needs contact PMT to add horse

Facilities are encouraged to do high point awards for there facility as well. Competitors, this would be an edition to PMT. Be sure to look into each facilities program as well.

Entering classes

Minis/ponies/donkeys/mules/horses/drafts/gaited horses can enter any class. Stallions can only be entered with an adult and must be kept under control or can be DQ and asked to stop pattern for safety.

Multiple competitors can show the same horse. No more then 2 competitors with the same horse. Board can make exceptions if it is a family with multiple youth needing to share, and as long as horse proves it can handle it. Judge can dismiss horse at any time if signs of being over worked and is a health issue.

A back number needs to be provided for each Competitor/Horse combo

Competitors can enter 2 levels with each horse. Can be: Novice & Beginner classes (No Open Classes if in Novice), Beginner & Intermediate classes and Intermediate & Advanced classes. 3 Divisions.

All competitors are encouraged to go in In hand and Riding Classes if able but not required. In hand classes are always first and are a great way to expose your horse safely to a course

Classes/Divisions/Tack

Novice – Classes will be offered In Hand and Riding. This class is for beginner competitors and or beginner horses. No Trainers can enter this class. A competitor can only compete in this division for a maximum of two (2) years, unless in 1st year competitor wins more than three (3) 1st places, thus requiring competitor to move up the following season and forfeit the ability of entering Novice the 2nd year. This is on the competitor, not the horse combo. Novice competitors can not enter in any Open classes

Youth – Members that are 18 years of age or younger as of November 1st, at the start of the annual season. Beginner, Intermediate and advanced classes will be offered - In hand and Riding

Adult – Members that are 19 years of age or older as of November 1st, at the start of the annual season. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes will be offered - In Hand and Riding. This class permits any adult that is not considered a professional. Professional is defined as any trainer, clinician or instructor that accepts money for teaching/training with horses.

Open – All competitors of any age and professionals are permitted in this class except those who enter the Novice Class. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes will be offered - In

Hand and Riding. It is recommended by PMT that Open classes be payback classes but not required

Level Pattern Expectations

Novice – 10 non movable obstacles. Walk only no turns on obstacles

Beginner – 10 obstacles, can be moving. Walk only, no turns. Can be asked to back on flat ground, not on a obstacle

Intermediate – 10 obstacles, can be moving. Must include 2 Judged trots between obstacles (always a walk on obstacles). Backing and or 180 turns are expected

Advanced – 10 obstacles, can be moving. Must include 4 judged gaits with a minimum of 1 trot and 1 canter of the 4. Backing, 180 turns, 360 turns and side passing is expected. Canters are not expected in the In Hand class

No Classes are you permitted to have the pattern to look at or have it called out to you once you have started your pattern.

Tack

In Hand – Equine will be lead in hand through the pattern.

Preferably a rope halter and a 12-14 foot lead rope is the ideal tack. Any non show halter and any non chain lead rope can be used. However; Horsemanship points docked if not a rope halter. No silver or bling is permitted. No chains can be used, this would be a DQ.

Handler/In hand – Must be in either Western/English or another discipline.

Western – must have cowboy hat or a helmet (youth are required to have a helmet even for In hand classes). A collared shirt of any type, can be sleeveless, short sleeve or long sleeve. Jeans and cowboy boots. Non-boots will lose horsemanship points. Must have a clean/tidy/professional look (rainy days are taken into consideration). On muddy courses, muck boots are permitted without any horsemanship docs.

English – Helmet, Collared shirt, jacket, breaches and tall boots. Must have a clean/tidy/professional look. Rainy days will be taken into consideration. On Muddy Courses, muck boots are permitted without any horsemanship docs.

Riding – Equine is Rode through the pattern. Could have dismount/remount obstacle

Rider/Horse – Must be in either Western or English (or another discipline) Attire

Rider will have the same rules for dress as handler/In hand classes.

