



Distance Horse National Championships Open Ride Flyer

AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA & ASHBA
AERC/AHA/UMECRA/MnDRA Huntersville Hundred Open Rides
September 29-October 1, 2023
Huntersville Hundred Site - Menahga, MN

GENERAL RIDE INFORMATION

COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE (CTR) PROCEDURES

The 40 Mile CTR National Championship that runs in conjunction with the 40 Mile Open CTR will be run under AHA rules but will be recognized by AHA, UMECRA and MnDRA. The 12.5 Open Novice CTR and 30 Mile Open CTR will be run under UMECRA rules and will be recognized by AHA, UMECRA and MnDRA. To find the rules for the AHA CTR please visit the CTR Chapter of the AHA Handbook which can be found on the AHA website at <https://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/handbook.html> The UMECRA Rules can be found at <https://www.umecra.com/BylawsAndRules/2022UMECRARULESforWeb.pdf>.

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.

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 10, 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 10, 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, AERC Rulebook and/or UMECRA Rulebook. AHA Score cards will be used for scoring the 40 Mile CTR and UMECRA Score Cards will be used for scoring the 30 Mile CTR and 12.5 Novice 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, the AHA Handbook and the UMECRA Rulebook.

JUNIOR RIDERS

A junior rider is an individual who has not reached his/her 19th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year (2022). 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 (2021) must ride with a sponsor. The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older as of December 1st, 2022) 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 as 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

Ride camp is located in a huge pasture, so the camping is primitive. Plan on tying to your trailer or putting up pens. There will be potable water and port-a-potties; no electric. Bringing people water is recommended. No camping reservations needed; there is plenty of room for everybody. Pay Ride management at ride camp for camping at \$20/night. Manure is to be spread out before you leave, please break up piles and broadcast it. There are no restrictions on hay but please bring your own. There is also a bar and grill right next to ride camp that has excellent food.

DOGS

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

TERRAIN

Trails have good footing; sand, grass, dirt and some fine gravel. Mostly two-track and single-track trails through the woods and it is mostly flat terrain. Very nice trail for your first 100-mile and for experienced 100-mile riders as well. Trails are barefoot friendly and there will be both natural water and water tanks on trail. It is highly recommended that you download the free AVENZA app to your phone BEFORE THE RIDE WEEKEND and then download the map for Huntersville State Forest. (DO NOT download the Huntersville OHV Trails.) The State Forest map is a map of the trails and is the same map that we will give you at the riders' meeting. When out on trail, even without any internet connection, you can pull up the app on your phone and it will give you a blue dot indicating where you are on the trail. The trails are marked with ribbons, arrows and LED lights. We mark a trail that is easy to follow. All Vet Checks are in camp; there are several spots on trail that are easily accessible for crewing, and they are indicated on the ride map. Ride Management does everything they can to help you if you don't have crew.

WEATHER

For October 1st, the average high is 60 and the average low is 40. It's possible for 10-15 degree fluctuations either direction, so make sure you have layers for a variety of conditions. We can have rain, but the footing is still excellent even if it's wet.

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