



WESTERN HORSEMEN OF OREGON HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame committee was created in 1984 through combined efforts of Terri Leach, Pam Fletcher, and suggestions from WHO members. The original committee consisted of: Terri Leach, Pam Fletcher, Vicki Wells, Tom Delker, and Ellie West. After the first year Sue Geister replaced Vicki Wells. For the years of 1990-1994 the committee has been: Terri Leach, Pam Fletcher, and Tom Delker.

The Hall of Fame was created to help WHO remember our outstanding horses. We wanted to remember our WHO horses that excelled in pattern horse racing as well as in other areas. We wanted to remember the riders that went with these horses, which was usually more than one rider per horse. These horses should be outstanding above and beyond just speed – but versatile also.

The criterion set up in 1984 is still followed. It consists of:

1. The nominees must be either deceased or retired for five years.
 2. Any interested party can submit an application to the Hall of Fame committee. This application includes a written summary of the horse's accomplishments.
 3. The application must be submitted by October 1st of the year being nominated for.
 4. There are two categories: Hall of Fame and Honorable Mention
- (We started out with three, but ended up dropping the Honor Roll category).

Once it is determined that the horse being nominated meets the criteria, the committee considers the horse for two possible categories – Hall of Fame and Honorable Mention. Each member of the committee has access to the application to review on their own and then an opportunity to suggest which category he/she feels the horse should be submitted to.

In general, we look at a **Hall of Fame** horse as one that:

- Has had many successful years competing in WHO
- Has been successful at Interstate or State Finals for many years
- Has been outstanding with more than one rider
- Has held WHO or Interstate records, Individual and Team
- Compares to horses in Hall of Fame already

The **Honorable Mention** horse is one that:

- Has been successful in WHO competition, Individual and Team
- Has qualified several times for Interstate, Individual and Team
- Has been involved in WHO for many years
- Compares to horses in Honorable Mention already

We need to remind our WHO membership and Hall of Fame committee members that each horse in WHO is special in some way to many people. However, a true Hall of Fame horse is one that is special to WHO – that is to all of us, in everything it did, for many people. Please try to leave biases and prejudices out of the decision making process.



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HALL OF FAME
INFORMATION SHEET
(Application)

Your horse _____ has been submitted as a nominee for the Western Horsemen of Oregon Hall of Fame.

It would be helpful to us, and our selection process if you would answer the following questions and return the form as soon as possible.

1. Full name of horse: _____

2. Owner name: _____

3. Year horse was born: _____

4. Is your horse retired? _____ what year? _____ or deceased? _____ what year? _____

5. Is your horse registered? _____ If yes, what breed? _____

6. How many years did your horse game? _____

7. What W.H.O. rating did your horse achieve? _____

8. Did your horse qualify for Interstate? _____

9. Was your horse used for other competitive events, or other activities? List below: _____

10. Did any other people compete on this horse, for a consistent period of time? If so, who, and how did they do? _____

11. Did this horse even hold any record, individual or team? What records, and which rider? How long did this record hold? _____

12. Please list other people we should contact regarding this horse. Who else knew this horse well and could answer our questions? _____

13. Please write a descriptive essay on this horse, it's accomplishments and honors. Why do you think this horse deserves to be in the Western Horsemen of Oregon's Hall of Fame? Also, copies of articles or publications would be helpful.

Thank you,
The Hall of Fame Committee