



PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION RECREATIONAL RIDER PROGRAMS

The Rewards of riding the smoothest gaited horse!!!

ABOUT THE PASO FINO HORSE

The Paso Fino horse reflects its Spanish heritage through its proud carriage, grace and elegance. With its lively but controlled spirit, responsive attitude and smooth, natural 4-beat gait, the Paso Fino horse is sought after as an extremely comfortable and versatile equine partner.

The popularity of the breed continues to grow among recreational riders both young and old. The amazing stamina of the Paso Fino horse coupled with its extremely smooth ride is a significant factor in its choice for recreational riding. The Paso Fino horse is proving to be a highly competitive equine in endurance, competitive trail riding, and other venues.



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TICKET TO RIDE

Prizes are awarded to winners of the yearly drawing.

- Five documented qualifying activities constitutes one complete "Ticket to Ride".
- Qualifying activities include trail competitions, parades, drill team performances, and benefit events as well as other non-show activities.
- Participants send in the completed "Tickets to Ride" by September 1st to be entered into a drawing held at the PFHA Grand National Show. Participants do not have to be present to win.
- Program is open to all current PFHA members.

PASO FINO SPORT HORSE

The Paso Fino Sport Horse (PFSH) rewards both Riders and Horses that excel in all-breed competitions outside of the traditional Paso Fino horse community.

- The horse must be registered with the PFHA.
- Owner and Rider must be current members of PFHA for points to count.
- Accumulate points based on how participants place in the competitions.
- An application form must be submitted each year prior to competing.
- A yearly fee per horse must accompany the application.
- The show year will be the same as the PFHA show year.
- Completed form must be received by PFHA within 20 days of the competition.
- A copy of the prize list/program must be submitted.
- Shows may be Sanctioned or Non-Sanctioned.
- 4-H and schooling shows are eligible.
- Shows must be open to all breeds.
- Shows open only to or adjudicated by facility owners are not eligible.

PASOS FOR PLEASURE

PFHA members are awarded for time spent riding registered Paso Fino horses.

- Earn cumulative hour patches and gift awards.
- Non-pointed riding activities which qualify are everyday trail rides, arena work, saddle training, parade or drill team venues, etc.
- A one-time registration fee allows members to earn awards.
- Participants keep a log of time spent in the saddle. They submit their log upon reaching specified cumulative hours.
- Program is open to all current PFHA members.



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RULES & FORMS

All participants must be current PFHA members. All horses must be PFHA registered Paso Fino horses. Complete rules governing the Paso for Pleasure, Ticket to Ride and AERC Breed Award programs are on the respective forms. Rules for the Competitive Trail, Endurance Trail, Pleasure Long Distance Trail and Sport Horse Program are found in the PFHA Rule Book Chapter 7. Forms and the Rule Book may be downloaded at www.pfha.org or requested from the PFHA office.



COMPETITIVE TRAIL

Yearly award presented to the participant's horse with the most sanctioned points.

- Current PFHA members who participate in sanctioned competitive trail rides on PFHA registered Paso Fino horse are eligible.
- Ride must be conducted by a PFHA sanctioned organization, such as the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) See PFHA website for a list of sanctioned organizations.
- Appropriate, completed form, fee, and documentation must be sent to PFHA within 20 days of the ride.
- Title of PFHA Competitive Trail Horse of the Year award is presented at the PFHA Grand National Show.
- Horse's points accrued in the program are applied toward the horse's Society of Merit Award.

ENDURANCE TRAIL

Yearly award presented to the participant's horse with the most sanction points.

- Current PFHA members who participate in sanctioned endurance trail rides on PFHA registered Paso Fino horse are eligible.
- Ride must be conducted by a PFHA sanctioned organization, such as the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) See PFHA website for list of sanctioned organizations.
- Appropriate, completed form, fee, and documentation must be sent to PFHA within 20 days of the ride.
- Title of PFHA Endurance Trail Horse of the Year award is presented at the PFHA Grand National Show.
- Horse's points accrued in the program are applied toward the horse's Society of Merit Award.

PLEASURE LONG DISTANCE TRAIL

Yearly award presented to the participating PFHA member's horse with the most sanctioned points.

- Rides must be an organized ride of 10 or more miles with a trail manager/ boss.
- Ride must be conducted by a PFHA sanctioned organization or pre-approved by PFHA no less than 10 business days prior to the ride.
- Qualifying rides include benefit rides, hunter or cavalry paces or PFHA regional rides.
- Appropriate, completed form, fee, and documentation must be sent to PFHA within 20 days of the ride.
- Title of PFHA Pleasure Long Distance Trail Horse of the Year award is presented at the PFHA Grand National Show.
- Horse's points accrued in the program are applied toward the horse's Society of Merit Award.



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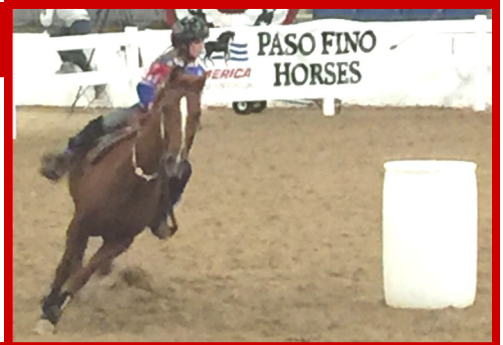
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VERSATILE HORSE

These programs showcase the versatility of the Paso Fino Horse.

Bred for good physical balance, the Paso Fino is quick, sure-footed, and very athletic. The Paso Fino movement is completely unique to the breed and although it may be unlike anything you've ever seen before—don't write this breed off until you have ridden one.

The athleticism and versatility of the Paso Fino is continually being explored by those who dare to put them to the test.



AERC BREED AWARD

Yearly award presented to the participating PFHA member with the highest mileage as verified by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC).

- Qualifying AERC rides include competitions in Limited Distance or Distance Divisions.
- Multiple PFHA registered Paso Fino horses may be used by the rider.
- AERC year runs December 1 through November 30.
- Award is based on the combined number of miles in Limited Distance or Distance successfully completed in the year.
- Program is open to all current PFHA members.

NATRC BREED AWARD

Yearly award presented to the participating PFHA member with the most competitive points in rides sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC).

- The rider must be a PFHA and a NATRC member.
- The horse must be registered with the PFHA and in the NATRC program at the time points are accrued and at the time their names are submitted to PFHA by NATRC.
- NATRC requires either a copy of the horse's PFHA registration papers or its PFHA registration number.
- PFHA members do not need to apply to participate.
- The top five Paso Fino horses in NATRC will automatically be submitted to PFHA at the end of the NATRC year.

TRAIL HORSE TEST

Program rewards the horse's trail riding skills based upon a series of tests that gauges the horse's natural ability and training against a standard levels of performance. Horse is tested against the Junior Level, Senior Level, and the most prestigious Master Level.

This is not a competitive trail riding obstacle course, but a gauge of the horse's abilities to complete the tasks normally preformed before, during and after a trail ride.

- Sets non-competitive goals for the horse in an effort to improve both horse and rider.
- Provides a structured method to judge a trail horse.
- Records the Trail Horse level achieved in the horse's PFHA registry.
- The registry entries will aid in researching Paso Fino horses/bloodlines that may be well suited to the trail.



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