

RULES AND ENTRY FORM FOR THE MERIT AWARD SYSTEM

Return entry form to: Miniature Horse Federation Inc.

PO Box 146

GULGONG NSW 2852

Email: secretary@miniaturehorsefederation.com

For more information regarding Merit System Ph: 02 63742390

This is a special award system where individual horses can attain ongoing awards at their own pace, and not in direct competition with others entered in the Merit Award system. This Merit Award system is to recognize and give credit to consistent achievement. Once entered a horse is entered for life.

Each horse entered will automatically receive a wall plaque with attachments ready for each medallion earned to be placed on.

Each Level has three awards to strive towards - bronze, silver & gold.

There are five Levels

MERIT - bronze, silver, gold

DISTINCTION - bronze, silver, gold

EXCELLENCE - bronze, silver, gold

HONOUR - bronze, silver, gold

RENOWN - bronze, silver, gold

Sections are

HALTER (Age classes only)

PERFORMANCE (Trail, Lunge-line, Hunter, Precision Cones, Command Response)

JUMPER (Show Jumping, Six Bar)

HARNESS (Obstacle, Precision, Long Reining)

TIMED EVENTS (Barrel racing, Keyhole, Relay – each horse competing in Relay receive their points, Timed Obstacle)

PROGENY - see rules below

COMPLETE HORSE (Halter, Best Head, Best Trot)

VERSATILE HORSE (Halter, Performance, Jumping, Harness)

A horse that attains RENOWN GOLD in all the following sections (HALTER, PERFORMANCE, JUMPING, HARNESS) will be given the **ULTIMATE HORSE AWARD**.

Rules:

- All horses must be registered with MINIATURE HORSE FEDERATION Inc.
- All owners of entered horses must be current financial members of MINIATURE HORSE FEDERATION Inc.
- If a horse is sold and transferred into another MINIATURE HORSE FEDERATION Inc. current financial member's name, points will automatically be transferred with the horse.
- Once a horse is entered it remains in the Merit Award system indefinitely. Each horse will be given a "Life Merit Award Number. Points will be accumulated each and every year the yearly "upkeep fee" is paid. If a horse's yearly "upkeep fee" is not paid one year, no points may be gained for that year. Previous years points accumulated will not be forfeited. The horse may be reinstated at a later date on payment of the current yearly "upkeep fee" and points will again be accumulated on such payment.

HALTER - points gained from age classes only.

PERFORMANCE - points gained from any or all of the following classes - Trail, Hunter, Lunge-line, Command Response, Precision Cones

JUMPER - points gained from any of the following classes - Show Jumping & Six Bar

HARNESS - points gained from any or all of the following - Obstacle, Precision, Long Reining

TIMED EVENTS – Points gained from any or all of the following – Keyhole – Barrel Racing – Relay (each horse competing in Relay receive their points) - Timed Obstacle

PROGENY - sire or dam is entered and one progeny is designated. Designated progeny must be entered in Merit Award system as well. Each and every award achieved in the Merit Award System by designated progeny is also transferred to the sire or dam.

COMPLETE HORSE - points gained must be from ALL the following classes - Halter, Best Head, Best Trot - in the following total minimum proportions of points – 12 Halter, 12 Best Head, 12 Best Trot.

VERSATILE HORSE - points gained must be from ALL categories - Halter, Performance, Jumping, Harness - in the following total minimum proportions of points - 10 Halter, 10 Performance, 10 Jumping, 5 Harness

POINT SYSTEM

In each section, and at each level the following points must be gained.

Bronze - 50 points (carried over to silver level)

Silver - 100 points (carried over to gold level)

Gold - 200 points (once gold level is gained in each section points are cancelled, and new points must be gained for next level)
e.g. once gold is attained in the Merit Level points are cancelled and new points must be gained for bronze in the Distinction Level.

Points gained as per High Point Competition and Show Ratings.

MERIT AWARD ENTRY FORM

One Horse Per Form

Return entry form to: Miniature Horse Federation Inc.

PO Box 149

GULGONG NSW 2852

Email: secretary@miniaturehorsefederation.com

For any queries on the Merit System Ph: 0263742390

AGE GROUPS FOR ENTRY ARE AS FOLLOWS: Each year the horse's age must be adjusted on the annual upkeep form if applicable.

- **FOAL/WEANLING** – 3 Months up to 1 year (actual age) Halter only
- **JUNIOR**– 1 year– (actual age) up to 3 years (actual age) **Halter, Performance** (Junior Trail, Command Response, Precision Cones, Junior Lunge Line (walk and trot only) **Complete Horse** (combined points from: Halter, Best Head, Best Trot
- **YOUNG ADULT**– 3 years (actual age) up to 4 years (actual age) **Halter** classes, **Performance** Hunter, Lunge-Line, Trail, **Driving** – Harness and Long Reining, **Timed Events** – Keyhole, Barrel Race, Relay and Timed Obstacle **Complete Horse** (combined points from Halter, Best Head, Best Trot. **Versatile Horse** – Halter, Performance, Harness, Complete Horse and Timed Events
- **MATURE ADULT** – 4 Years (actual age) and over – **Halter** classes, **Jumping, Performance, Driving, Timed Events, Progeny, Complete Horse, Versatile horse**

**LIFE ENTRY FEE \$22.00 PER HORSE PER SECTION AND \$11.00 PER YEAR UPKEEP FEE PER HORSE PER SECTION
NEW ENTRY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED EACH YEAR WITH THE ANNUAL UPKEEP FEE**

HORSES LIFE MERIT AWARDS NUMBER _____

APPLICABLE FOR HORSES ALREADY ENTERED IN THE MERIT AWARDS SYSTEM AND USING THIS FORM FOR ANNUAL UPKEEP ENTRIES

NAME OF NOMINATED HORSE: _____

FEDERATION REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

REGISTERED OWNERS NAME/S: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ **PHONE NO.:** _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/S: _____ **DATE:** _____

TICK IN BOXES FOR SELECTED SECTION ENTRIES

HALTER

PERFORMANCE

JUMPER

HARNESS

TIMED EVENTS

PROGENY

COMPLETE HORSE

VERSATILE HORSE

MERIT AWARD SYSTEM FEE TALLY

MERIT LIFE ENTRY FEE PER HORSE (ONCE ONLY FEE PER HORSE) @ \$22.00 \$ _____

HALTER - ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

PERFORMANCE - ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

JUMPER - ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

HARNESS – ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

TIMED EVENTS – ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

PROGENY – ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

COMPLETE HORSE – ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

VERSATILE HORSE – ANNUAL ENTRY UPKEEP FEE @ \$11.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____