

OZARK SADDLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS PROGRAM

The 2009 year end awards will be awarded for total points earned through participation in club activities.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Annual membership fees are \$25 per contestant or \$40 membership for a family,

Completed and signed membership application received

The board must approve membership applications. Anyone not getting board approval will have their membership fee returned.

ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR END AWARDS

Membership fees paid with a completed and signed application on file.

A contestant must have worked a minimum of 15 hours to be eligible for finals and year-end awards.

Must attend finals to receive year end awards

COMPETITIVE AGE GROUPS

There will be 5 competitive age groups.

Contestants age will be determined as of January 1 of the current year.

Contestants may elect to compete in an older level, all points earned in the prior level shall be forfeited

Lead line high point ribbons will be awarded at each event.

7 and under year end points and high point ribbons will be awarded at each event

8 - 12 year end points with no ribbons awarded

13 - 17 year end points with no ribbons awarded

Adult year end points with no ribbons awarded

POINTS AND AWARDS PROGRAM

The accumulation of points through participation in club activities is the basis for awards determination for each year. It is important to understand that there are several types of points that will make up the members tally, and that No points will be recorded for any individual until he or she obtains membership. The following information outlines the program.

Participation Points - A total of 5 points will be awarded to a member for participations in any club sponsored or board approved activity. Examples: Shodeo, Trail ride, Parade,

Performance Points - Points earned by placing in competitive events such as barrel racing, shodeo, roping,

Showing,. The points are allocated as follows,

6 or more contestants in an age group, points will be awarded as follows:

1st place 25 points 4th place 10 points

2nd place 20 points 5th place 5 points

3rd place 15 points

Less than 6 contestants in an age group, points will be awarded as follows:

1st place - 15 points

2nd place - 10 points

3rd place - 5 points

If a non-member places ahead of a member, points will be rolled up to the member.

If entered and a person turns out, no participation point(0) will be given.

WORK POINTS - Points earned for work performed in behalf of the club. These will be earned through work at events in both cook shack or event support. They will also be earned by efforts at planned workdays or other board approved activity. To be eligible for the finals and the year end prizes, each contestant, junior or above, must have worked a minimum of 15 hours. Points will be generated as follows:

2 points per regular hour worked-shodeo, sortings, fun show, poker run, etc.

4 points per special hour worked - Tractor pull, PBR, Sanctioned rodeo, etc.

Except for a scheduled work day, arena or kitchen prep, no points(0) will be given for anyone working on their own, unless it is board approved.

Event supervision will have a sign up sheet at each event and sign ups will be on a first come, first serve basis. The supervisor will be responsible for confirmation of your duties completion at each event.

SPONSORSHIP POINTS - Points earned for selling sponsorship signage or obtaining donations.

Points will be awarded in increments of 5 which will be awarded for each \$50 of value obtained by a member in behalf of the club.

NOTE - The total of both Work and Sponsorship votes will be allowed to make up a maximum of 35% of any member's year end tally. Additionally all points must be earned by the efforts of the individual member, transfer of points or personnel substitution will not be allowed.

AWARDS and PRIZES

Note - The quantity and quality of the awards and prizes will be directly related to the participation of the membership and therefore the success of the club. In other words, the more you enter and ride, the more friends you bring, the more donations or members you obtain, the bigger and better prizes you are competing for.

Year end prizes will be awarded by totaling points earned in the individual age groups. In the case of a tie, contestants will have a tie breaking event selected by the board members which will offer no advantage to any contestant. However, if contestants agree, the flip of a coin may be utilized to determine the winner.

SPECIAL AWARDS

A special year end award will be given for the non board member that earns the most Sponsorship and Work points. Additionally, for each 50 of these points earned, members will receive tickets that will be

put in a pot for a special year end drawing.

A special year end award will be given for the member who earns the most points of any category.

SUSPENSIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Contestants may be disqualified for any one of the following offenses: (should parents of contestants behave in a disorderly manner, it could also result in the disqualification of your child)

Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol in or around the arena.

Fighting.

Mistreatment of stock.

Not being ready to compete when called upon.

Cheating or attempting to cheat.

persons using excessive profanity or threats can be disqualified and /or ejected from the arena.

Excessive violation can result in permanent suspension from club.

GENERAL RULES

All judges decisions are final.

All decisions made by the board are final and they have the right to define any gray area of the rules concerning the club.

No re-run will be given in any event due to default or breakage of contestant s equipment. Borrowed is considered your own.

If a rider falls off his/her horse during competition, it will be considered a no time and a re-ride will not be given. If a horse crosses the time line without a rider, it will be considered a no time.

A contestant must be ready to compete when called. You will get three calls within 60 seconds. After that, you will be considered a no-show and will be disqualified. This rule will be waived for those having difficulty getting their horse into the arena.

Your age group for points will be determined by your age as of Jan. 1st of each year. You have the option of moving up in an age group to compete for points. But if you do this, any points you have received in your respected age group will be dropped and you will not be allowed to compete in any lower age group for points the rest of the year .

Your can not compete in an age group below your age group, you may only move up.

NOTE: Each event or activity may or may not have additional rules that must be adhered to. See the event supervisor for an explanation of this issue.

COMPLAINT CLAUSE

If a contestant feels he/she has a legitimate complaint, he/she will be required to submit a written protest and put up a protest fee of \$100 cash. This complaint will be reviewed by the board at the next meeting.

The board will then rule on the complaint if ruled valid, the protest fee will be refunded to the contestant.

If the complaint is ruled invalid, the protest fee will be put into the club's general fund and be regarded as a donation.