

# RULE CHANGES ACCEPTED – November 10, 2018

## SECTION 1 - GENERAL

### A. Membership

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
  - a. Yearly Membership
    - (1) Adult **Competing** Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
    - (2) Junior **Competing** Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
    - (3) Family **Competing** Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
    - ~~(4) Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horseback riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.~~
    - (4) Supporting Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over. A supporting member is only eligible for individual ride awards if non-member rider fee is paid at the ride, and is only eligible for year-end and mileage awards if adult competing membership fee difference is paid before the end of the ride year.
    - (5) Fan Membership: Any person of any age. An adult fan member is only eligible for individual ride awards if non-member rider fee is paid at the ride, and is only eligible for year-end and mileage awards if adult competing membership fee difference is paid before the end of the ride year. A junior fan may convert to a junior competing membership at no additional charge but must notify the NATRC office of this intent before the end of the ride year.
  - b. Lifetime Membership
    - (1) Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
    - (2) Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. ~~Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of 12 months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.~~ Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of 12 months. Membership fees are due on the **individual membership** renewal date each year.
3. Each adult **competing, supporting** and single lifetime membership is entitled to one vote. Each family **competing** and family lifetime membership is entitled to two votes.

~~ONLY NATRC MEMBERS (INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY AND LIFETIME)~~ ADULT COMPETING, FAMILY COMPETING, JUNIOR COMPETING AND LIFETIME MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR-END AND MILEAGE AWARDS. (SEE SECTION 9)

## SECTION 2 – SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

### A. Rides

1. Sanctioning
  - a. A competitive ride which has been officially sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) may consist of one, two or all divisions as provided for in Section 4. ~~(A ride offering a Novice Division must also offer a Competitive Pleasure Division).~~
5. Scheduling
  - a. Rides scheduled for the same weekend shall be at least 250 miles apart in order to be sanctioned. ~~A Leisure Division-only ride may be excepted.~~

## SECTION 3 – MANAGEMENT OF RIDES

### B. Ride Officials

2. Judges: A sanctioned ride, ~~with the exception of Leisure Division (See Section 6D),~~ must have at least two judges, one equestrian and one veterinarian.

## SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

### A. Divisions

2. Novice
  - ~~a. A ride offering a Novice Division must also offer a Competitive Pleasure Division.~~
  - Paragraphs b - f now become a - e.
  - d. Classes
    - ~~(1) This division in horse may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or Senior (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight) and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.~~
    - (1) This division will offer Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.
3. Competitive Pleasure
  - ~~a. May be offered alone but must be offered if Novice Division is offered.~~
  - Paragraphs b - e now become a - d
  - d. Classes
    - (1) This division will offer ~~Adult (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight)~~ Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.
    - (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.
4. Leisure
  - a. Must be offered as a Type B ride.
  - b. Age of horses: Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age.
    - (1) Registered horses are considered 48 months of age as of actual foaling date on registration papers.
    - (2) Unregistered horses are considered of eligible age when the central and intermediate permanent incisors have erupted and are in wear as determined by the judge.
  - c. Mileage in this division is 8-12 miles per day.
  - d. Pace
    - (1) The average pace for a ride in this division shall be in the range of 3-4.5 miles per hour; and when determining the timing of the ride, management must consider, among other relevant factors: weather, terrain, season of the year and footing on the trail.
    - (2) "Riding time" used to compute the pace shall not include P&R stop(s).

- e. Classes
    - (1) This division will offer Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.
    - (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse. For purposes of awards, the horse and horsemanship scores will be combined for team awards.
  - 5. Additional divisions may be added at the discretion of the board of directors.
- B. Classes
- 3. Junior
    - b. Juniors may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division Heavyweight or ,~~Novice~~ Lightweight,~~or Senior~~ Classes if weight requirements are met. ~~Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight Classes if weight requirements are met.~~
  - 4. ~~Senior, Region 1A only (See Section 10 for year end awards for Region 1A). The Novice Division may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or into Senior and Junior Classes at the discretion of management.~~
  - 4. Adult: (Leisure Division only) riders age 18 or over who do not meet the Junior criteria as defined in Section 4 B. There are no weight requirements.
  - 5. Weigh In
  - 6. Helmets
- C. Distance Only (DO) (not in competition)
- 6. One-day option: only available if both horse and rider are riding DO.
    - a. The DO team has the option of riding one or two days of an 'A' CTR. When choosing to ride one day only, the team must ride the first day, **or at ride management's discretion, they may start the second day.** A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a second day after post ride examination, but before 8:00p.m. **To start on the second day, the second day's ride distance must also meet 'B' ride minimum requirements.**

## SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

- B. Stabling
- 3. The stabling options **used provided** by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors **in a division.**
  - 4. **Competitors in the Leisure Division are excluded from stabling judging.**
  - 5. Stabling options **not allowed** during competition as primary containment: ...
  - 6. Stallions: ...
- E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection
- 4. Competitors in the Leisure Division are permitted to use all types of hoof boots with no strap, keeper, gaiter or accessory restrictions. Protective devices such as bell boots, splint boots or wraps are also permissible.
- J. Timing and Time Penalty Points
- 10. **In the case of an emergency/extenuating circumstance where a competitor's assistance is required, ride management and/or judges may agree to credit part or all of time lost to the assisting competitor's maximum time.**

