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# Members Rulebook 2018

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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 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
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

#### 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 the same as the participating organization's competition year. If there is no participating organization's competition year, the 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 events organized by national associations such as 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 Competitive Trail  
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 events organized 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 Competitive Trail  
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. 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

**Regional Awards Division, National Affiliated Awards Division, and Multi-Discipline Regional Awards Division** requires 20 points earned per division. 1st - 6 points, 2nd - 5 points, 3rd - 4 points, 4th - 3 points, 5th - 2 points, 6th - 1 point.

**In Addition for Shows:** Add three points for Sporthorse In Hand classes. Add two points for Champion, add one point for Reserve Champion.

**In Addition for Competitive Trail:** Add one point for Level One (equal to Novice NATRC), add two points for Level Two (equal to Competitive Pleasure NATRC), add three points for Level Three (equal to Open in NATRC).

### RULES

1. The thoroughbred must be registered with North American Thoroughbred Society. Membership application can be found on [www.hellohorse.com](http://www.hellohorse.com) or by emailing [info@hellohorse.com](mailto: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 one month after participating organization's year end. 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. If event results are not posted on the internet, email the event manager to verify results and ask them to cc [register@hellohorse.com](mailto:register@hellohorse.com). The Qualification Cards must be completed and emailed to [register@hellohorse.com](mailto:register@hellohorse.com) no later than one month after the end of your competition year. However, one may submit data as soon as cards are completed and awards will be processed at that time.

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](http://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, 2017 through January 15, 2018.

### 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

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## 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](http://www.hellohorse.com) or by emailing [info@hellohorse.com](mailto: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, 2017 through January 15, 2018.
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.