



## **Trails & Pleasure Division General Rulebook**

Welcome to the Trails & Pleasure Division of Washington State Horsemen!

This division is comprised of a group of horsemen that find owning a horse a pleasure and riding them a relaxing hobby. Safety is stressed on the trails, in the arena, at the beach, or just in your own back yard. Humans and horses need to be careful. We try to keep up on trail conditions as the information becomes available.

Each year, our members pay a fee and submit their number of hours ridden. It is a friendly competition between horsemen. This riding information is used by different agencies to track trail use by horsemen. To the rider, it is just fun to see how many hours they ride / drive / lead in a year.

All riding counts including arena, pleasure, and trail. Please note that only your actual riding / in-hand / driving times count. Travel time, grooming, tacking up times do not count and lunging times only count for the in-hand division. Any time spent in actual competition (being judged or timed) does not count, nor does any time spent riding / in-hand / driving for which you receive payment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Trails and Pleasure Director via the contact information provided on the WSH website ([WashingtonStateHorsemen.org](http://WashingtonStateHorsemen.org)).

**SEASON:** The Trails and Pleasure Division's "season" shall run from October 1 to September 30 of each consecutive year for the benefit of point keeping and/or awards.

**FEE FOR REGISTRATION:** WSH members (youth and adult) must submit a \$25.00 fee and registration form to the Trails and Pleasure Director for each horse/rider combination.

As membership in WSH runs January 1 through December 1, WSH members may count their hours from January 1 to February 28 if their WSH membership is renewed by February 28.

**REPORTING OF HOURS:** Hours should be mailed / e-mailed to the Trails and Pleasure Director at least quarterly to assist with points / hour tracking for all riders.

## **Trails and Pleasure - Riding Division**

Activities are divided for Youth and Adult:

1. Youth (17 and under)
2. Adult (18 and over)

What Counts: Hours spent in the saddle (rounding down to the nearest quarter hour). Only non-competitive hours to apply and include the following -

1. Trail riding.
2. Lessons (under saddle) horse actively moving, "forward motion".
3. Arena work (non-competitive).
4. Riding in between classes or events (warm-up).
5. Established Trail Rides, Poker Rides, and CMO's.

What Does NOT Count:

1. Actual time showing or gaming.
2. Transportation.
3. Prep-work such as grooming, tacking, and lunging.
4. Any riding where the rider receives financial compensation.

## **Trails and Pleasure - In-Hand Division**

Activities are divided for Youth and Adult:

1. Youth (17 and under)
2. Adult (18 and over)

What Counts: Hours spent working horse in-hand (rounding down to the nearest quarter hour). Only non-competitive hours to apply and include the following -

1. Arena work (lunge line, trail in hand practice).
2. Any non-competitive in-hand training.
3. Actual trail time (leading in-hand only; ponying does not count).

What Does NOT Count:

1. Actual in-hand competitions.
2. Transportation.
3. Prep work such as grooming and tacking up.
4. Any event where the handler is being financially compensated.

## **Trails and Pleasure - Driving Division**

Activities are divided for Youth and Adult:

1. Youth (17 and under)
2. Adult (18 and over)

What Counts: Hours spent working a horse with cart / in-harness (rounding down to the nearest quarter hour). Only non-competitive hours to apply and include the following -

1. Arena work (lunge line, driving).
2. Any non-competitive driving.
3. Actual trail time (may be in long reins or under cart).

What Does NOT Count:

1. Actual driving competitions.
2. Transportation.
3. Prep work such as grooming and harnessing.