



Distance Horse National Championships General Info Flyer

AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA & ASHBA
AERC / AHA / SERA / SEDRA Iron Mountain Jubilee Open Rides
August 23-25, 2024
Cripple Creek, VA

GENERAL RIDE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFO

Hoof protection is REQUIRED for distances longer than 30 Miles and highly recommended for LD competitors. Helmets (ASTM/SEI), securely fastened while mounted, are REQUIRED for all competitors at the event per the Forest Service, NO EXCEPTIONS. Ride Camp is located at 4104 Cripple Creek Rd, Cripple Creek, VA. Please download directions to the event and do NOT rely strictly on your GPS. These trails are maintained by the Back Country Horseman of the Virginia Highlands Trail Fund; if you would like to show your support, please see the entry form to make a donation.

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 in the Open LD rides. The rider must pay the \$25 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, the pulse criteria will be **60** for all LD riders at all pulse checks including completion 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.

INDEMNITY & NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Arabian Horse Association (AHA), AHA Region 15, Ride Management 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 15, Ride Management, 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 AERC Rulebook. AHA Score cards will be used for scoring the 40 Mile 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 (2023). 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, entered in the CTR only, 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 (2023) must ride with a sponsor. The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older as of December 1st, 2023) 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 & 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.

STALLIONS

Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times. No Juniors are allowed to ride Stallions during the event. They must also be double tied (two halters & two lead ropes) to trailer, hitching post, or high tie when not being ridden or handled. They may be tied with a single halter and lead rope if also enclosed in a charged electric fence or in a secure pen provided by campground. Alternative containment options may be approved by Ride Management. This is for the safety of all competitors and horses at the event.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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

Dinners will be provided by ride management and are provided to riders on the day(s) they compete. Additional meals (for crew, family, etc) can be purchased for \$10 each via the official Entry Form and on-site at the ride; please indicate how many are needed prior to the ride. Breakfast and lunch will be the responsibility of the competitor and attendees.

CAMPING

Camping at Triple C is primitive in a field. There are no stalls available. Please be prepared to stable your horse at your trailer with portable corrals, pens, tying to the trailer or high tie (no trees available for tying). The field is slightly sloped so bring levelers for your trailer wheels. If you arrive and need help getting level come find some help. Please come with your water tanks full. We will have plenty stockpiled but most of the water will be hauled in by the fire department and our volunteers, since we are on an old well, so please don't waste water, thanks!

Please see a parking attendant before parking your rig.

Please collect manure in your tubs and someone will pick it up with a spreader. If you are in an outlying area you can scatter you manure. If your horse digs up his area at all there will be grass seed available for you to spread. Please leave no trace, this is our private place and we will be the ones that will have to clean up any messes in the end.

DOGS

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

TERRAIN

The Iron Mountain Jubilee is a beautiful, challenging but doable and enjoyable mountain endurance ride. The trail is strenuous so horses should be fit. The scenery is breathtaking! The weather can range from warm to quite cool, especially at night, so come prepared. You will be riding primarily the Virginia Highlands Horse Trail and the Iron Mountain Trail with several connecting trails. This is a mountain ride and the real race is with the trail and negotiating it with safety and efficiency will be the key to success. Use strategy in your ride plan to maximize your horse's energy and enjoy the journey along the way. The terrain features some long climbs interspersed with good moving out areas, if the terrain says trot, then trot. You won't want to waste time, here's where the saying "never hurry, never tarry" will serve you well. The footing is variable with good footing mixed with some rocky areas and sections of gravel road. **Hoof protection of some kind is required for the 50/100 mile distances and highly recommended for the shorter distances. Also Helmets are required for all riders as per our Forest Service permit!** Please be freshly shod or if you use boots, have the bugs worked out at home. There will be a farrier and treatment vet on site. Payment is the responsibility of the rider/owner.

WEATHER

This is the Virginia Mountains! The weather here is usually beginning to cool off at this time of the year. The highest temperature for our ride over the past decade was 86 the lowest was 45. The average high temperature for the ride is 79. We have historically had very little rain on the weekend of the ride but it is possible.

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