

International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association

Lifetime Merit Award Program Rules

The IALHA Lifetime Merit Award Program is designed to acknowledge a horse's achievement during its competition career. These are long-term awards given to horses who have earned a prescribed number of accumulated points in approved competitions. It may take 4 or more years to accumulate the required points, depending on the number of competitions attended, placing, etc. Horses who achieve lifetime awards will be recognized on the IALHA's website and through social media. Questions about this program should be directed to: info@ialha.org

1. AWARDS

The Lifetime Merit Award Program offers 2 different awards:

- a. El Premio de Merito: This award requires 200 points earned in the Performance category, based on IALHA point scale (see rule #9).
- b. El Premio de Oro: This award requires 150 points in the Performance category plus 50 points in the Halter category, based on IALHA point scale (see rule #9).

2. ELIGIBILITY

Horses nominated must be registered with the IALHA (Purebred or Half-Andalusian) and owned by a member of IALHA. Owner's IALHA membership must be maintained throughout the duration of participation in this program (in other words, only points earned while the horse's owner is a member of IALHA count toward accumulated totals).

Nomination fees must be paid in full with submitted nomination form.

Purebred and Half-Andalusian will compete for separate awards under this program. Horses and riders may be any age. A horse can be enrolled in both lifetime awards at the same time, accumulating points toward both awards each year. Horses can compete in many different disciplines while participating in this program and points are earned by the horse, regardless of rider/handler/owner.

3. NOMINATION FORM

The lifetime nomination form must be filled out completely and submitted, along with all fees, to the National Show Committee at the association's Alabama office before points may accumulate toward this awards program. Only points earned after IALHA membership and nomination have been received at IALHA's Alabama office will be applied toward this program! Please submit a copy of your horse's registration papers with your nomination form.

The nomination form can be submitted three different ways:

- a. Send via fax to 205.995.8966 along with calling the office (at 205.995.8900) to pay with a credit card.
- b. E-mail to: info@ialha.org along with calling the office (at 205.995.8900) to pay with a credit card.

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- c. Mail nomination form, along with your payment, to:

IALHA
c/o Robin McCabe
101 Carnoustie N., #200
Birmingham, AL 35242

4. NOMINATION FEES

- a. \$75 one-time fee per horse for each lifetime award nomination.
- b. IALHA will accept points from years prior to nomination date for the Lifetime Merit Award Program with proper documentation supplied by the nominee, along with a paid fee of \$25 per year for each prior year's points! These "prior year fees" are in addition to the \$75 lifetime nomination fee. Participants can purchase prior years at any time during their participation in the awards program. Consecutive prior years do not have to be purchased (e.g., one can buy 2013 prior year along with 2011 prior year without purchasing 2012 prior year). Proper documentation is defined in rule #7 (see Recording of Points).

5. PROGRAM YEAR

This program year shall run from October 1 through September 30th of each year. Proper documentation of results must be sent to, and received by, the National Show Committee by October 4th to be considered for presentation of a Lifetime award that year.

6. ELIGIBLE CLASSES

- a. Only shows sanctioned by a governing organization, which is normally recognized as being responsible for the governance of their discipline, are eligible toward the Lifetime Merit awards. Some examples of included organizations are: USEF, USDF, WEIAUSA, IALHA, etc. Clinics, non-sanctioned shows and exhibitions are NOT eligible to count toward Lifetime Merit awards.
- b. All classes held that are judged and placed at an eligible (sanctioned) show qualify toward Lifetime Merit awards.
- c. Shows sanctioned by the following organizations are also eligible to count toward the Lifetime Merit awards: Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse, the US representative for ANCCE, All American Andalusian & Lusitano Show Horse Alliance.

Best Movement classes are classified in Performance category. DSHB classes are classified in Halter category.

7. RECORDING OF POINTS

For points to count, the participant must submit their results documentation to the National Show Committee. It is the participant's responsibility to submit their results in a timely manner.

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Documentation can be provided using 2 different means (or a combination of both):

- a. Participants may print out and submit an official horse results report from their governing organization (USEF, USDF, etc.). This report must contain the Show name; Show Date; Horse's placing; # of horses in the class. Participants should run the report in accordance to IALHA award program year (example Oct 1, 2013 - Sept 30, 2014).
- b. Participants may submit an IALHA Competition Points Report, completely filled out and signed by the Show Secretary at a competition. This is often required for shows sanctioned by the Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse and the US representative for ANCCE, as typically, there is no official results report available). We suggest you fill out the top of Competition Points Report with your information prior to making photo-copies.

Participants should keep photo-copies of all documentation in case of later dispute and as a backup in case the originals do not arrive at the Alabama office. It is the participant's responsibility to verify their point standings with the volunteer lifetime awards program coordinator. Please note that some organizations (USEF) may drop earlier years from their result reports as they add new ones. It is recommended that you print out horse result reports at the end of each program year.

