



2017 Distance Horse National Championships & Owyhee Canyonlands Pioneer Open Rides Event Flyer October 6-8, Oreana, ID

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

Entries must be submitted on a 2017 Official Entry Form. One rider per entry form. All Championship entries must enter and pay the fees for their corresponding Open ride. All participants must sign the AHA/ApHC/PFHA Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement to participate in the event.

AHA National Championship Entries must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Proof of qualifying rides.**
- **Copies of AHA Competition Level Membership Cards.**
- A photocopy of the **Certificate of Registration** showing current recorded ownership.

ANCER Entries must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** on the entry form agreeing to the ApHC Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. In the case of a rider under 18, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry blank on the minor's behalf. If the owner and rider are the same, the owner must sign both spaces.
- **Proof of qualifying rides.**

PFHA Entries must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** must be on the entry form. Both must agree to the PFHA Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. If the rider is a junior, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry form. If the owner and rider are the same, that person must sign in both places.
- **Proof of qualifying rides** (this should be a print out of both the horse's and the rider's AERC record of the qualifying rides; the entire AERC record does NOT need to be submitted, only the page(s) with the pertinent rides.)

OPEN ENTRIES

All breeds 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, Judges and 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 complete as possible on the Entry Form. If the horse is registered with AHA, ApHC, or PFHA please indicate correct Registry(s) and Registration Number(s); otherwise at a minimum the name and breed of the horse must be provided on the Entry Form. The Ride Secretary will assign numbers based on order in which entries are received.

PAYMENTS

Payments must be submitted in full and can be made by check or credit card. Please make checks payable to AHA. Entry fee includes award dinner the day the participant is competing.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

- Close of the Early Bird Drawing is **September 18, 2017**.
- Entries received in the AHA office between, **September 19 and October 2, 2017** will be accepted. However these entries will not be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing. Entries will also be accepted at the ride site.
- 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 entries to:
AHA Distance Nationals
10805 E. Bethany Dr.
Aurora, CO 80014

Fax entries to:
Fax: 303-696-4599

Email entries to:
Email: paige.lockard@arabianhorses.org

POST ENTRIES

After October 2nd all entries must be hand carried to the event. Proof of qualifying rides must be brought with the entry at time of Check-In. Entries are accepted up to Vet Check-In for each ride. Please keep a copy of your entry form and all supporting documents for your own records and bring it with you to the ride.

REFUNDS

Entry fees less a \$25.00 office fee will be refunded 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.

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:

- The substitute horse meets all eligibility and qualification requirements.
- 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 MEMBERSHIP

Open Ride participants are not required to hold membership with the Arabian Horse Association, the Appaloosa Horse Club, or the Paso Fino Horse Association. Riders who are competing in the Open Rides for AHA program benefits must hold a current AHA Competition Level Membership Card. Please see "Open Entries" for further rules regarding Open Ride participants.

AHA MEMBERSHIP

To compete in the AHA National Championship Rides, Competition Level Membership is required for the **rider and owner** of the horse. A Base Membership does not make you eligible to compete. For Post-Entries at the ride, you must bring AHA Competition Cards with you to the ride. If you are not a current member, you may sign up as an AHA member online at www.arabianhorses.org, call the Membership & Registration Department at (303) 696-4500 option #2, or complete a Membership application at the ride.

ApHC MEMBERSHIP

To compete in the Appaloosa National Championship Endurance Ride the Rider and Owner must be a current ApHC member and in good standing. For more information regarding membership or joining the ApHC Distance Program you may go online to www.appaloosa.com, phone the office at 208-882-5578, or mail questions to

Appaloosa Horse Club
2720 W Pullman Rd
Moscow, ID 83843

PFHA MEMBERSHIP

In order to compete in the PFHA National Distance Championship Ride both the horse owner and rider (including junior riders) must be current PFHA members in good standing. To inquire about obtaining membership, please contact PFHA at www.pfha.org.

