

POA Register of Merit (ROM) Awards

REGISTER OF MERIT (ROM) AWARDS - The Register of Merit (ROM) award has been established to recognize outstanding achievement in halter and performance for Tentative and Permanent registered POAs.

- Points are earned in POAC-approved classes at POAC-approved shows, and at open shows when Open Show Affidavits are submitted according to POAC guidelines.
- Riders may ride more than one pony per class in an individual performance class judged on the pony, and each pony will accumulate points toward its ROM.
- Application for these awards must be made through the POAC Office and the appropriate fees paid (*see Appendix*).
- Upon completion of the required point total, the owner should notify POAC to make the award official. A certificate shall be prepared for the pony and mailed to the owner provided the owner is a member in good standing with the POAC and all fees are paid. Plaques are available for ROM awards, but must be ordered separately by the owner. Plaques for the Supreme Champion awards are ordered by the POAC and awarded to the owner.
- Proper notations for each award will be made to the pedigree certificate and all other records kept on the pony. The pedigree certificate needs to be sent to POAC for notation.
 - ✓ The pedigree certificate of any pony shall be revoked permanently by the POAC if the owner fraudulently advertises, claims or holds forth that this pony is entitled to any awards prior to the title of these awards becoming officially awarded by the POAC.
- The titles and terms given qualified ponies are hereby, and from this date and in the future, reserved by the POAC for its express use and awarded to the ponies that meet the requirements for each award.

REGISTER OF MERIT in NON-TIMED EVENTS - ROM (NT) - This award may be earned by accumulating the required number of points in non-timed events.

- Non-timed events do not include any equitation events, which are judged on the rider, not the pony.
- Ponies born prior to January 1, 1977 are required to accumulate 750 points.
- Ponies born January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1980 are required to accumulate 1000 points.
- Ponies born January 1, 1981 and after are required to accumulate 1000 points, 25% of which (250 points) must be earned at Regional Show, Classic Show and/or the National Congress Show.
- The following classes do not count toward an ROM(NT):
 - ✓ JPFC classes
 - ✓ Leadline classes
 - ✓ Adult 19 & Over classes
 - ✓ Longe Line
 - ✓ In-Hand Trail
 - ✓ Most Colorful
 - ✓ Hunter In Hand
 - ✓ Adult Pleasure Driving
 - ✓ Obstacle Driving - "Gambler's Choice"

REGISTER OF MERIT in TIMED EVENTS - ROM (T) - This award may be earned by accumulating the required number of points in timed events.

- Ponies born prior to January 1, 1977 are required to accumulate 1250 points.
- Ponies born January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1980 are required to accumulate 1500 points.
- Ponies born January 1, 1981 and after are required to accumulate 1500 points, 25% of which (375 points) must be earned at a Regional, Classic and/or the National Congress Show.
- The following classes do not count toward an ROM(T):
 - ✓ Leadline timed events
 - ✓ Calf Daubing
 - ✓ Goat Tail Tying

REGISTER OF MERIT in HALTER - ROM (H) - This award may be earned by accumulating the required number of points in halter classes.

- Ponies born prior to January 1, 1977 are required to accumulate 400 points.
- Ponies born January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1980 are required to accumulate 500 halter points.

- Ponies born January 1, 1981 and after are required to accumulate 500 points, 15% of which (*75 points*) must be earned at a Regional, Classic and/or the National Congress Show.
- All ponies must have been named Grand Champion in at least five shows under five different judges, or have earned a combination of 10 Grand or Reserve Grand Championships under at least five different judges. (*Minimum required for this ROM is one Grand Championship with nine Reserve Grand Championships.*)

POA-REGISTER OF MERIT CHAMPION - POA-ROM Ch. - This award may be earned after the pony has first earned the ROM (NT) or ROM (T) then accumulates the required number of points in halter classes.

- Ponies born prior to January 1, 1977 are required to accumulate 250 halter points.
- Ponies born January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1980 are required to accumulate 350 points
- Ponies born January 1, 1981 and after are required to accumulate 350 points, 15% of which (*53 points*) must be earned at a Regional, Classic and/or the National Congress Show.

SUPREME CHAMPION - Sp.Ch. - Ponies are advanced to the Register of Merit Supreme Champion division when they have previously been awarded the ROM (NT), ROM (T), ROM (H) and the POA-ROM Ch. titles.

- Supreme Champion certificate and plaque will be presented to the owner of the pony at either the next annual membership meeting at the POAC National Convention, the National Congress Show, the International Sale or the Classic Shows, provided that the owner is a member in good standing of the POAC and all ROM fees have been paid in full.

REGISTER OF MERIT in Specific Events - To earn an ROM in a Specific Event, a pony must accumulate 500 points in each class applied for and pay the appropriate fee (see Appendix). A POA may earn only one ROM in each class. Awards Available include:

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| ▪ ROM in Most Colorful - ROM(MC) | ▪ ROM in Cow Cutting - ROM(CC) |
| ▪ ROM in Western Pleasure - ROM(WP) | ▪ ROM in Straight Barrels - ROM(SB) |
| ▪ ROM in Reining - ROM(R) | ▪ ROM in Cloverleaf Barrels - ROM(CB) |
| ▪ ROM in Western Riding - ROM(WR) | ▪ ROM in Keyhole - ROM(K) |
| ▪ ROM in Adult Pleasure Driving - ROM(APD) | ▪ ROM in Flag Race - ROM(FR) |
| ▪ ROM in Youth Pleasure Driving - ROM(YPD) | ▪ ROM in Handy Horse - ROM(HH) |
| ▪ ROM in Costume - ROM(C) | ▪ ROM in Scurry Race - ROM(SR) |
| ▪ ROM in Hunter Under Saddle - ROM(HUS) | ▪ ROM in Roping - ROM (Rp) |
| ▪ ROM in Open Jumping - ROM(OJ) | ▪ ROM in Pole Bending - ROM(PB) |
| ▪ ROM in Hunter Hack - ROM (Hh) | ▪ ROM in Figure 8 Barrels - ROM(FB) |
| ▪ ROM in Hunter Over Fences - ROM(HOF) | ▪ ROM in Single Pole - ROM(SP) |
| ▪ ROM in Trail - ROM (Tr) | ▪ ROM in Figure 8 Stake - ROM(FS) |
| ▪ ROM in 19 & Over classes - ROM(Adult) | ▪ ROM in Combination Dash - ROM(CD) |
| | ▪ ROM in Texas Rollback - ROM(TR) |

REGISTER OF MERIT in Longe Line and In-Hand Trail - To earn an ROM in Longe Line or In-Hand Trail, a pony must accumulate 250 points, with at least 50 points earned at Regional level and higher shows. A pony must accumulate points in each class applied for and pay the appropriate fee (*see Appendix*). A pony may earn only one ROM in each class.

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| ▪ Awards Available | |
| ✓ ROM in Longe Line - ROM(LL) | ✓ ROM in In-Hand Trail - ROM(INT) |

REGISTER OF MERIT in JPFC - JPFC nominated ponies are eligible to earn ROM awards as described in Rule 174.

REGISTER OF MERIT - YOUTH ROM - Points may be accumulated in horsemanship and equitation classes only.

- Must accumulate 500 points and pay appropriate fee with application. Points may be earned over more than one year and on more than one pony.

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