

2020 AWARDS

Earlier this spring when it was still unclear as to whether or not we would even be able to have any rides, the board decided to align the awards program with whatever the ride season would eventually evolve into, and designated any rider fees from 2020 to be used exclusively for the purchasing of awards. As of late August, we have actually been able to have 8 rides out of the originally scheduled 37. There have been 20 cancellations to date. While there are still 9 rides remaining on the schedule, and a few of those have been re-sanctioned by AERC, it is still a day-by-day struggle to know with any certainty how many additional rides will actually take place.

In an effort to bring some clarity to an uncertain ride season, the UMECRA Board of Directors would like to re-assure members that award recognition for this abbreviated season will happen. Awards will be determined in the same manner as has been done in previous years. First, competitors must meet the minimum requirements for an award and second, the finalists for awards will be determined by those competitors accruing the highest number of points and/or miles in the different award categories. If, however, no one ends up meeting the minimum requirements, some type of recognition will still be given to acknowledge the rider's/driver's participation.

With any luck, all of the rides remaining on the schedule will take place. If that happens it is much more likely that we will have people not only meeting minimum requirements but actually competing for placings within the different award categories.

In either case, UMECRA is preparing to acknowledge the achievements members are able to accomplish in this unprecedented year. Please remember that the fees collected from the 2020 entries will determine the extent of the awards program. So, the bottom line is, we will have some type of awards this year but the monetary value of those awards may be less than those of past ride seasons.

I hope this helps to clear up some of the concerns associated with awards during a topsy-turvy ride season. Please remember to be safe and as always, feel free to contact me or other board members if you have any questions/suggestions.

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