QUALIFICATIONS

AHA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RIDES

HORSE must:

- Be owned by an AHA member with Competition Level Membership and be registered with the Arabian Horse Association, the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Register and a copy of registration papers filed with ride management prior to start of the ride.
- Be at least 5 years of actual age (60 months) by registration papers, with the exception of the 100-mile entries which must be 6 years of actual age (72 months).
- Must not be currently owned, managed, or trained by the judge or ride steward.
- One or more riders may have ridden qualifying miles for a single horse and a single rider may qualify more than one horse.

COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

- Horses must have completed 100 miles in the previous two calendar years.
- 50 of those miles must be completed in an AHA recognized competitive trail ride.
- Ride distances must be no less than 25 miles.
- Horses that place Top Five in a Regional Championship ride within the previous two calendar years are automatically qualified.
- Previous National Reserve Champions are qualified for the next four years.
- Previous National Champions are qualified for life and may re-enter any corresponding National or Regional ride.

50 MILE ENDURANCE

- Horses must have a minimum of 200 **lifetime** miles.
- Each distance must be a minimum of 50 miles and completed within the maximum time allowed.

100 MILE ENDURANCE

- Horses must have 300 **lifetime** miles.
- 100 of these miles must have been completed consecutively. (i.e.: a one day 100 mile or two 50 mile rides back to back in two days.)
- Each distance must be a minimum of 50 miles and completed within the maximum time allowed.

ApHC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE

- The horse must be registered with the ApHC. If non-characteristic, must be CPO or Performance Permit-enrolled
- Horse must be at least five (5) years of age on date of ride
- The horse must be currently enrolled in the ApHC Distance Program
- Both the horse and rider must have completed 100 lifetime distance miles. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse/rider team entering. The 100 distance miles can be accumulated from endurance and/or competitive trail rides of 25 miles or longer. However, 50 of those miles must have been earned on a successfully-completed 50-mile endurance ride. Documentation of this mileage will be requested but does not have to be a part of the ApHC Distance Program.
- Horses and riders must be qualified just prior to the ride
- Riders age 16 & under are not required to qualify, but must ride a qualified horse with an adult sponsor.

PFHA NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE

- The horse must be registered with PFHA.
- The horse must be at least 5 years old on the day of the ride.
- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 50 or more miles in a day prior to the start of the Championship. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

OPEN RIDES

The Open Endurance rides have also been sanctioned with the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC). The Rulebook for AERC may be found at 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/CHAPTER13.pdf>

GENERAL INFORMATION

AHA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

There are two divisions per National Championship Event: Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. Separate awards will be presented to each division as follows:

- **Champion:** Champion Silver Trophy, and Champion Ribbon
- **Reserve Champion:** Reserve Champion Bronze Trophy, and Reserve Champion Ribbon
- **Top Ten:** Top Ten Plaque, and Top Ten Ribbon will be given to the remaining Top Ten.
- **Completion:** Completion belt buckle. Riders have the option to trade out the buckle for a completion cuff (bracelet). Riders are encouraged to designate their preference on the entry form and pay the additional fee for a cuff in advance. Should a rider not complete the fee will be refunded.
- **Best Condition:** A special award will be given to the Rider whose mount is determined to be the Best Conditioned horse in the Endurance divisions.
- **Junior Riders:** A special award will be given to the Junior Rider (age 18 and under) who is first to finish in each AHA National Championship Ride.
- **Miscellaneous:** Additional awards & prizes may be presented by ride sponsors.

ApHC CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- The Appaloosa successfully completing the ride in the shortest time will be titled the ApHC National Champion and will receive a National Championship trophy, an Embroidered Award Jacket and a gift certificate. There will not be separate weight divisions.
- The George Hatley Cup (a perpetual trophy) will be awarded to the horse, judged by the ride veterinarian, to be Best Condition at the end of the race. Only the first 10 Appaloosas will be considered for the Best Condition award and they must successfully complete the ride within 2 hours from the time the first Appaloosas crosses the finish line. Any horse that comes in after the 2 hour time limit will not be considered for the Best Condition award. The George Hatley Cup is a perpetual trophy that the award winner will keep for a one-year period. The name of the horse earning the award will be added to the trophy. The rider will receive a silver belt buckle.
- First Junior will receive a special award
- Championship Ribbons are awarded to the top ten finishers
- All competitors registering before September 18, 2017 will be given an ANCER t-shirt.

