

SWIT&DR Points & Awards Criteria

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the SWIT&DR year-end awards program is to recognize the achievements of:

1. Horses, Riders, and Horse & Rider Teams who excel throughout the year in either mileage or placings.
2. Riders new to the sport.
3. Junior Riders.
4. Riders who consistently support club rides by participating through the year.

A member must complete at least 2 SWIT&DR rides (any horse any distance 25 miles or longer) to be eligible for a year-end award.

II. GENERAL CRITERIA

A. SWIT&DR members accumulate points by completing club competitive rides 25 miles or longer. For the purposes of SWIT&DR, a Limited Distance ride is defined as one that is 25-35 miles. The ride must be an approved SWIT&DR ride and must be managed by a SWIT&DR member in good standing.

B. Points and miles do not begin accumulating until the rider's dues are paid. New members' points begin to accumulate as of the date dues are paid.

C. The ride season is December 1 thru November 30.

D. A Junior Rider is a rider that is under the age of 16 at the start of the ride season (December 1).

E. The "SWIT&DR Points/Awards Criteria" must be printed in the newsletter at least twice a year; once in March, or before the first club ride of the ride season and again in July.

F. Eligible Rookie Riders and Rookie Horses must declare eligibility to the Points Keeper on or before the date of last club ride of the season.

G. Members who rank in Points and Mileage award categories will receive only a single award that will recognize both achievements.

H. Trail Rides are defined as any non-competitive trail ride, less than 20 miles, held in connection with and within 24 hours of a SWIT&DR competitive ride.

I. The Awards Committee Members will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

J. The Points Keeper will publish “Career Horse Mileage” in each February Newsletter.

K. Geographic eligibility: Rides managed by a SWIT&DR Member in good standing will be eligible for SWIT&DR Year End Points, if the ride is: 150-mile radius of Meridian, Idaho. Petition Eligibility (by Club-Wide vote)-If a ride came available that fell outside of the 150-mile radius of Meridian, Idaho, the Ride Managers, who are members in good standing of SWIT&DR will be allowed to petition the club to have a ride outside of the boundaries, listed above, be eligible for Year End SWIT&DR Points. Ride Managers must petition the first year, then the ride will be grandfathered in. Ride Managers must present their petition to the Club a minimum of 90 days prior to the ride date for a club wide vote. Only rides within the SWIT&DR established boundaries or petitioned in shall count for SWIT&DR Year End Points.

III. POINTS INFORMATION

Each rider receives 1 point for each mile they complete. In addition, bonus points are awarded based on placing and distance, according to this chart:

Placing	Distance Miles	Multiplier									
		25	30	35	50	55	60	75	80	100	
1		50	60	70	110	121	132	180	192	240	2
2		48	57	67	105	115	125	171	182	228	1.9
3		45	54	63	99	109	119	162	173	216	1.8
4		43	51	60	94	103	112	153	163	204	1.7
5		40	48	56	88	97	106	144	154	192	1.6
6		38	45	53	83	91	99	135	144	180	1.5
7		35	42	49	77	85	92	126	134	168	1.4
8		33	39	46	72	79	86	117	125	156	1.3
9		30	36	42	66	73	79	108	115	144	1.2
10		28	33	39	61	67	73	99	106	132	1.1
11+		25	30	35	55	61	90	91	96	120	1

Distance Multipliers	
LD (25-45)	1
50-70	1.1
75-100	1.2

IV. AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

A. Senior Top 15 Riders-Points: Senior rider, total points, and horse, any competitive distance.

B. Junior Top 2 Riders-Points: Junior rider, total points, any horse, any competitive distance.

C. Senior Top 10 Horse and Rider Teams 50+ Mile Division-Mileage: Senior rider, total mileage, same horse & rider team, ride distances of 50 miles and above. Ties will be broken by the rider's points earned by the horse and rider team on 50+ mile rides.

D. Junior Top 2 Horse and Rider Teams 50+ Mile Division-Mileage: Junior rider, total mileage, same horse & rider team, ride distances of 50 miles and above. Ties will be broken by the rider's points earned by the horse and rider team on 50+ mile rides.

