**EGB Cumbria Group End of Season Trophies – Rules**

**The rules detailed in the EGB Members Handbook apply for Cumbria group trophies, except where specified below.**

**How to Enter**

To enter for the trophies and/or claim distance rosettes, members must complete the Distance and Points Trophy Forms, which can be downloaded from the Cumbria EGB group website. Forms must be returned to the Cumbria Group trophies coordinator by the closing date (see below). Photocopies of the green or yellow competitive master cards and white pleasure mileage cards must accompany each form. To claim points for SERC rides and for all CER rides, a copy of the vet sheet should also be included. For CER rides, ensure your final placing and the number of starters are shown on the vet sheet, or print off the results from the EGB website.

The closing date will be set as **December 31st,** ALL rides from 1st January onwards will be counted in the following year. Late returns will be accepted at the discretion of the Trophies Coordinator – please notify us by email if you intend to enter a late-season ride and we will confirm if this can be included.

**Who is Eligible?**

All Tier 1 & Tier 2 members are eligible for awards for riders and crew and should submit a return for each horse that they have ridden that season providing that they are the “usual rider”; the horse may be owned by them or by someone else. Horses which only do pleasure rides do not need to be registered.

Only horses with a **Paid Annual EGB Horse Subscription** are eligible for the Distance & Points Trophies (the exemption is for ALL Pleasure Ride Classes).

To confirm eligibility for breed trophies, members should submit copies of breed society documentation (e.g. passport) with their first submission.

**Eligible Mileage**

When calculating eligible kms and points **for the horse**, those obtained when being ridden by someone other than the usual rider are still eligible. When calculating eligible kms **for riders**, kms will be considered for other horses ridden by the rider during the season, if evidence is submitted (copy of horse’s MasterCard, vet sheet or EGB result screenshot).

Eligibility for each trophy is verified by cross checking the kms and grades recorded on the master cards, white group cards and SERC vet sheets. Distance verification for competitive rides is always taken from the master card *(N.B. this is different to EGB national awards where it is the distance published in the handbook).*

Eligible Pleasure Rides – In order for a pleasure ride to count as mileage and be recorded on the pink pleasure card it MUST meet the following criteria:

* Be open to all with entry made in advance
* Have a published route distance
* You need to be timed in & timed out by an “official”
* You must be issued a number or another form of identification

If you are unsure whether a ride counts as mileage, you can clarify this at the time of the ride or when submitting results

To be eligible for ALL awards and trophies then the horse must have started at least one EGB ride in that year, this can be a National Ride or Pleasure ride with any EGB group.

An Open/Advance horse may enter a Novice class, in which case the minimum speed is 8km/hr for a pass and a grade will be awarded as per the Novice grading chart. However, no grading points will be awarded, only distance.

In the interests of fairness, horses beyond their first competitive season who have elected to remain at Novice and not upgrade to Open, competing in a Novice class, will also only be awarded points for the distance - not for the grade.

CER rides are those of 80k and over. CER’s in SERC of less than 80k do not count, as they don’t exist in the EGB points tables, these rides will instead be allocated points as a GER.

**SERC Rides & Eligibility**

When calculating grading points for SERC rides, the **first** heart rate taken should be used to convert to an EGB grading as per the grading tables in the EGB Handbook.

For Cumbria group trophies, **all SERC rides are eligible** (*note -* *the 60/40% EGB national rule does not apply*).

If submitting SERC rides, the Vet Sheet must also be submitted

**Age of Horse / Rider**

The age of the horse is deemed to change on the 1st Jan of the current year irrespective of the actual date of birth, e.g. a horse born on the 1st May 2013 would be deemed to be

12 yrs old for the 2025 season. This method is also adopted when assessing eligibility for the Veteran Rider trophy (age 60 and over) and Young Rider Trophies (under 21).

**Distance Awards**

The Awards Co-ordinator will maintain a record of kms for each horse and will award distance rosettes each year based on the returns submitted. If kms are not claimed in any one year, they can be carried over and claimed in a later year, however carried-over kms are not eligible for trophies, i.e. only kms ridden in 2025 can be counted for the 2025 trophy awards etc. Rosettes are awarded for horses owned or competed on by Tier 1 & Tier 2 Cumbria members and DO NOT need an Annual EGB Subscription, on completion of 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 750 and 1000 kms, then at 500km intervals thereafter. In addition, silver plates are awarded for 5,000 and 10,000 kms.

**General Rules**

* A horse is deemed to have started a ride if it has been presented for the pre-ride vetting.
* If a horse is withdrawn before finishing a ride, the kms can only be counted if the “Vet Gate” vetting was successfully passed
* All members must help at a Cumbria EGB group or national ride each year to be eligible for trophies and mileage rosettes. This should be recorded on the white group card and signed by the ride organiser. Members are encouraged to help at least one further ride.
* If an anomaly is discovered during validation, the Awards Co-ordinator has discretion to seek further validation from the member or from other records (i.e. Clubhouse).