Rider dress must match horses tack – English/western. If English, English

bridle & Saddle is expected. If dressed Western, western bridle and saddle are expected. Breast collars and saddle bucking strap are not required but are permitted. Tack can be checked for safety, no brittle leathers, to the facility/judge's discretion for tack checks.

Bridles are optional in the level 3 open division only, however; to judge's discretion, if the horse looks unsafe, they are permitted to DQ and end the pattern for safety. This is also to the discretion on the facility owner if permitted, ask facility before Mt Trail Challenge.

Bits – Rope bridles (not halters) & hackamores are permitted. No bike chain bits, high port correction bits

(insert pictures of non-approved bits)

NO TIE DOWNS are permitted of any kind. Horses need their head getting on obstacles.

Leg protection – it is recommended for the horses but is not required. Must stay on horse correctly throughout pattern. Does not matter if 2 or 4 legs are protected. Does not affect horsemanship points by having them or not unless they are not on correctly, come off or are dirty (rainy days are taken into consideration)

Fly masks – are permitted if needed, but not recommended. Need to be neat and tidy as well.

Judging

Judging for all Mt Trail Competitions should follow PMT rules in the judge's handbook.

Individual score sheets will be used for scoring each entry. These sheets can be seen by the competitor, to the facilities discretion if the competitor can keep them or just take a picture of them. It is required that competitors are given the opportunity to at least see their score sheets.

Official PMT scoring program will be used to tally scores and send to PMT.

If a competitor gets a DQ, they will not be stopped. They will continue to be scored but, in the end, will have a DQ. If a horse does not look safe on the course and is a hazard, it will be a DQ but will be asked to leave the course to get under control, this is to the judge's discretion.

What can get you a DQ? An unsafe horse. Abusive behavior by competitors. Disrespecting the judge. Falling off your horse (pattern will not be finished at that time). Looking at your pattern or having it told to you once started. Unsportsmanship behavior.

ANYTHING ELSE FOR A DQ?

Scores

Each competitor will start the course with 70 points **(IS THIS RIGHT FOR LEVEL 2 & 3)**

There will be 5 Horsemanship points, but they have to be earned, you do not start with 5, they have to be earned. How are they earned? Examples: How well-groomed the horse and competitor are. How well they look their part for the discipline they are dressed in. Do they have everything their discipline should. How well the horse and competitor work together as a team. How well the competitor handles the horse if horse is refusing or scared. Did they lose a hat or leg protection? Over praising horse?

Deductions/penalty points are taken for not being centered, not straight, break or change of gait, ticking obstacles or stepping off obstacles.

Missing an obstacle or going the wrong direction on an obstacle will result in a -7 for that obstacle.

Each obstacle can have down to a -7 or up to a +3

Plus points are given for exceptional performance. A maximum +1 can be given on entering the obstacle. A maximum + 1 can be given on the center of the obstacle and a maximum of +1 as you exit the obstacle.

NEED TO ADDRESS SCORES FOR LEVEL 2 AND 3 WITH THE GAITS, THOSE WOULD ADD UP TO MORE THEN STARTING WITH 70. LEVEL 1 HAS THE 10, LEVEL 2 HAS 12 AND 3 HAS 14 OBSTACLES REALLY

Seminars & Clinics for Judges/Scribing & Competing

Each Spring PMT will host a Judges training that competitors and scribes can also attend. It will be to PMT's discretion who will host these and the needs in the area.

This training will help increase skills and understanding for everyone of the PREMIER Mount N Trial Competitions.

Any Rule changes will be addressed and enforced each calendar year. There will not be permitted of rule changes mid-season unless a big safety issue has come up. They will be voted on and added to the following season.

At each event, we encourage all of our competitors to congratulate your competitor. Welcome everyone to the Mount N Trail Family! We are all here to have fun with our horses in good company. Whether this is a competition or a trail ride, remember to have fun and make it a great experience for everyone. It's always a good day when we are around horses!