Limited Distance Challenge

The Limited Distance Challenge offers riders the opportunity of competing in three consecutive days of competition that is both fun and challenging. We recognize that riders enjoy Limited Distance (LD) rides and do not have a Championship to be apart of. The care and safety of the horses is our number one priority in this event.

Rules:

1. Open to all equines aged 60 months and older.
2. The rider must enter the LD Challenge on the official Distance Horse National Championship entry form and pay the LD Challenge fee of **$25** before the first day's LD ride. Riders may not post enter this Challenge after the start of the first day's ride. The rider is not required to pay for all three LD rides before the first day's LD ride.
3. The rider must ride the same horse each day.
4. The rider and horse must complete all three days.
5. The pulse criteria will be a maximum of **60** at each Vet Check and a maximum of **60** at completion of the ride, unless the Control Judges have set a lower pulse criteria for all open rides.
6. The rider must have a CRI as part of the completion veterinary examination at the end of each day.
7. The rider must stand for a Best Condition judging on the final day of the ride, regardless of their individual placing in the ride.
8. As outlined below in Appendix A - Scoring, points will be awarded for:
   A. the placings for each of the three individual days;
   B. the CRI points for each of the three individual days;
   C. the placings based on the total of the Veterinary Score and Weight Factor as calculated using the AERC Best Condition system following completion of the final day's ride.
9. Prizes will be awarded to First through Fifth.
10. All LD Challenge competitors will be given a completion award.
11. First tie breaker is the rider/horse combination with the highest Veterinary Score and Weight Factor as calculated using the AERC Best Condition system following completion of the ride.
12. Second tie breaker will be the total Placing Points in the Top Ten for all 3 days.
13. If still tied, then the tied competitors will flip a coin.

Appendix A - LD Challenge Scoring					
PLACING POINTS		CRI POINTS		VET SCORE/WEIGHT FACTOR POINTS	
PLACING	POINTS	CRI BPM increase	POINTS	PLACING	POINTS
1	22	0 or Less	5	1	22
2	20	1	4	2	20
3	17	2	3	3	17
4	15	3	2	4	15
5	12	4	0	5	12
6	10			6	10
7	9			7	9
8	8			8	8
9	7			9	7
10	6			10	6
11th and beyond	4			11th and beyond	4