PFHA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- The first Paso Fino Horse to successfully complete the Championship Ride will be awarded the title PFHA National Distance Champion and the Championship Trophy and Ribbon.

- The second Paso Fino Horse to successfully complete the Championship Ride will be awarded the title PFHA National Distance Reserve Champion and the Reserve Championship Trophy and Ribbon.
- Paso Fino Horses successfully completing the ride in third through tenth place will receive a Championship Ribbon. There will be no separate weight divisions.
- The Paso Fino Horse earning Best Condition on the ride will be awarded an embroidered PFHA National Distance Championship blanket (this will not be available at the ride since size and the horse's name will not be known) and a PFHA National Distance Championship Best Condition Plaque.
- The first junior rider to successfully complete the ride will receive a special award.

OPEN RIDE AWARDS

The Open rides will receive appropriate awards for First to Finish (Endurance)/Highpoint (CTR); Top Ten (Endurance); Top Six (CTR); Completion; Best Condition (Endurance). Additional awards & prizes may be presented by ride sponsors.

CAMPING FACILITIES

Camping facilities will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Camping spots do not need to be reserved and can be paid for when you arrive. There is a one-time fee of \$10 per RIDER for camping.

Horse pens will be available for \$50 and must be reserved. Reservations must be made through Steph Teeter at (208)473-4877 or steph@edurance.net.

The Arabian Horse Association is not responsible for reservations.

DOGS

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

DRUG TESTING

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

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Idaho State Law requires original negative Coggins papers dated within 12 months of the ride, to be presented on all equines in camp. Health papers dated within 30 days of the ride must be presented on all out of state equines.

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 4, the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC), the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA), 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 4, ApHC, and PFHA 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.

JUDGES

Control 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. AHA Score cards will be used. AHA reserves the right to substitute a Control Judge. All decisions of the Control 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 (2016). 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 December 1st of the previous year (2016) must ride with a sponsor. The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older as of December 1st, 2016) 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.

MEALS

A coupon will be provided for the participant's award dinner(s) on the day(s) of competition (one coupon per ride). Additional meals can be purchased at the ride. Breakfast and lunch will be the responsibility of the competitor.

PHOTOGRAPHS

All competitors who attend this ride automatically grant AHA, ApHC, and PFHA permission to publish photos taken by AHA, ApHC, PFHA and official ride photographers and/or staff in which they and/or their horses appear. No written release is required for AHA, ApHC, and PFHA to publish these photos in its promotional materials.

BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES

The AHA National Distance Rides **ARE** eligible for Sweepstakes Prize Money. There is \$1000 available for the National 50 Mile Endurance, \$1000 available for the National 100 Mile Endurance Ride, and \$1000 available for the National CTR. Prize Money combines PB/HA/AA for each National Ride, goes off of the 50% rule, and is paid out to Breeders Sweepstakes horses. For more information on the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program please contact the AHA Competitions Department at 303-696-4500 (option #4) or you may go online to <https://arabianhorses.org/competition/prize-money-programs/breeders-sweeps/index.html>.

PROTESTS AND FORMAL LETTERS OF COMPLAINT

Disagreements as to procedure and rules interpretation may be submitted to the 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 may be filed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook.

RIDE CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE

AHA reserves the right to change the ride dates and/or ride location or to cancel the ride altogether. In the event of cancellation, entry and meal fees will be refunded. Neither the Ride Management nor AHA/ApHC/PFHA 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

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

TERRAIN

The trail consists of varied terrain with hills and flat ground. Please be prepared for a high-desert setting. This is not barefoot type terrain, it is highly suggested that you bring protective hoof gear. In addition, flies are common in this area and can be present in high volume, please be sure to bring fly control.

WEATHER

Weather in the fall is usually nice, but can be unpredictable. Please come prepared for all weather conditions. Average high is 74F and average low is 33F. Sunrise is around 7:30AM and sunset will be around 7:30PM.

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