



SPANISH MUSTANG REGISTRY, INC  
POINTS AND AWARDS PROGRAM  
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The Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc. in order to recognize the achievements of individual Registered Spanish Mustangs and to encourage the promotion of the Breed within the general public, gives awards annually in a number of equine fields. These awards consist of certificates, trophies, plaques and mileage patches. Points are awarded to individual horses, not owners or riders. The award system is designed to track the accomplishments of each animal throughout life. If sold, the horse will continue to accumulate points under the new owner.

The SMR Awards Program is based upon the acquisition of points. Awards are presented at the Annual International Meeting in June to horses earning the required points. All points earned should be sent to the Awards Coordinator utilizing the official SMR forms or equivalent documents. The points year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> and only points earned during that period of time will be used in the computation of annual award points. Forms must be sent in no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following earning of said points. Forms may be obtained from the points and awards coordinator or the SMR website. Forms may be photocopied by the member as necessary. The Points and Awards Coordinator is responsible for preparing certificates and ordering awards.

Certificates are awarded annually based on the accumulation of points for the previous year. Certificates may be earned in all competitive and noncompetitive categories.

Governing Rules:

1. Horses must be registered with the Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc. during the entire point season for which points are submitted.
2. The owner of the horse must be an up to date member of the organization and any points earned during a period in which the owner is not a member will not be utilized in the compilation of points for the season.
3. The person named as the owner on the point forms must be the person who is named as owner on the horses registration per official SMR records.
4. Riders do not need to be members of the organization. Junior riders being considered for the Ferdie Brislawn Award must be members.
5. In team events, each team counts as a single entry and all members of the team have the same placing.

**NONCOMPETITIVE CATEGORIES**

**COMPADRE**

While many Spanish Mustang owners do not take part in the various fields of competition, they often promote the horse through their participation in group rides which may be organized within a neighborhood or by various equestrian organizations. When a Registered Spanish Mustang is ridden in a group ride of 3 or more persons, one point is given. All forms for one of these rides must be signed by another person who has witnessed the performance of the horse in the ride. Each ride in this category must be on open trail accessible to the public and at least 5 miles in length; further it must be in the nature of a pleasure ride and not equated to a work situation as in working cattle, riding fences, etc. If more than 50 riders participate in the ride, one additional point is earned.

The Compadre Award is presented to any Spanish Mustang that earns 50 points in this category. Points are accumulated over the life of the horse. Once a horse earns Compadre status, it will be ineligible for further Compadre awards; however, certificates may still be earned. Miles accrued in Compadre will automatically be applied to the mileage program.

**LA PARADA/AMBASSADOR**

The La Parada/Ambassador Award will be given to Registered Spanish Mustangs upon the accumulation of 50 points in parade, exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics and public relations activities such as school field trips, visits to retirement centers, etc. Points may be accumulated over the lifetime of the horse. Once the horse has earned the La Parada/Ambassador Award, it will be ineligible for further awards; however, certificates may still be earned.

Points are earned as follows:

Parade: One point for each parade. If the event is judged, bonus points are given for 1<sup>st</sup> (3pts), 2<sup>nd</sup> (2 pts) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (1 pt) and one of the judges must sign the form. Otherwise, a witness of the parade may sign the form.

Exhibitions: One point is given for each day the horse is on view at the exhibition. One additional point will be given for each presentation in the arena. A witness must sign the form.

Demonstrations: One point is given for a demonstration at any type event. A witness must sign the form.

Clinics: One point will be given for each day of Clinic participation. A witness must sign the form.

Public Relations Activities: One point for each event. Witness must sign form.

### **EL CABALLO de TRABAJO**

This category is to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Spanish Mustang as a working horse. Though what actually constitutes work would, of necessity be left to discretion and judgement or person or persons involved. Some examples would include packing, working in cattle drives or cattle round ups, checking fence lines, mounted posse or patrol work, use as a lesson horse, marking trails for CTR or Endurance rides, etc. Training activities will not be considered towards this award. The horse earns its El Caballo de Trabajo Award after 75 points are earned. These points may be accumulated over the life of the horse. Once the Award is given, the horse is ineligible for further awards in this category; however, certificates may still be given.

