



# Distance Horse National Championships Ride Flyer

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

### AERC/AHA Autumn Sun Pioneer Open Rides

#### September 30-October 2, 2022

#### Autumn Sun Pioneer Site in Gooding, ID

## 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 \$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, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> winners. All rules are available on the AHA Distance National Webpage under Rider Information which can be found at [www.arabianhorses.org/DNL](http://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 (ASTM/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, 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 4, 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/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 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (2021). 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (2021) must ride with a sponsor. The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021) 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.

## **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; please indicate how many are needed prior to the ride. Breakfast and lunch will be the responsibility of the competitor and attendees.

## **CAMPING**

Ride camp is located on private land, please be courteous to our hosts. Due to fire danger, no campfires or open flames allowed. There is no electricity in the ride camp; however, there is cell signal. Certified weed-free hay is required and will be available for reserved purchase. Horse water and portable bathrooms will be provided on-site.

## **DOGS**

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

## **TERRAIN**

Trails are winding two-track and jeep trails through the high desert. We have a nice variety of footing which does include some rocky sections therefore hoof protection is mandatory. There are occasional natural water sources and numerous water tanks set out on trail. Trails will be well-marked with a variety of flagging, signs and LED lights. There will be trailers going to/from any out-checks to haul gear. Horse feed and water and people water will be provided at out-checks. GPS will be available for download prior to the ride; however, trails are subject to change dependent on weather.

## **WEATHER**

Autumn weather in the high desert usually gives us all four seasons in a matter of days. Please come prepared for all weather conditions. Average high is 61F, average low is 41F. Sunrise is around 7:00 AM and sunset around 7:00 PM.

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