



PIHRA 2015 Informational and Member Sign Up Sheet

PIHRA PURPOSE

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PIHRA is an organization whose purpose is to promote and develop Indian Horse Relay by assisting its members, teams and relay event organizers.

PIHRA 2015 Sanctioned Races and PIHRA “All Nations Indian Relay Championships”

For 2015 PIHRA members can earn points during the annual series of relay events that will end in a PIHRA “All Nations Indian Relay Championships” September 24, 25, 26 and 27, 2015 and for year end cash prize awards.

There will be an estimated 11-14 sanctioned races for 2015.

PIHRA POINTS COUNT TOWARD CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONS

Points can be earned at all sanctioned relay races. To qualify for points you must be a member of the association prior to the start of each event.

Championship teams will be chosen by a point system approved by the association. Each event organizer will be contacted by a PIHRA representative and is requested to kindly submit the official event results and team place results to PIHRA.

ONLY PIHRA MEMBER TEAMS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE at the “PIHRA All Nations Indian Relay Championships” held on September 24, 25, 26 and 27th 2015. Entry to the championship event will be by invitation only whereas invitations and seeding will be based upon points earned during the season. There will be cash awards for annual high point winners.

PIHRA Point System

1. Points are awarded each calendar year.

2. To earn points a team must run under the same team name the entire PIHRA race season. Team members may change but the name of the team and captain cannot change without forfeiting all points earned under previous name and the new team with the different name will require a new membership application.
3. To earn points each team must be a member of PIHRA, the Professional Indian Horse Racing Association.
4. Points are accumulated and awarded at PIHRA sanctioned events.
5. Each sanctioned race awards points in accordance with the number of teams entered and subsequent placing of the team in the event championship race or final day of racing.
6. Each team is awarded points in accordance with its place in the championship day races and the number of teams entered.
7. Examples;
 - a. Race A has 12 teams entered. They run 3 heats for two days to determine a championship (final) round. In the championship round the 12 teams run two heats of 6 teams each.

Championship Heat	Team	Place	Points
	A	1	12
	B	2	11
	C	3	10
	D	4	9
	E	5	8
	F	DQ	7
Consolation Heat	G	7	6
	H	8	5
	I	9	4
	J	10	3
	K	DQ	1.5

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- b. In this example if 2 of the teams were disqualified on the first two days of racing and only 10 teams ran in the final day rounds only 10 points would be awarded.
 - c. In case of a tie, or disqualification, teams at that particular level of points take their number of points and divide by the number of teams involved. Note above. Two teams were disqualified in the consolation. Those two places would have been awarded 2 points for 11th place and 1 point for 12th place. Total 2 + 1 = 3 Points. We divide by the 2 teams involved gives us 1.5 points per team.
8. Each sanctioned race organizer will report the official race results to PIHRA.
 9. PIHRA will be responsible for reporting, tallying race results and posting standards on PIHRA website on a regular basis.

2015 TEAM MEMBERSHIP

The cost to be a member of PIHRA for 2015 is \$200 per year if bank check, cash or money order is postmarked by April 15, 2015. The membership fee will be \$300 if paid between April 16 and May 31, 2015. After June 1, 2015 dues will be \$400. Each member will receive 4 PIHRA official tee shirts and one PIHRA official team jacket for the team owner. Payment for these items is included in the membership fee. Membership can be team, individual or event. The membership dues are non refundable.

PIHRA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Safety for the horses, contestants, and spectators is PIHRA's primary concern!

Race and Association Rules:

PIRHA Indian Relay Rules: [The All Nations Indian Relay Championship Races will be run under these rules. Individually sanctioned event relay organizers may already have their own relay race rules or can run under PIHRA rules as they deem appropriate.]

