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North American Thoroughbred Society's mission is to support, acknowledge, and celebrate the North American thoroughbred sport horse. We award thoroughbreds based on achievements under the auspices of sport horse organizations such as Cadora, Equine Canada, Federacion Ecuestre De Puerto Rico, Fédération Equestre Internationale, United States Dressage Federation, United States Eventing Association, and the United States Equestrian Federation. In addition to these nationally-affiliated sport horse awards, we sponsor regional and local sport horse activities.

North American Thoroughbred Society accepts thoroughbreds as defined and recognized by the Jockey Club. Some of our horses have raced, some were bred to race but never started, while others were specifically bred for sports away from the track.

I. COMPETITORS AND OWNERS

Rules of engagement are quite simple: Be nice. All members are expected to respect rules and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.

II. WELFARE OF THE HORSE

North American Thoroughbred Society will work in conjunction with all governing bodies to ensure the welfare of the horse. Our policy is zero tolerance for abuse. Abusive behavior may result in immediate membership suspension and forfeiture of any awards, and points, accrued to date.

With regard to Hyperflexion, also known as Rollkur: We consider Rollkur Training Sessions to be abusive, which falls into our zero tolerance for abuse category. Long and Low, or temporarily somewhat Behind the Vertical, are acceptable. An emergency situation where the horse is compromised into a rollkur-type position can be understandable. However, Rollkur or Hyperflexion Training Sessions will result in immediate suspension of NATBS membership with forfeiture of any awards, and points, accrued to date.

III. AWARDS POSTING SUMMARY

Competitor must be a member in good standing and meet all requirements to receive awards. North American Thoroughbred Society works in conjunction with several organizations. Here one can see which organization runs which event, and where Test Results and Rankings can be found:

EVENT	ORGANIZED BY	RESULTS POSTED ON
Thoroughbred Classic.....	North American Thoroughbred Society	www.hellohorse.com
North American Series.....	North American Thoroughbred Society	www.hellohorse.com
Worldwide Trails.....	North American Thoroughbred Society	certificate mailed to rider
USDF All Breeds	United States Dressage Federation.....	2003- 2006 at www.usdf.org
USDF All Breeds	United States Dressage Federation.....	2007 onwards at www.hellohorse.com
USEA Performance	United States Eventing Association.....	www.useventing.com and www.hellohorse.com
KDA Breeder Classics	Kentucky Dressage Association	www.kentuckydressageassociation.org
Parkland Festival	Parkland Festival.....	www.albertadressage.com

IV. NORTH AMERICAN SERIES AWARDS

The North American Awards Series is based on one horse earning 20 points in the discipline of your choice during one competition year. North American Awards region includes Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United States of America. Points may be earned in more than one country. Horses may compete in more than one category, but points cannot be accumulated between categories. Competition Year is twelve months, November 24 through November 23.

CATEGORIES

There are three categories: National Affiliated Awards, Regional Awards, and Multi-Discipline Regional Awards.

National Affiliated Awards are for horses shown in classes that are open to all breeds and organized by CADORA, Equine Canada, Federacion Ecuestre De Puerto Rico, Fédération Equestre Internationale, United States Dressage Federation, United States Eventing Association, and/or the United States Equestrian Federation. North American Award region includes Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United States of America. Application, information, correspondence, and all data must be submitted in English only. Supplemental Proof of Breed paperwork in a language other than English is accepted. Awards are offered in:

National Affiliated Barrel Racing
 National Affiliated Dressage
 National Affiliated Driving
 National Affiliated Endurance National Affiliated Eventing
 National Affiliated Gymkhana
 National Affiliated Halter
 National Affiliated Hunter
 National Affiliated Hunter Conformation
 National Affiliated In Hand (all categories including geldings)
 National Affiliated In Hand Amateur Handler
 National Affiliated In Hand Professional Handler
 National Affiliated Hunter Equitation
 National Affiliated Pole Bending
 National Affiliated Show Jumping
 National Affiliated Pleasure
 National Affiliated Western Performance (Trail, Western Riding pattern class, dry Reining)
 National Affiliated Working Cow Horse
Another sport (please contact us)

Regional Awards are for horses in classes that are open to all breeds under the auspices of: a Riding Club, The Pony Club, 4-H, a Combined Training Association, a Dressage Association, an annual local show, or competition at an approved facility or showground. North American Award region includes Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United States of America. Application, information, correspondence, and all data must be submitted in English only. Supplemental Proof of Breed paperwork in a language other than English is accepted. Awards are offered in:

Regional Barrel Racing
 Regional Dressage
 Regional Driving
 Regional Endurance
 Regional Eventing
 Regional Gymkhana
 Regional Halter
 Regional Hunter
 Regional Hunter Conformation
 Regional Hunter Equitation
 Regional In Hand (all categories including geldings)
 Regional In Hand Amateur Handler
 Regional In Hand Professional Handler
 Regional Pole Bending
 Regional Show Jumping
 Regional Pleasure
 Regional Western Performance (Trail, Western Riding pattern class, dry Reining)
 Regional Working Cow Horse
Another sport (please contact us)

Multi-Discipline Regional Awards points must be accrued in at least two regional disciplines and in classes/events open to all breeds. For example: showjumping and hunter or any mix of the Regional Awards category. National Affiliated points may not be combined in this section. North American Award region includes Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United States of America. Application, information, correspondence, and all data must be submitted in English only. Supplemental Proof of Breed paperwork in a language other than English is accepted.