### **MILEAGE PROGRAM**

Mileage Patches will be awarded to Spanish Mustangs at 500 mile intervals for riding and 250 mile intervals for driving. Miles from Compadre are automatically included in the mileage program. Documentation of mileage may be in the form of riding logs or the official mileage form. This category is based on the honor system since many logged miles are typically logged as solo rides. Miles from CTR and Endurance rides are not included in this category since these activities have their own mileage accrual recognition. However, training and conditioning miles for CTR and Endurance are accepted for recognition in this category. Other miles may be from pleasure riding. To convert hours ridden to miles ridden a 3 to 1 ratio is generally accepted as the standard rate at a walk. (3 miles = 1 hour)

## **COMPETITIVE CATEGORIES**

### **ENDURANCE**

Long distance rides over natural terrain running against time and other horses entered the race. There are two categories recognized by the AERC. Limited Distance rides (25-49 miles) and Endurance (50+ miles). All points accumulated must be in rides sanctioned by the AERC. Occasionally, a mini-ride of under 25 miles may be held in conjunction with an AERC sanctioned ride. Mini-rides of under 25 miles may be accumulated toward the Compadre award. AERC awards Best Conditioned in both Limited Distance and Endurance. Placings are based on the entire group. Weight and age categories will not be recognized. Distance points will be given. Points for LD and Endurance are as follows:

0.2 points for each completed mile

1<sup>st</sup> place 5 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> place 4 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> place 3 points  
4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 2 points  
6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 1 point

Best Condition 10 points

Completion Points:	LD Multi Day ride	2 points
	Endurance 50 miles	1 point
	75 miles	2 points
	100 miles	3 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Completion	5 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Day Completion	10 Points
	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Completion	15 Points
	5 <sup>th</sup> Day Completion	20 Points

Distance Organizations and Terms: CTR Competitive Trail Ride  
 AERC American Endurance Ride Conference  
 SEDRA South East Distance Riders Association  
 ECTRA Eastern Competitive Trail Association  
 NATRC North American Trail Ride Conference

**COMPETITIVE TRAIL**

Distance trail rides judged within mandated time limits on natural terrain and points being based on the physical condition, behavior, etc. of the horse before, during and after completion of the ride by ride officials. All CTR points must be accumulated on rides sanctioned by NATRC guidelines or similar organization that follows NATRC guidelines (SEDRA, ECTRA, etc.) Weight divisions are recognized categories. No distance under 15 miles per day will be recognized. Novice and Competitive Pleasure rides are 15-20 miles per day for a one day ride or 30-40 miles for a two day ride. In the Open division a type "B" (one day) ride will be 25-35 miles in length, a type "A" (two day) ride will be 50-60 miles and a type "AA" ride will be on three consecutive days for a total of 80-90 miles.

Points are as follows:

Distance 0.2 points for each mile completed

Award points 1<sup>st</sup> place 6 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place 5 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place 4 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> place 3 points  
 5<sup>th</sup> place 2 points  
 6<sup>th</sup> place 1 point

Sweepstakes winner 10 points

Completion points "B" rides no additional points  
 "A" rides 2 additional points  
 "AA" rides 4 additional points

**GAMES RODEO SHOW PERFORMANCE**

The competitive categories of Games, Rodeo, Show and Performance will receive placing points based on the number of entries in the class.

Number of Entries							
Place	1	2	3	4	5	6-10	Over 10
1st	1	2	4	6	8	10	12
2nd		1	2	4	6	8	10
3rd			1	2	4	6	8
4th				1	2	4	6
5th					1	2	4
6th						1	2

Three levels of shows are acknowledged. Recognized, Unrecognized and Fun Shows. A recognized event must be sanctioned by the American Horse Show Association or other national association. Unrecognized events must be open to outside competition and is normally sponsored by some type or regional equestrian organization. A Fun event is normally a local event with restricted competition. To assist in the determination of the appropriate level, competitors may submit information on the event or the equestrian organization with the awards form. In addition to the typical riding activities, the SMR gives awards in these categories for Driving divisions.

Bonus points per Category:

Recognized Event 5 points  
 Unrecognized Event 2 points  
 Fun/Play day Event 1 point

Championship	5 points
Reserve Championship	4 points
Grand Championship	7 points
Reserve Grand Championship	6 points

The individual categories may have additional Bonus points if there are levels of difficulty with the category. These Bonus points are listed in detail on the official awards forms.

#### DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES

##### RODEO

A horse used in working events such as steer wrestling, roping (single or team), cutting, team penning, goat tying, etc. Generally if cattle or other livestock are involved, the class is considered a Rodeo event.

##### GAMES

A horse ridden in gymkhana and playday events with the outcome determined by electronic timer or other means of timing and/or elimination. These are not judged events. Some examples are keyhole race, barrel race, pole bending, flag race, etc. In team competitions, each team constitutes a single entry and all members of the team have the same placing.

