

# Distance Horse National Championships Open Ride Flyer

AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA & ASHBA

AERC/AHA/SERA Big South Fork Open Rides

September 10-12, 2021

Big South Fork Site in Oneida, TN



## OPEN ENTRY INFORMATION

### ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

Entries must be submitted on a 2021 Distance Horse National Championships Official Entry Form. One rider per entry form. All participants must sign the AHA/ApHC/PFHA/PShR/AMHA/ATAA/ASHBA Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement to participate in the event.

Open Entries must be submitted with:

- Total registration fees.
- Information filled out as complete as possible.

### OPEN ENTRIES- BIG SOUTH FORK RIDES

All equines are welcome to enter the Open Rides. Competitors who participate in any of the Open rides must follow the rules/procedures outlined in this document in addition to AERC and AHA Rules, and will follow the direction of Ride Management, Vet/Judges and the AHA Steward. Riders who are not members of AHA with Competition Level Membership are encouraged to carry personal excess liability insurance, but it is not required. Entries for Open competitors must be filled out as completely as possible on the Entry Form. If the horse is registered with AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA or ASHBA please indicate correct Registry(s) and Registration Number(s); otherwise at a minimum the name and breed of the horse (if known) should be provided on the Entry Form. The Ride Secretary will assign numbers based on order in which the entries are received. **If you are part of the AHA Achievement Award program or AHA Distance Horse Award program you may NOT submit an Open Ride Reporting Form for the Open Ride(s) as the ride is already recorded through AHA.** The Open Rides are sanctioned by AHA (Arabian Horse Association), AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference) and SERA (Southeast Endurance Ride Association.) The Rulebook for AERC may be found at [https://aerc.org/static/Rules\\_Current.pdf](https://aerc.org/static/Rules_Current.pdf). Open Competitive Trail rides will be run under the AHA CTR rules which can be found at <https://arabianhorses.org/.content/aha-handbooks/current-handbook/CHAPTER16.pdf> and is recognized by AHA alone.

### PAYMENTS

Payments must be submitted **in full** at the time of entry and can be made by check or credit card; credit cards submitted in the office are subject to a 3% convenience fee. Please make checks payable to AHA. Entry fee includes award dinner the day the participant is competing. Cash and check payments are encouraged at the ride site.

### CLOSE OF ENTRIES

- Entries are accepted up to Vet Check-In for each ride.
- Close of the **Early Bird Discount is August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**; to be eligible the entry must be electronically postmarked or received in the AHA office by that date.
- Entries received in the AHA office between, **August 20 and September 3, 2021** will be accepted. However these entries will not be eligible for the Early Bird Discount. After September 3<sup>rd</sup> all entries **MUST** be hand carried to the ride site.
- **Any Ride Entry received at the ride is subject to a \$25 late entry fee.**
- Please keep a copy of your entry form (and all supporting documents) for your own records and bring it with you to the ride.

Entries can be mailed, faxed or emailed.

Mail to:  
AHA Distance Nationals Attn: Paige  
10805 E. Bethany Dr. in Aurora, CO 80014

Fax to:  
303-696-4599

Email to:  
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### REFUNDS

Entry fees less a **\$30.00** office fee will be refunded only for illness or injury of horse or rider, provided an acceptable explanation of the circumstances is delivered to Ride Management prior to start of the ride. Ride Management will review all other requests for a refund. All refunds will be processed after the event and will be sent by mail or refunded directly to the credit card provided at time of entry.

### ENTRY REFUSALS

Ride Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel any entries of any exhibitor as stated in the current AHA Handbook.

### SUBSTITUTIONS

A horse/rider may be substituted if the following conditions are met:

- Veterinarian/Doctor certificate attesting to illness or injury of the horse/rider is received prior to or at Check-In.
- A new entry form is filled out for the substitute.

## **OPEN & LD CHALLENGE MEMBERSHIP**

Open Ride participants are not required to hold membership with the Arabian Horse Association, the Appaloosa Horse Club, the Paso Fino Horse Association, the Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry, the American Morgan Horse Association, the Akhal-Teke Association of America or the American Saddlebred Horse & Breeders Association. However riders who are competing in the Open Rides for AHA program benefits must hold a current AHA Competition Level Membership Card.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **OPEN BIG SOUTH FORK RIDES**

No additional qualifications, beyond the AERC equine age, are required for the Open Big South Fork rides.

### **LD CHALLENGE**

No qualifications are required. Must be entered in all 3 days of LD rides on the entry form and pay the \$25 LD Challenge fee for the event (you may not designate as being in the Challenge following the first days ride.) The LD Challenge is sponsored by the Arabian Horse Association and is open to all equines.

## **AWARDS**

### **OPEN BIG SOUTH FORK RIDE AWARDS**

The Open rides will receive appropriate awards for First to Finish (Endurance); Highpoint (CTR); Top Ten; Completion; Best Condition (Endurance); Turtle (Endurance); Top Junior. Additional awards & prizes may be presented by ride sponsors. AMHA also is offering an award for any registered Morgan who enters and finishes the Open CTR or LD Challenge; the rider of this horse must also meet AMHA membership requirements.

### **LD CHALLENGE AWARDS**

The LD Challenge will award appropriate awards for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place and will award a completion award for all riders that complete the ride.

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