IV. NORTH AMERICAN SERIES AWARDS CONTINUED

SCORING

National Affiliated Awards requires 20 points earned.

1st - 6 points, 2nd - 5 points, 3rd - 4 points, 4th - 3 points, 5th - 2 points, 6th - 1 point.

In Addition: Add three points for sport horse In Hand, add two points for Champion, add one point for Reserve Champion.

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RULES

1. The thoroughbred must be registered with North American Thoroughbred Society. Membership application can be found on www.hellohorse.com or by emailing info@hellohorse.com. Not necessary to be a member at the time points are earned, however, one must be a North American Thoroughbred Society member in good standing by November 23rd of the current year. Application, correspondence, and all data will be in English only. Supplemental Proof of Breed paperwork in a language other than English is accepted.

2. Once application is approved, the official Qualification Card will be emailed. Information must be completed and returned via email.

3. Qualification Card must be filled out with website links to verify placement and therefore points earned. The Qualification Cards must be completed and emailed to register@hellohorse.com no later than November 23rd of the current year. However, one may submit data as soon as cards are completed and awards will be processed at that time. Competition Year is November 24, 2007 through November 23, 2008.

4. Receipt of Qualification Card will be acknowledged by email. It is the competitors' responsibility to be sure data is received. Placement/Points earned will be verified by linking to website pages, then certificate will be mailed from NATBS. Scores submitted that are not verifiable by website listing as described here will not count.

5. North American Thoroughbred Society reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason, and to disqualify any horse that does not meet eligibility qualifications.

6. North American Thoroughbred Society's decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.

7. Points may be earned in more than one country. Horses may compete in more than one category, but points cannot be accumulated between categories.

8. Winners are posted on hellohorse.com. Website listing is alphabetical regardless of country. Website listing includes horse's competition name, Jockey Club birth registry number whenever possible and country where horse was bred, rider's name, and award category. Website content will be in English only.

V. WORLDWIDE TRAILS AWARDS

The Worldwide Trails Awards are based on the number of hours ridden on trails or carriage driven, anywhere in the world, by the same North American Jockey Club recognized thoroughbred. Competition Year is January 16, 2008 through January 15, 2009.

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Awards will be offered for these Achievement levels:

50 Hours

100 Hours

250 Hours

500 Hours

750 Hours

1,000 Hours

2,000 Hours

3,000 Hours

4,000 Hours

V. WORLDWIDE TRAILS AWARDS CONTINUED

RULES

1. The thoroughbred must be registered with North American Thoroughbred Society (NATBS) to receive official Log Sheet. Membership application can be found on www.hellohorse.com or by emailing info@hellohorse.com.
2. Application, correspondence, and all data will be in English only. Supplemental Proof of Breed paperwork in a language other than English is accepted.
3. Individuals must complete the official Log Sheet and maintain current membership. Failure to maintain continuous membership will result in forfeiture of enrollment fee and hours accrued.
4. All hours must be earned with the same thoroughbred. Hours may be accrued in units no less than one-half hour. Hours may be earned anywhere in the world, and may include training and showing in: endurance events, eventing cross country, and marathon driving.
5. Log Sheet must either be for driving or riding, one can not earn credit by combining these categories.
6. Once membership application is approved, an official Log Sheet will be emailed to participant from North American Thoroughbred Society (NATBS). Information must be completed and returned via email.
7. There is no time limit for the completion of an award level: however, continuous membership must be maintained to receive awards and one official log sheet must be submitted yearly. The Log Sheet must be emailed no later than January 15th for the previous year. However, one may choose to submit data as soon as cards are completed and awards will be processed at that time. Competition Year is January 16, 2008 through January 15, 2009.
8. Receipt of Log Sheet will be acknowledged by email. It is the participants' responsibility to be sure data is received. Award certificates will be mailed from North American Thoroughbred Society (NATBS).
9. North American Thoroughbred Society reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason, and to disqualify any horse that does not meet eligibility qualifications. North American Thoroughbred Society's decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.
10. Awards will be 8-1/2 x 11 certificates mailed.

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As North American Thoroughbred Society expands so will this rulebook. Our gratitude and appreciation to our fellow thoroughbred owners, riders, family, and friends grows ever deeper. We are humbled by your ongoing support and validation of the values we strive to incorporate into our every action.

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