



# THE RMHA VERSATILE HORSE AND RIDER PROGRAM RHMA VERSATILE HORSE AND RIDER OF THE YEAR

The RMHA Versatile Horse and Rider Program is designed to recognize the Rocky Mountain Horse, “the horse for all occasions” for its many skills and attributes. One horse and its one youth or adult rider will acquire points based on performances, competitions, demonstrations, trail rides, etc. and accumulate through the year. Awards will be given at the year-end for Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels of accomplishment depending upon the number of points the team has acquired. The horse and rider with the highest total of points for the year will be recognized as the RMHA Versatile Horse and Rider of the Year.

## DIRECTIONS

### Requirements for entry:

- Horse must be registered and certified by the Rocky Mountain Horse Association, with the exception that weanlings-2 yr olds may compete in non-riding activities without being certified.
- Rider must have a participating membership with the Rocky Mountain Horse Association

### Youth designation:

- Youth entries (17 years and younger) use the same form and follow the same rules as adults.

### One Horse/One Rider:

- The RMHA Versatility Program features one horse and one rider each year, however, the rider may change from year to year. Riders may compete w/more than one horse; use separate form for each. That horse may only be ridden by that person. Weanlings- 2yr olds may only have one handler.

### Award Levels:

- Points accumulate through the year based on performances, competitions, demonstrations, trail rides, etc.
- Owner/agent is responsible for documenting points (see below)
- Horse and rider pair achieve the Bronze Level when the team reaches 100 points and over; Silver is 200 points. The Gold Level is awarded when the team has reached 300 points and over.
- The horse and rider with the highest total of points for the year will be recognized as the RMHA Versatile Horse and Rider of the Year.

### Deadline:

- One owner/agent must submit the form and all supporting documentation for each horse and rider pair to the RMHA office by November 30th for each year.
- Late submissions will not be considered for the current year.

### Documentation:

- Evidence about the horse/rider pair for each venue or competition is required in the form of photographs, show bills, receipts, or ride organizer signed letter, etc. that verify participation. For trail miles, using a mileage app or GPS documentation is acceptable, as well as using the RMHA Trail Mileage form.
- Additional sheets may be attached as needed.
- A breed or judge's clinic/certification clinic demonstration, 4H demonstration, drill team or other performance must be made in a public venue and documented as an organized event.
- Demonstrations, events or competitions not listed on the form may be included under the “other” category.

- If there is a question about documentation or an event/competition listed in the “other” category, the RMHA Versatility Committee will review the information submitted and make a decision. Should there continue to be a question, the RMHA Board of Directors will make the final ruling.

**Scoring:**

- No more than 3 scores will be accepted for each competitive or non-competitive venue.
- Each entry form must have at least 5 different venues (either participation or competition) represented.
- For weanlings-2 yr old, 3 different venues are required and a maximum of 3 events per venue.
- While some events are simply based on participation, others may be judged competitions and are based on a 10-point scale. (1st=10 points, 2nd= 9, 3rd= 8, 4th= 7, 5th= 6, 6th= 5, 7th-4, 8th= 3, 9th= 2, 10th = 1)
- For championship classes or events, add 2 extra points for achieving the championship award, and 1 extra point for reserve champion.
- Any activity not listed may be written in and will be assigned points based on difficulty.