##### SHOW

A horse shown competitively with other horses and places determined by a judge. Typically these are arena or ring events with several competitors in the ring at the same time. Examples are Western and English Pleasure, halter classes etc.

##### PERFORMANCE

A horse shown in classes that have levels of difficulty such as dressage, jumping, combined training events, reining, trail obstacle classes, etc. Typically horses perform solo in a ring or arena. Bonus points are based on the level performed.

#### HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

A Horse of the Year Award is given in each of the competitive categories. (Show, Games, Rodeo, Performance, Competitive Trail and Endurance) Each Category requires a minimum of 25 points. Any year in which there are 10 or more eligible Spanish Mustangs in any one category and less than 25 points separates the two highest point horses, a second place Horse of the Year Award will be given. A given registered Spanish Mustang may earn Horse of the Year in more than one category in the same year provided the requirements are met.

#### CONQUISTADOR AND GRANDE CONQUISTADOR AWARDS

The Conquistador Program was established to recognize registered Spanish Mustangs in various competitive fields. The Conquistador Awards are permanent and when the registered Spanish Mustang has attained the title of Conquistador or Grande Conquistador, it will be so noted on the registration certificate. It is the responsibility of the owner to send in each Conquistador's or Grande Conquistador's registration certificate to the registrar to have the award recorded and the designation of Conquistador and/or Grande Conquistador so noted on the certificate. Conquistador points are cumulative throughout the lifetime of the horse.

A Conquistador may earn the title in one category and proceed to earn Conquistador titles in other categories or the Grande Conquistador title. A Grande Conquistador may continue to earn points toward individual Conquistador awards.

##### CONQUISTADOR AWARD

Horses must earn awards in one competitive category. Categories are the same as listed in the Horse of the Year Award. A registered Spanish Mustang may earn the required points primarily in novice divisions, open divisions or a combination of the two levels of competition in endurance or competitive trail. A horse earning the Conquistador in Endurance must compete in two rides of 50 miles or more. A horse earning the Conquistador in Competitive Trail must complete at least three rides of 50-60 miles each. All categories require 150 points. There will be no substitutions allowed; all points must be earned in one category. Age limits, if any, will be mandated by the show or ride restrictions.

##### GRANDE CONQUISTADOR AWARD

Horses must earn points in three categories. This award may be earned simultaneously with or following the Conquistador Award. In addition to the requirement of 150 points in any one field, an additional 60 points must be earned in two additional

categories. Completion of 100 miles of Endurance or Competitive Trail must also be accomplished if one of these is not a category in which points are earned. The required 100 miles may be done in any of several combinations; however, no ride of less than 25 miles in one day may be used to satisfy the requirement. Additionally, all rides must be sanctioned by AERC or NATRC or similar organization following AERC or NATRC guidelines or ridden in conjunction with a sanctioned ride requiring proper veterinary supervision, inspection and control. For any ride not Sanctioned by AERC or NATRC, the ride veterinarian must sign the form.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

This is not a yearly award based on points but will be given when it is determined that a particular Spanish Mustang has outstanding achievements which do not come under the classification of any of the foregoing categories.

### **BOB BRISLAWN ENDURANCE AWARD**

Due to a private endowment, an award designated as the Bob Brislawn Endurance Award will be given to any registered Spanish Mustang completing 2,500 miles in Limited Distance and/or Endurance riding. This is a prestigious award which presents a goal for all endurance horse to aspire. There is no time limit. All mileage must be acquired in rides managed per AERC rules and regulations and with the supervision of licensed veterinarians.

### **EMMETT BRISLAWN AWARD**

Perhaps the most coveted of all of our privately endowed awards is the Emmett Brislawn Award. This award will be presented to the registered Spanish Mustang who, in a single ride season, earns five or more Best Conditioned recognitions in Open Endurance or Sweepstakes in Type A or Type AA in Competitive Trail. Sweepstakes must be on horse score only. All of these rides must be accomplished while riding in competitions managed per AERC or NATRC rules and regulations and with the supervision of licensed veterinarians.

### **FERDIE BRISLAWN AWARD**

An additional private endowment has made this award possible to encourage junior members of the Spanish Mustang Registry in participation with their registered Spanish Mustangs. This is not necessarily an annual award. To be eligible, the junior member must be under 16 years of age at the beginning of the award year and earn a minimum of 50 points in any one or combination of the categories named under Horse of the Year Award section. Only one horse may be used by each junior rider in a given year. Compadre, La Parada/Ambassador, and El Caballo de Trabajo points do not contribute toward the required points.