

MOWHA Trail Program Rules

The MOWHA Trail Program is designed for the pleasure rider who enjoys the benefits gained from trail riding/driving on a regular basis.

Participation in the MOWHA Trail Program requires membership in the Club and use of a Walking Horse/Racking Horse/Spotted Saddle Horse.

Accumulated hours will be counted for the full year for riders whose MOWHA membership dues are paid by July 1 each year. Riders must attend at least one MOWHA trail ride to be eligible for the awards.

Awards are based on hours in the saddle (or in the cart). Travel to or from the ride or time after the ride will not count. Hours follow the rider, not the horse. Hours are to be recorded in the log provided or similar format.

Hours are recorded in ½ hour increments. Rides are recorded by hours in order to promote the safe and enjoyable trail ride.

MOWHA Trail Rides count for double hours. MOWHA will host at least two trail rides a year.

Logs are kept from December 1 thru November 30. Logs need to be postmarked by December 5.

All logs should be sent to:

MOWHA
c/o Trail Program Coordinator
7009 Maple Avenue
Castalia, OH 44824

Awards are as follows:

15-25 Hours
25 ½ -50 Hours
50 ½ -75 Hours
75 ½ -100 Hours
100 ½ -125 Hours
125 ½ -150 Hours
150 ½ + Hours (patch plus special award)

Awards will consist of a custom leather patch denoting the hours ridden for the year. Awards will be given at the annual MOWHA High Point Awards Banquet.

MOWHA plans to have a vest or jacket available for purchase by members on which the patch could be displayed. Additional information will be available as soon as possible.

If any member would like to host a MOWHA sanctioned ride, please feel free to contact the Trail Program Coordinator, Terry or Joyce Moyer (419) 684-9490. All sanctioned rides will be advertised in the MOWHA Walker Talker at the next publishing date after being scheduled. Sanctioned rides are not MOWHA Trail Rides and will not count for double points. MOWHA will assist in promoting these rides.

MOWHA Release Form must be signed and on file before the participation in each of the MOWHA hosted trail rides. Release forms will be kept on file with the Trail Coordinator. The organizers of sanctioned trail rides may require this release form if they wish.

MOWHA Trail Rides and MOWHA Sanctioned Trail rides, for insurance purposes, are not considered to be sponsored by MOWHA. Rather, they are considered groups of friends riding together. MOWHA takes no responsibility or liability for accidents or other incidents occurring at these trail rides. Riders participate at their own risk.

Thanks for participating in the MOWHA Trail Program! We look forward to seeing you on the trail.



Release Form

Promoting the Tennessee Walking Horse in Ohio for over 35 years.

This act stipulates that an equine sponsor, equine activity participant, equine professional, veterinarian, farrier, or any other person is not liable in damages in a tort or other civil action for harm that an equine activity participant allegedly sustains during an equine activity, which resulted from the inherent risks of equine activities. However, there are exceptions to this rule: an equine sponsor, equine activity participant, equine professional, veterinarian, farrier, or any other person will be held liable for injuries of an equine activity participant if he or she displays a willful and wanton or intentional disregard for the safety of the participant and if he or she fails to make reasonable and prudent efforts in ensuring the safety of the participant. In addition, an equine sponsor, equine activity participant, equine professional, veterinarian, farrier, or any other person will also be held liable for the injury of an equine activity participant if he or she is injured on the land or at a facility due to a dangerous latent condition of which was known to the equine sponsor, professional or other person. **OH ST § 2305.321**

I fully understand that horseback riding and trail riding are very dangerous activities. I wish to accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to me or my property. In exchange for being permitted to participate in these activities, myself, my heirs, guardians, and legal representatives, I release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against the Mid-Ohio Walking Horse Association, or its landholders or other persons making property available for MOWHA, for any injury (including death) to me or any damage or theft to my property whether from anyone's negligence or not, or any other cause arising out of my participation in these related activities, and I also agree if anyone makes any claims because of any injury to me (including death) or for any damage to my property, I will keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Parent must sign if participate is a minor (under the age of 18 years of age)

ADDRESS: _____

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