E. Best-Best Condition 50+ Mile Division: this award is given to the horse with the most "Best Condition" awards in the 50-mile and over rides. The horse must have at least 2 BC awards in 50-mile and over rides to qualify for this award. Junior or Senior rider and can be a different rider. Ties will be broken by the total miles of rides on which the BC's were earned.

F. Senior Top 5 Horse and Rider Teams 25-Mile Division-Mileage: Senior rider, total mileage, same horse and rider team, ride distances of 25-35 miles. Ties will be broken by the rider's points earned by the horse and rider team on 25-35-mile rides.

G. Junior Top 1 Horse and Rider Teams 25-Mile Division-Mileage: Junior rider, total mileage, same horse and rider team, ride distances of 25-35 miles. Ties will be broken by the rider's points earned by the horse and rider team on 25-35-mile rides.

H. Best-Best Condition 25-Mile Division: this award is given to the horse with the most “Best Condition” awards in the ride distances of 25-35 miles. The horse must have at least 2 BC awards to qualify for this award. Junior or Senior rider and can be a different rider. Ties will be broken by the total miles of rides on which the BC’s were earned.

I. Rookie Rider-Points: Junior or Senior rider, total points, any competitive distance, any horse. A Rookie Rider is one who, prior to the beginning of the current ride season, has not started: 1) more than one endurance ride; 2) more than two limited distance rides, or 3) any combination of endurance and limited distance rides.

J. Rookie Horse-Number of Consecutive Miles: Junior or Senior rider, any competitive distance, same horse, can be a different rider, total number of consecutive completed miles. A Rookie Horse is a horse who, prior to the beginning of the current ride season, has not started: 1) more than one endurance ride; 2) more than two limited distance rides, or 3) any combination of endurance and limited distance rides in any region. (NOTE: If your horse is pulled or fails to complete a SWIT&DR ride entered, you maintain your previous number of consecutive miles; unless you begin again and exceed your original number of consecutive miles). Ties will be broken by the horse’s placings.

K. Most Rides Completed: This award is given to the member who finished the most club rides of 25 miles and up. Junior or Senior rider, any horse, any competitive distance. Ties will be broken by the number of miles. (NOTE: Each day of a multi-day ride will be considered a separate ride).

L. Thousand Mile Horse Award: starting in 1996, this award will honor all horses that accumulate 1,000 miles in 50+ mile ride distances. Only SWIT&DR approved rides will count toward this award. Mileage is accumulative through the years and the award is given at each 1,000-mile mark thereafter.

M. Five Hundred Mile Horse Award: starting in 1996, this award will honor all horses that accumulate 500 miles in 25-mile Division. Only SWIT&DR approved rides will count toward this award. Mileage is accumulative through the years and the award is given at each 500-mile mark thereafter.

N. Trail Rider Award: this award goes to the member who did the most Trail (Intro) rides. The award will be based on the number of non-competitive rides completed (i.e., one ride completed equals one credit, two rides completed equals two credits, etc.) A member must complete at least 2 non-competitive SWIT&DR rides (any horse) to be eligible for this award.

O. Best-Junior Best Condition: this award is given to the horse with the most Junior Best Condition awards in any distance, any rider. The Junior BC award is given at rides where there are at least 2 junior starters and where the horse received the highest score in junior BC judging. The horse must have at least 2 Junior BC awards to qualify for this award. Ties will be broken by the total miles of rides on which the Junior BCs were earned.

P. The Awards Committee has the discretion not to give awards in certain cases. The committee also has the discretion to give out special awards (up to 2) to honor exceptional achievements.

NOTE: The Awards Criteria was presented to the SWIT&DR membership at the March 14, 1996 club meeting held at the Chicago Connection in Meridian. The attending members received a hard copy of the proposed Awards Criteria, which was read and discussed. Attending club members voted to accept the proposed Awards Criteria as printed. Awards criteria were subsequently amended by the membership at a meeting on March 12, 1998. Awards Criteria were further amended by the membership at a meeting on December 16, 1999. Additional amendments were adopted by the membership at meetings on March 12 and December 10, 2003. Awards Criteria were further amended by the membership by vote in February 2006. Wording changes to the Rookie Horse Award were adopted by a vote of the membership on January 20, 2019. Wording changes to the Rookie Rider and Trail Rider Awards were adopted by a vote of the membership on March 13, 2019. Additional wording changes were adopted by a vote of the membership on January 11, 2025.