

ATTENTION KENTUCKY HORSE BREEDERS:

The RMHA affiliate of the Kentucky Horse Breeders Incentive Fund will receive nominations from the owners of KY born and bred Rockies that will be participating in the incentive program for 2025. In order to receive incentive funds, these nominated horses will have competed in either the show program or in the competitive trail program. The deadline for completing these events is October 31, 2025. Any breeder who owns either the sire or dam of these participating horses is entitled to nominate that sire or dam and receive 10% of the sum earned by the competing horse. These forms and instructions to nominate the sire and/or dam can be downloaded from the RMHA website.

The money awarded will be divided based on the numbers of horses participating in Sanctioned Show Programs and the Competitive Trail Challenge Program (see below). This will be determined by the point placement in those divisions at the end of the year and the rules as established by each trail competition organization and the governing RMHA Sanctioned Show Program.

Requirements for participation in the Competitive Trail Program:

Competitive Trail Challenge Program Overview

EXCA - Extreme Cowboy Association – www.extremecowboyassociation.com

EXCA offers an arena style obstacle competition consisting of up to 13 obstacles in an enclosed area. Your 6 highest scores out of the 13 are tabulated.

ETS – Equine Trail Sports – www.equinetrailsports.com

ETS offers two types of riding obstacle competitions:

Trail Challenge – A relaxing trail ride with judged obstacles placed in camp and on the trail (5-10 miles). Ride at a leisurely pace with friends and family. An unlimited number of obstacles, but at least 6. Your 6 highest scores will be used for tabulation.

Obstacle Course – Any combination of pasture, arena and trail (up to 5 miles) with an unlimited number of obstacles, but at least 8. Your 6 highest scores will be used for tabulation.

IMTCA – International Mountain Trail Challenge Association - <https://imtca.org/>

A competitive event for Mountain Trail and Extreme Mountain Trail is known as a “Challenge”. A Challenge or Show will test a horse and rider’s ability to navigate both natural and man-made obstacles in a safe manner and with technical skills that demonstrate great horsemanship. Each show will have three levels of difficulty that are designed to challenge but not intimidate riders. Attire and tack required for participating must be neat, clean and in good working order.

Competition consisting of up to 13 obstacles in an open trail course area. Your 6 highest scores out of the 13 are tabulated.

NATRC - North American Trail Ride Conference - <https://www.natrc.org/>

AERC - American Endurance Ride Conference - <https://aerc.org/>

Sanctioned Trail Obstacle Competition

Please contact Wendy Montgomery for pre-approval of other obstacle competitions:

Arena Challenge – Stadium type obstacle competition consisting of 8 obstacles in an enclosed area. Your 6 highest scores out of 8 are tabulated.

Trail Challenge – Trail riding 6 miles with 6 natural obstacles. These 6 obstacle scores are tabulated for qualification.

To learn more about each, go online to their website and register there to participate. The RMHA does not manage, write or have feedback into any of these programs. These programs are simply the RMHA's vehicle to award our members for their achievements in competitive trail obstacle competitions.

Registration

Forms are available to download from the RMHA website. Forms must be sent in at the beginning of the competition year. This serves to notify the RMHA of your intent to participate/compete. Download the following forms:

- 2025 RMHA KHBIF Nomination Form
- RMHA Participating Member Membership
- **REMEMBER**

Members are responsible for submitting completed forms.

Three competitive rides are required to qualify for incentive funds. Members may ride as many competitions as they wish, sending in their top three ride scores by October 31st deadline. Upon completion of 3 rides a screen shot or photo copies of their scores as listed on the website along

with the competitive trail submission form are sent to: Wendy Montgomery at bluegrass35@outlook.com. Questions or comments may also be sent here.

Awards

Certificate of Achievement in the Competitive Trail program is given to each qualifying KHBIF horse in the following categories:

- Gold 155 – 180 points
- Silver 130-154 points
- Bronze 90-129 points