1. 4 warriors and 3 horses per team
2. Team members must be from a federally recognized tribe and be prepared to show proof of tribal enrollment.
3. Traditional tribal regalia (moccasins, breechcloths) is required for riders. Tribal theme oriented regalia is encouraged for other members of teams or traditional ribbon shirts may be worn. Prizes will be rewarded for tribal regalia including period hairstyle, feathers, roach or head dress, war pony decorations, body paint symbols representing personal vision or honors. No cut off trousers, jeans or shorts (athletic shorts or underarmour may be worn under breechcloths).
4. All horses will be marked with traditional tribal war paint and decorations in colors determined by team tradition, draw or assignment. Attached medicine and feathers may be used.
5. All horses will remain on track during entire race.
6. A loose horse on the track disqualifies the team for the heat. A loose horse in the arena is no cause for disqualification unless it wanders onto the track. If the loose horse is the cause of a foul by another team the team fouled will not be disqualified if the box judge determines that the loose horse was a result of a foul by another team. That decision will be made by the box judge where the foul occurred and must be confirmed by the head judge.
7. Races may be timed. Championship race may be determined by points accumulated in qualifying heats, times or money winnings as determined by the event committee. For events awarding points each heat will award points based upon number of teams in heat. If there are 5 teams, first place will receive 5 points, second place 4 points, third place 3 points, etc. If teams are disqualified they will be moved to the bottom and points will be awarded based upon total teams disqualified divided by the number of teams.
8. The start of the race will be controlled by the association starter who will organize racers into position for a fair and impartial start. Races may be standing or mounted as determined by event organizer. PIHRA All Nations Indian Relay Championship races will be a standing start with flag drop and/or gun firing.
9. Teams will be allocated boxes by draw wherein the team members and horses must conduct their exchanges and all team activity involved during the race. Boxes will be next to rail in front of the stadium and will be a minimum of 15 foot wide and 36 feet long if possible. Neutral zones may be established between boxes.
10. PIHRA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

11. PIHRA officials reserve the right to excuse any team for unruly or unfit horses.
12. Absolutely no drinking or drug use before or during the event. Drug and alcohol testing for participants may be done at any time.
13. Alcohol and/or drug use by any team member and/or bad behavior will not be tolerated. This infraction includes unsportsmanlike conduct, animal cruelty and/or arguing with judges or official personnel.
14. PIHRA encourages sanctioned events to adopt standard thoroughbred racing drug standards and testing as part of its protocol.
15. Teams will conduct themselves in a respectful and honorable way while on the relay grounds.
16. Judges and/or veterinarians will inspect all horses for soundness, fitness and vice prior to each event mandatory meeting.
17. Rider must mount horse unassisted and of his own accord.
18. Rider must dismount between exchanges and have at least one foot on the ground before remounting the next horse.
19. All horses must be Indian owned. Proof of ownership may be requested.
20. The use of twitches, horse ear restraint or other restraint devices is prohibited.
21. Disqualifications
 - a. If the team is not on the track by the start of the race.
 - b. No team is allowed more than two (2) false starts.
 - c. Horses cannot be tied to the railing during the race. No lead ropes allowed for restraint during the race.
 - d. If team loses a horse and goes outside the arena area unless this was caused by a foul from another team.
 - e. If a team member is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs on the racetrack or race grounds the relay team will be disqualified for the remainder of the meet.
 - f. The judges may disqualify for any egregious reason at their sole discretion.
22. The decision of the judges in final in all matters.

ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS

PIHRA will strive to attract additional monies to the organization through sponsorships, ad sales, program sales, posters, sale of merchandise or any other vehicles open to us. These moneys will be used to promote relay and benefit members and event organizers. Our goal is obtaining sponsor contributions to provide sanctioned events with additional monies. With this sponsorship money we can add additional prize money and cover the entry fees for member teams and perhaps travel expense money. These objectives can only be accomplished with sponsors and resources. The association will continue to pursue all avenues to generate revenues for the benefit of our members.



TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE - The cost to be a member of PIRHA for 2015 is \$200 per relay season year if the bank check, cash or money order is postmarked on or before April 15, 2015. The membership fee will be \$300 if paid between April 16 and May 31, 2015. After June 1, 2015 dues will be \$400. Each member will receive 4 PIHRA official tee shirts, and a team jacket for the team owner. Payment for these items is included in the membership fee. Membership can be team, individual or event. The membership dues are non refundable.

To earn points team name and captain name MUST remain the same for the relay season. Team members may change.

Team Name_____	Tribe Represented_____
Team Rider_____	Team Captain_____
Holder_____	Address_____
Holder_____	City/State/Zip_____
Mugger_____	Phone Home_____
Team Owner_____	Phone Cell_____
Team Owner Size_____	Email_____
Other Member Sizes- #1_____#2_____#3_____ TEAM COLOR(S):_____	

For More Information Call any of the board members listed above.

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PIHRA FLORIDA – 3500 Fairlane Farms Road, Suite 15, Wellington, FL 33414

INDIAN RELAY TEAM INFORMATION SHEET AND BIOGRAPHY:

TEAM NAME:

HOMETOWN:

RESERVATION:

TEAM RIDER:

COLORS:

HISTORY OF RACES AND WINS: