

# TRAIL RIDERS AWARDS PROGRAM (TRAP)

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Recognizing the need to honor the trail rider who is the foundation of *CSHA*, and a need to encourage the use of riding and hiking trails by the members of *CSHA*, the Trail Riders Awards Program was established in 1988.

TRAP serves to provide encouragement by means of a series of special embroidered patches and other awards given for specific amounts of trail riding. It will act as a form of public relations on the trail for *CSHA* and the visibility of the awards as displayed by the recipients will raise the desire of others to participate in the program.

## **SEC. 1.0 General Rules**

- 1.1** Each participating rider will maintain, on an honor system, a rider's log, listing the number of hours ridden on trails.
- 1.2** The hours submitted by the individual may be accrued from riding alone, with a group, in an organized trail event, such as poker rides, individual conditioning rides or competitive trail rides, e.g. Trail Trials, NATRC, Endurance, etc., or by participating in authorized trail construction and/or maintenance on public lands and land trusts.
- 1.3** Upon enrollment, each participant will receive an official participant's patch and a supply of the rider's log forms and a membership pin.
- 1.4** Riders are responsible for sending their log sheets on a regular basis. The original copy of the rider's log sheet is to be sent to the State chairman at least every three (3) months and the hours are to be recorded in a Master Log record. A copy is to be retained for the rider's personal records
- 1.5** No time logged on the trails prior to joining the program will count.
- 1.6** All participants must be *CSHA* members in good standing either as individuals or as a member of a *CSHA* club or organization as defined in *CSHA* Bylaws Section 1.0 Membership.
  - 1.6.1** All members of *CSHA* may participate in this program and there are no age divisions or limitations.
- 1.7** There is no limit to the number of horses that may be ridden in qualifying for an award.
- 1.8** All program participants will have their names and accumulated hours posted at least on a quarterly basis on the *CSHA* website at the TRAP program link.
- 1.9** If a participant should drop out of the program, all hours accrued will remain credited to the participant.
  - 1.9.1** For inactive program members, records will only be maintained for a period of three years. This allows students to drop out while at college without being penalized, etc.

- 1.10 All recipients of the Master Trail Rider Award and the Supreme Trail Rider Award will be listed in the *CSHA* rulebook.

## **SEC. 2.0 Program Registration**

- 2.1 Each participant will be charged a one-time enrollment fee of \$15.00 and an annual renewal fee of \$15.00 to remain active in the program. These fees will be used to cover the cost of record keeping, materials, providing the rider's logs, patches, awards, and any other program related expenses.
- 2.1.1 The TRAP Registration/Renewal Form and fees will be sent to the *CSHA* State TRAP Chairman.
- 2.1.2 The renewal fees will be due and payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 2.1.3 If renewals are not received by February 1<sup>st</sup>, any hours reported in the current year prior to the date the renewal is received will not be counted."
- 2.1.4 To remain eligible in the program, current *CSHA* membership must be maintained.

## **SEC. 3.0 Awards and Recognition**

- 3.1 Upon return of the Rider's Logs, the participant will be eligible for and receive:
- 3.1.1 Chevron bars for completion of 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 2,500, 3,000, 3,500, 4,000, 4,500 and 5,000 hours of trail riding/construction/maintenance time logged. Chevrons are to be added below the patch.
- 3.1.2 A recognition plaque for completion of each 500 hours.
- 3.1.3 Upon the completion of 3,000 hours, a special Master Trail Rider Award will be presented.
- 3.1.4 Upon the completion of 5,000 hours, a special Sterling Silver trophy buckle designating the individual as a Supreme Trail Rider will be presented.
- 3.2 If possible, the Master Trail Rider and Supreme Trail Rider awards will be presented in the Region in which the TRAP member resides at the earliest Region meeting after the award is earned.
- 3.3 Upon initial TRAP registration and each annual renewal, members will receive a pin signifying one year of participation. Pins are to be worn around the outside of the TRAP patch.

## **SEC. 4.0 Trail Usage Database**

- 4.1** A trail usage database will be established and maintained by the State TRAP Chair and may be used to document and substantiate trail usage as needed.
- 4.2** The database will contain the following information obtained from the completed Rider's Logs:
1. Rider Name
  2. Region
  3. Date of each ride
  4. Location of each ride
  5. Name of trails ridden
  6. Number of riders on each ride
  7. Type of riding

## **SEC. 5.0 Master Trail Rider Plaque**

For a list of recipients refer to the State Awards and Recognition section at the front of this book.

## **SEC. 6.0 Supreme Trail Rider Silver Buckle**

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