2020 ISSO AWARDS PROGRAM RULES

Including virtual show

1. **Definitions**: Parades, hunts and competitive trail rides, etc. are referred to as classes. “Horse” refers to all equines including donkeys and mules.
2. **Membership Requirement**: Owners (or Lessee) and riders must be current ISSO members in good standing for the membership year, January1 through December 31. Points may be earned from the date of membership forward, and not prior.
3. **Fees**: All horses must be registered with the Points Secretary prior to any points being counted. The first horse registration is INCLUDED with the full payment of a full ISSO membership. Any additional horse is an extra $20 fee. Submit complete horse Registration form with Membership Application form and fees prior to submitting any points for the horse.

3a. The registration fee follows the first registered rider, not the horse. That is, if a second member wishes to earn points on a horse already registered by another member, the second member must also register that horse.

1. **Award Prerequisites**: There must be 5 members competing in each category for an award to be given. The high point earner in any category must earn at least 20 points. A category with fewer than 5 competitors or a high point earner with fewer than 20 points may be awarded if sponsorship is provided. An award and 6 ribbons will be awarded in each category. ISSO reserves the right to combine categories with fewer than 5 participants. Other awards may be given as sponsored. For sponsorship information please contact the Points Secretary.
2. **Side Saddle Requirement**: All riding points must be earned while riding side saddle. Unmounted points must substantially involve side saddle (i.e. side walking an aside parade rider, lecture on riding side saddle riding habits, ISSO both at trade show).
3. **Tallying Rider Points**: Rider points follow each horse/rider combination. Thus a rider may have multiple listings in, for example, hunting on different mounts. The Top Ten Rider Awards are calculated by rider, totaling all points awarded in any mounted or unmounted activity. In the event of multiple horses per rider, only the top three earning horses will be counted. Eligible horses must be registered with ISSO (see 3.) In all categories, where an event, show, clinic, etc. is sponsored by ISSO, the points may be doubled.
4. **Correct form to be used**: Points must be recorded on the CORRECT ISSO points submission form found on the ISSO web site at www.sidesaddle.com.
5. **Required documentation**: A copy of the show bill or prize list may be requested to accompany the point submission form. When supporting documentation is requested, the show secretary or managers’ contact information must be on the show bill or prize list. Parades, hunts and other events with no show bill must have some official proof of participation and placing from the manager or chairman (letter, flyer, copy of entry, web site announcement, news clipping, etc.)
6. **Incomplete forms**: All points submissions are to be made on the ISSO web site [www.sidesaddle.com](http://www.sidesaddle.com) . Forms must be completely filled out, including signatures, if required. When requested, a member of the event committee, show secretary, or similar official must attest to the activity. Originals of supporting documentation must be maintained in the member’s possession for the remainder of the competition year, and can be requested to be produced by the Points Secretary at any time up until March 15 of the following year. Incomplete submissions, or submissions lacking requisite supporting documents will be discounted and no points awarded.
7. **Submission deadline**: Points forms must be submitted to the Points Secretary within 30 days of the last day of the event. The point year ends on December 31. ALL points earned after December 15 must be submitted no later than January 15 or they will not be counted.
8. **Competitive Mounted Points**: Points earned in competitions are calculated using the chart following these rules. Points are awarded based on placing, points doubled if greater than ten entries in class. Classes with only one entry will be awarded half of the points normally awarded for the placing of the entry. Points earned in an ISSO sponsored event are doubled.
9. **Non-Competitive Mounted Points**: 10 points per event, Max 3 events per day. For a single event where a lady is in the saddle for in excess of 2 hours, such as in a hunt or clinic, 20 points may be earned for that event. (Official must certify length of time in the saddle) Max 30 points per day. Points earned in an ISSO sponsored event are doubled.
10. **Unmounted Points**: 5 points per hourly event in one day, max 30 points per day. Points earned in an ISSO sponsored event are doubled.
11. **Virtual Shows and Event**s **Year End Award**: Points earned in competitions are calculated using the chart following these rules. Points are awarded based on placing, points doubled if more than 25 entries in a class. Screen shot of placing and number in the class along with copy of “prize list” required to substantiate. Points earned in an ISSO sponsored event are doubled.
12. **ISSO Aside Mileage Challenge**: 50 and 100 and 250 miles. To be ridden aside or hand walked. Not astride. Mileage must be submitted within 30 days of ride with last submitted no later then January 15 of the following year. Awards given at year end to each individual for highest mileage completed by that individual (ie. 50, 100 or 250 miles). Multiple ISSO registered mounts may be ridden as this is a rider based award. Free to members, $40 for non-members and this includes an ISSO membership. Screenshot of GPS tracker may be required to substantiate miles. The use of apps is encouraged (such as Relive, Equilab, Track My Ride, etc).
13. **Professionals**: Those individuals who are paid for their side saddle related activity. Payment is a fee for service or honoraria. Reimbursement for expenses or compensation in the form or a meal, etc. is not payment for ISSO Awards purposes and activities compensated in this manner should be recorded as Amateur. An individual who accepts payment for services during a competition year is considered a Professional for that entire year. Points earned in an ISSO sponsored event are doubled.
14. **Verification by Points Secretary**: Points in question will be checked with the event official listed on the points form or supporting documentation. If the event official cannot be located by conventional method, the points in question will be disqualified. Any member found knowingly falsifying points will be disqualified for the year and will forfeit all registration fees.
15. **Unclear Categories**: Points will be awarded to various categories at the Point Secretary’s discretion when it is not obvious from the show bill as to the category in which they belong. The Point’s Secretary’s decision is final.
16. **Disqualified Persons**: No points will be accepted from any entity indebted to ISSO.
17. **Points per class** will be awarded as follows:

Placing # of Points

1st 10

2nd 9

3rd 8

4th 7

5th 6

6th 5

7th 4

8th 3

9th 2

10th 1