

IDAHO MOUNTED ORIENTEERING

GENERAL RULES

RIDER

1. All competitors are welcome, IMO Annual Members and IMO Day Members.
2. Competitors 0 to 17 years old as of January 1 of the current ride year are considered junior riders and must have written permission from a parent or guardian if riding with other than their parent or guardian.
3. Only registered competitors may ride.
4. Competitors may ride alone or as a team of two or more.
5. A team may not split up to find more than one marker at a time.
6. No competitor may tamper with markers or landmarks.
7. Competitors may not intentionally physically interfere with other competitors.
8. Any inhumane treatment of a horse, or violation of the rules, is grounds for disqualification.
9. An individual or team may be disqualified from present competition as disciplinary action for violation of the rules.
10. The use of electronic navigational or communication devices is prohibited.

HORSE

1. All breeds of horses, ponies, mules, etc., are eligible for competition.
2. Minimum age is three years old.

SCORING

1. The time starts when an individual, or first member of a team, gets his/her map.
2. The time stops when an individual, or last member of a team completing the ride, comes to the start/finish line or place. After stopping the time, the ride manager will check a competitor's map to verify the number of markers found.
3. To figure time points, start with competitors who have found the most markers.
4. A competitor or team finishing the course in the least time gets six time points; second least time, five time points, etc., through sixth least time, one point.
5. A competitor or team will acquire, in addition to the time points, two points for each marker found.
6. A competitor or team acquiring the highest number of total points (marker points plus time points) places first; second highest number of total points places second, etc.
7. A team member not completing the ride will still be considered part of the team; however, only marker points earned by him/her and the horse will count toward other IMO awards.
8. Horse, mule, pony, etc., will get the same amount of points as the rider. Any steed that is ridden to set up a ride then ridden in competition on that ride will earn only ride manager points toward high-point year-end awards. Any points earned on the competitive ride will go to lifetime accumulative.

9. Establish a base team by filling out and submitting a Team Designation form at the first ride of the season. Changes to the Team Designation form after the first competitive ride will establish a new base team. Team points for rides before the Team Designation form is filed will not be awarded.
10. At least two members of a base team must be present for team points to count.
11. You can be on more than one base team, but this can preclude you from certain year-end awards. You can be on only one base team per ride.
12. In order to be eligible for the high-point team award, a member of a designated team must participate with that team in at least one-half of the competitive rides during the year.
13. Ride managers and their mounts will receive 16 points for setting up a ride.
14. Annual members and their mounts who ride either the short course or the competitive course with anyone who has never ridden an IMO competitive ride before will earn one lifetime-accumulative point for each rider.
15. Competitors must choose either the competitive course or the short course at registration and cannot earn points for both.
16. Short course riders and their steeds will acquire two points for each of the three short course markers found.
17. All annual members participating in any training ride will receive 10 points to count toward lifetime accumulative awards.
18. Points earned during the current season by a day member will count toward all year-end awards if their annual dues are paid by the last ride.

MANAGEMENT

1. Dates for a training ride and a minimum of seven competitive rides will be selected by the Executive Committee at a meeting held the first Saturday of every November.
2. Ride dates will be assigned at the Ride Managers' meeting held on the day of, and immediately following, the Annual General Meeting.
3. Only IMO Annual Members may manage a ride.
4. All members of a designated team are considered "ride managers" for any ride that any member of the team manages.
5. No team member or person who assists in setting up a ride may compete on the ride.
6. Competitive rides must be designed to be completed in not less than two hours by median-speed riders.
7. The short course and training ride are not timed but should not exceed four hours to complete.
8. Ride managers may make special safety or landowner rules for their ride as long as these rules do not contradict IMO rules.
9. Ride managers may provide a non-competitor to spot check on competitors in the field for violations of the rules.
10. Competitive rides and the training ride must have five markers. The short course must have three markers. The competitive ride and the short course will use the same number one marker. The short course may have two separate markers or share two designated competitive ride markers.

11. Markers must be a white or yellow water resistant plate at least 9 inches in diameter or square, marked with the marker number 1 through 5 and two or more letters (A and B for the short course with two or more numbers) in black, waterproof, durable writing.
12. The ride should start and finish near the number one marker. This marker is used as an example to show competitors how to find a marker and how to mark the map. Competitors are not timed on this marker, but they will get two marker points even if they need to be shown the exact location.
13. Markers must be placed where they can be read from horseback.
14. At least two compass bearing lines from or to recognizable landmarks must intersect for each marker.
15. Markers and artificial landmarks (i.e., flagging) must be removed from the ride area as soon as possible after the ride, but not before the last riders are in.
16. The ride name, ride date, magnetic north and a distance scale must be indicated on the map.
17. Each competitor will receive a map that is an exact copy of the map given to other competitors.
18. No competitor shall have access to the ride map before the day of the ride or before their time starts.
19. No competitor shall receive verbally, or otherwise, more clues than another as to the whereabouts of the markers or the letters on them after the ride has begun until the last rider is in.
20. Start and finish times must be recorded to the nearest second.
21. A start/finish line or place shall be clearly marked.
22. All competitors with the same start time are considered a team for all purposes on the ride even if not on a designated team.
23. All competitors will be timed out at intervals not less than 10 minutes apart. Start times will be chosen at registration on a first-come-first-choice basis.
24. The ride managers' box should be passed on to the next ride's manager at the end of the ride.
25. The Vice-President or other member of the Executive Committee will meet with the Ride Manager before leaving the ride to enter points on the point record sheets and collect the ride registrations and score sheets.
26. The Treasurer or other member of the Executive Committee will meet with the Ride Manager before leaving the ride to tally monies.

OTHER

1. Protests and a \$20 filing fee must be brought to the attention of the ride manager the day of the ride. Ride manager and all competitors present will settle the dispute. Filing fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
2. The Secretary will update any club document as decreed by vote of the General Membership and notify all members of the changes and/or additions.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Annual membership dues are good from January 1st through December 31st, yearly.
2. Individual annual membership: \$20.00.
3. Family annual membership: \$30.00 (includes only children under 21, living at home).
4. Daily membership: \$20 adults, \$5 children 0-17 years.

YEAR-END AWARDS FOR ANNUAL MEMBERS

1. **High-point Awards** (*Yearly accumulated points*)

Team, Male, Female, Junior, Steed

2. **Medallions** (*Lifetime accumulated points, first time a level is reached*)

Rider: Bronze -- 50, 150, 300, 450, 600
Silver -- 750, 900, 1050, 1,200, 1,350
Gold -- 1,500, 1,650, 1,800, 1,950, 2,100
Platinum -- 2,250, 2,400, 2,550, 2,700, 2,850
Crystal -- 3,000, *ad infinitum*

Steed: Bronze -- 200, 400, 600, 800
Silver -- 1,000, 1,200, 1,400, 1,600
Gold -- 1,800, 2,000, 2,200, 2,400
Platinum -- 2,600, 2,800, *ad infinitum*

3. **Ride Manager Awards** (*Every person who helped to put on a ride*)

4. **Merit Award IMO Jacket** (*500 lifetime accumulated points at 500-point intervals*)

5. The Executive Committee will set a base amount for the maximum IMO will pay for each year-end award at their meeting in November. Ride Managers will earn one base amount for each ride they host. Base amounts will be combined for multiple award winners. If a member's choice of award(s) exceeds the maximum IMO will pay, including tax, the member must reimburse IMO the difference upon receiving the award(s). No awards will be given as cash. For reimbursement of member-provided award(s), purchase receipts are required.