

Distance Horse National Championships Ride Flyer

AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA & ASHBA
AERC/AHA Big South Fork Open Rides
September 10-12, 2021
Big South Fork Site in Oneida, TN



GENERAL RIDE INFORMATION

OFFICIAL RIDE TIME

The Official Timer records the official time using the time clock(s) placed in the timing area; the time called and/or written is the official time.

LD CHALLENGE

This Challenge will be open to any rider/equine combination that plans to ride all 3 days (25 miles a day) in the Open LD rides. The rider must pay the \$20 entry fee for the LD Challenge before the start of the first day. This is in addition to the entry fee for each individual open ride. Because we encourage the very best care of our horses, all LD riders must reach a **60** for pulse down criteria and will have a CRI in the final Vet Check for each day. On the 3rd day, the entries in the LD Challenge will have a final Vet Check score. The placings for the 3 days will be converted into a point score which will be added to the point score for the final Vet Check to determine the 1st-5th winners. All rules are available on the AHA Distance National Webpage under Rider Information which can be found at www.arabianhorses.org/DNL.

DRUG TESTING

Ride Management reserves the right to require drug testing for any horse competing in the Event at any time during the event.

HELMETS

Ride Management strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI), securely fastened while mounted. All juniors are **REQUIRED** to wear protective headgear (ATSM/SEI), securely fastened while mounted.

INDEMNITY & NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Arabian Horse Association (AHA), AHA Region 12, Knoxville Arabian Horse Club (KAHC), Southeast Endurance Riders Association (SERA), the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC), the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA), the Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR), the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA), the Akhal-Teke Association of America (ATAA), the American Saddlebred Horse & Breeders Association (ASHBA) and their officers, officials, employees, and volunteers will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by him/her and shall indemnify the AHA, AHA Region 12, Knoxville Arabian Horse Club (KAHC), Southeast Endurance Riders Association, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA, ASHBA against any and all losses, damages, and liability thus occasioned, including but not limited to all legal costs, including attorney fees, which may be incurred. The submitting of any official entry form to the Ride Secretary shall constitute an acceptance of these provisions by each person signing the entry form.

VET/JUDGES

Control Vet/Judges are required to score and judge the ride in accordance with the AHA Competitive Trail Ride and Endurance Ride Rules printed in the current AHA Handbook and/or AERC Rulebook. AHA Score cards will be used for scoring the CTR. AHA reserves the right to substitute a Control Vet/Judge. **All decisions of the Control Vet/Judges are final.** Open Rides will be judged as defined in the AERC Rulebook and the AHA Handbook.

JUNIOR RIDERS

A junior rider is an individual who has not reached his/her 19th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year (2020). Juniors **MUST** wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI). If the junior rider is found to be riding without the proper use of protective headgear, disciplinary action up to and including disqualification may occur. Juniors may participate in a ride only with the written consent of a parent or guardian on their entry form. Juniors are not allowed to ride stallions. For the Competitive Trail Ride National Championship, a junior under the age of 16 as of December 1st of the previous year (2020) must ride with a sponsor. The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older as of December 1st, 2020) and must be duly entered as a competitor in the event and sponsorship must be documented on the junior's entry form, complete with the sponsor's signature. Junior and sponsor must ride together at all times. (See AHA Handbook for more information). For the Endurance National Championship Rides, AHA will also follow the rules outlined by AERC concerning junior riders.

PHOTOGRAPHS

All competitors, volunteers, and attendees at the ride automatically grant AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA, ASHBA and the official ride photographer(s) permission to publish any photos taken at the event. No written release is required for AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA and ASHBA to publish these photos in promotional materials, including but not limited to magazines, flyers, brochures, websites and banners.

PROTESTS AND FORMAL LETTERS OF COMPLAINT

Disagreements as to procedure and rules interpretation may be submitted to the AHA Ride Steward for ruling. If there is a disagreement after the Stewards ruling, or if the Steward did not make a ruling, a Protest or Formal Letter of Complaint must be filed with AHA in accordance with the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook.

RIDE CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE

The Arabian Horse Association reserves the right to change the ride dates and/or ride location or to cancel the ride altogether. In the event of cancellation, all fees will be refunded. Neither Ride Management nor AHA/ApHC/PFHA/PShR/AMHA/ATAA/ASHBA shall have any liability to any competitor, owner, or other person, firm or corporation by reason of any change or cancellation of the ride, except for the return of the aforementioned fees.

RIDE & TIE

Ride & Tie will be available at the event please contact Joanne at jfgmhorse@gmail.com.

STALLIONS

Junior Riders may not ride stallions. Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Riders must have a negative Coggins Test Certificate dated within 12 months and a Health Certificate dated within 30 days. Some states require the original Coggins document to travel between states, make sure to check the rules of the states you will be traveling through to verify if any additional documentation is needed.

MEALS

A coupon will be provided for the exhibitor's award dinner(s) on the day(s) of competition (one coupon per ride). Additional meals can be purchased on the entry form and are encouraged to be designated before the ride however they can also be purchased onsite. Breakfast and lunch will be the responsibility of the competitor and attendees.

CAMPING

Basecamp facilities at the Appaloosa Field will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Basecamp spots are primitive with no water or electrical hookups, there is however potable water nearby. There is horse water that will be available at Basecamp. Port-O-Potties will be brought into basecamp for the duration of the event. Basecamp spots cannot be reserved and are no additional charge.

OTHER CAMPING FACILITIES

Other camping is located within ¼ mile of basecamp. The Bandy Creek National Park Service campground has water and electric camping sites available. Competitors wishing to camp in the NPS campground will also have to stable their horses in the Bandy Creek Stables. Campground reservations for sites within Big South Fork can now be made through National Recreation Reservation Service by calling 1-877-444-6777 or online at the National Recreation Reservation Service web site. Bandy Creek Stable reservations can be made through www.BandyCreekStables.com or BandyCreekStables@GMail.com.

DOGS

Dogs must be on leashes or otherwise restrained at all times. Dogs are not allowed in the dining area.

TERRAIN

Trails are mostly woods horse trail and old logging roads with excellent dirt footing. There is a nice mixture of easy, flat soft footing and hills, including several 500 ft changes in elevation. There are some rocky sections when climbing in and out of the creek and river gorges, and some gravel. Hoof protection is recommended. Creeks for water are plentiful. The trails are well maintained and will be well marked with signs and ribbons. We have not determined the exact trails we will be using. If we have an away Vet Check(s) we will transport crewless competitors gear to the Vet Check(s). We will attempt to have different sets of trails for every day's competition. Depending on weather and trail conditions at the time of the ride you may be crossing the river.

WEATHER

Weather in the fall is usually nice but can be unpredictable. Please come prepared for all weather conditions. Average high is 79F and average low is 55F. Sunrise is around 7:00 AM and sunset will be around 7:00 PM.

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