8. SUBMITTING POINTS DOCUMENTATION

Participants can submit their results documentation in 3 different ways:

- a. Send via fax to 205.995.8966
- b. E-mail to: info@ialha.org in a file format that can be easily opened (such as PDF, Jpeg, Excel, etc.)
- c. Mail to: IALHA
c/o Robin McCabe
101 Carnoustie N., #200
Birmingham, AL 35242

Proper documentation of results must be sent to, and received by, the National Show Committee by the October 4th deadline in order to be considered for presentation of an award that year! Participants should be aware that the receipt of their delivery can be affected by office closure, weekend, etc.

9. POINT SCALES

Points are calculated using the following scale:

| <u># of Horses in Class</u> | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> | <u>5th</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 horse | 2 | | | | |
| 2 horses | 3 | 1 | | | |
| 3 horses | 4 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 4 horses | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| 5-8 horses | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 9-15 horses | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 16+ horses | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |

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Horses competing in Combined Training at USEA events shall receive:

- Number of points x 1.5 for combined trials
- Number of points x 2 for horse trials
- Number of points x 3 for 3-day events
- 2 points for finishing, regardless of placing

Horses competing in rides sanctioned by ACTHA or NATRC shall receive:

- Number of points x 1.5 for a 50-mile ride
- Number of points x 2 for a 75-mile ride
- Number of points x 2.5 for a 100-mile ride
- 2 points for finishing a 50-70 mile ride, regardless of placing
- 4 points for finishing a 100-mile ride, regardless of placing

Horses competing in USDF recognized dressage competitions shall receive:

- Number of points x 2

Horses competing in A-rated sanctioned hunter/jumper competitions shall receive:

- Number of points x 2

10. GUIDELINES FOR MEDIA, VIDEOS

Lifetime Merit Award winners may be mentioned on IALHA's website and social media. Typically, IALHA's website will contain a brief write up (maximum 200 words), a still photograph (300 jpeg or higher resolution), along with a link to a YouTube presentation (not required). Lifetime winners can choose to make a video, a power point presentation or a single page (with nice graphic design, similar to what one might do for an advertisement) for inclusion.

Remember that this is a celebration of your horse's achievements during its competition career. This opportunity is NOT to be used for promotional purposes including (but not limited to): horse sales, stud service and/or other services like boarding and training.

Guidelines for video and write-up are subject to change (possibly within same award year). Please contact the volunteer lifetime awards program coordinator to insure you have the latest guide prior to drafting and submitting media information. Contact Awards@IALHA.org with any questions along with coordinating submission of your materials.

- 1) Maximum video presentation play time is 4 minutes! You must supply us with a link to YouTube - we will NOT link to your farm's website.
- 2) You can mention other registries your horse is registered with.
- 3) Do list all disciplines your horse competed in, along with highlighting its record:
Such as # of Nat'l Championships, Regional honors, All-Breed awards, etc.
- 4) Can mention the name of horse's breeder.
- 5) No mention of horses for sale.

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- 6) Restrictions for Stallions: stallion owners can mention "standing 2015 season at xxx" but No mention of breeding details - no stud fees, no breeding info, no contact name or phone # listed.
- 7) Can mention a horse's collective # of offspring who have ALSO won show honors, similar to:
"...has sired 10 National Champions, 4 Reserve National Champions..." OR
"...offspring have won...". For mares would be "has produced". Do Not mention specific details of any of your horse's offspring: no names, no mention of their own individual honors.

Most of all - have fun competing with your horse!!!

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LIFETIME MERIT AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

Only points earned after IALHA membership and nomination have been received at the IALHA Alabama office will be applied toward this program!

Name of Horse _____

IALHA Registration # _____

Owner Name _____

IALHA Membership # _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Email _____

Please check one: Purebred _____ Half Andalusian _____

Please indicate award (can nominate both at same time)

_____ El Premio de Merito (requires 200 Performance points)

_____ El Premio de Oro (requires 150 Performance points + 50 Halter points)

_____ Lifetime awards x \$75 one-time fee = \$ _____

_____ Prior years purchased x \$25 each prior year = \$ _____

Total fees due with nomination form: \$ _____

List prior years you are purchasing: _____

Send this completed nomination form, along with a copy of the horse's registration papers and payment (make check payable to IALHA) and send to:

IALHA
c/o Show Chair
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Birmingham, AL 35242

Or Send via fax to 205.995.8966 along with calling the office (at 205.995.8900) to pay with a credit card.

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IALHA Competition Points Report

Use this form for reporting points earned toward Lifetime Merit Awards Program. Results from competitions must be RECEIVED in the IALHA Alabama office by the October 4th deadline in order to be considered for presentation of an award that year.

Horse's Name _____ Registration # _____

Horse Owner's Name: _____ Phone # or Email: _____

Name of Competition: _____

Date of Competition: _____ Location: _____

Competition Manager/Secretary: _____ Phone #: _____

| Award category to apply these points towards | Name of Class | # of Entries in Class | Placing | Points Earned |
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By signing below, I verify that the above horse did compete and earn the placings recorded.

Horse Owner/Trainer Date Show Manager/Secretary Date

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