## SECTION 6 - JUDGING

- B. Veterinary Judging: Judges shall not discriminate against any animal due to conformation or type as long as the animal performs satisfactorily. Horses are to be evaluated on the following three criteria: condition, soundness and trail ability/manners. **Leisure Division does not have to adhere to these scoring categories.**
- C. Horsemanship Judging: Riders are to be evaluated on grooming (of the horse), in-hand presentation, tack & equipment, trail equitation, trail care, trail safety & courtesy, and stabling. These criteria are divided into percentage categories for scoring relative value. **Leisure Division does not have to adhere to these scoring categories.**
- D. Leisure Division. Horses will be evaluated on trail ability and manners. Riders will be evaluated on equitation and partnership with the horse. Safety may be scored.
- 1. A veterinary judge is not required.
  - 2. There will be a minimum of one P&R recovery reading taken during the day's ride.
  - 3. Judges may be sourced from the approved Leisure Division Judges List or the standard list. An NATRC-approved veterinary judge may serve as the full judge for this division.
  - 4. This division is exempt from stabling evaluation.
  - 5. There are no shoeing, hoof protection or leg protection restrictions.
  - 6. There will be a maximum of five observations per ride.
- Former paragraphs D-G become numbers as E-H.

## SECTION 9 – AWARDS

- A. Ride Awards
- 1. A sanctioned ride having an **Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Division** will offer Lightweight, Heavyweight, and Junior Classes in horse and horsemanship.
  - ~~2. A sanctioned ride having Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will offer the identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse-~~
  - 2. Each division shall include first through sixth place in each horse class offered and in each horsemanship class offered, **with the exception of Leisure Division as noted below.**
  - 3. Horse and horsemanship scores for Leisure Division will be added together to determine placing teams for both Adult and Junior Classes. First through tenth place teams in both classes will be awarded.
  - 4. The horses with the highest ~~total points~~ scores from the Open, **Competitive Pleasure** & Novice Divisions shall be the recipients of the Open, **Competitive Pleasure** & Novice Sweepstakes Awards.
- B. Annual Awards
- 1. General
    - f. Horses receiving annual awards must be ridden by ~~a member during the ride year of NATRC riders~~ who have a current competing membership at the end of the ride year.

- g. Riders receiving annual awards must ~~be members during the ride year of NATRC~~ have a current competing membership at the end of the ride year.
- h. A non-member ~~or a non-competing member joining NATRC as a competing member~~ at any time during the ride year in which he/she has competed in a ride will start to accumulate points from the first ride ridden the that year. (For exceptions see Section 9 B2a(3), B2c(5), B2e(5), B2g(5)).
2. National Awards
- a. PRESIDENT'S CUP (National Sweepstakes Champion): This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse in the Open Division.  
(4) A rider must be a current NATRC ~~competing~~ member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
- c. BEV TIBBITTS GRAND CHAMPION (High Average) AWARD: This award is presented to the Open Division horse with the highest average score rather than the highest number of points.  
(5) A rider must be a current NATRC ~~competing~~ member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
- e. JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION (Junior High Average Horse): This award is presented to the Open Division horse ridden by a junior which has the highest average score rather than the highest number of points.  
(5) A rider must be a current NATRC ~~competing~~ member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
- g. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPION (High Average) HORSE AWARD: This award is presented to the Competitive Pleasure Division horse with the highest average score rather than the highest number of points.  
(5) A rider must be a current NATRC ~~competing~~ member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
- k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. For ride count, points, and first or second placings,  
(3) Accumulated 75 points (~~60 points for Juniors~~).
- n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purposes of determining annual high ~~score point~~ awards in ~~each~~ Competitive Pleasure Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
- o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purposes of determining annual high ~~score point~~ awards in ~~each~~ Competitive Pleasure Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
3. Regional Awards
- a. Team Awards
- (1) These regional awards are given for combined horse and horsemanship.  
(2) All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed, will be added together and the placings determined by the most points.  
(3) ~~Leisure Division does not qualify for nationally sponsored team awards.~~
- b. Regional Championships
- (1) These awards are given for horse and for horsemanship in all divisions and classes (See Section 4), first through sixth place.  
(2) Will be awarded annually on the basis of points awarded *within the designated region* of the horse and rider (See Section 1 B5).  
(3) ~~Leisure Division is only eligible for regional combination awards.~~
- C. Point Distribution
4. ~~The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open Classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice Classes. The Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes winners will receive the highest points possible based on the number of starters in the largest class of their respective division.~~
5. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A, one point for a Type B.
- D. Cumulative Mileage Awards:
1. Mileage will count as defined in this mileage table:

DIVISION	AA	A	B
Open	90	60	30
Novice	n/a	40	20
Competitive Pleasure	n/a	40	20
Leisure	n/a	n/a	10

2. 1000-Mile Horse: This award is presented to horses completing 1000 miles.  
~~a. Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles.~~  
Former paragraphs b – e become numbered as a - d
3. Rider: Mileage chevrons in increments of 250 miles will be awarded to riders.  
~~a. Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles.~~  
Former paragraphs b – d become numbered as a – c
4. Mileage medallions will be ...

## SECTION 10 – REGION 1A AWARDS

### B. Annual/Year-end Awards

#### 2. National Awards

##### a. National Championship: ...

(2) Accumulated 36 points.

b) When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Heavyweight or Lightweight) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one weight class cannot be combined with those earned in a different weight class during any given three-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points earned as a Junior during the applicable three-year period can be applied to the new adult weight class.

c) When the entire Open Di...

##### b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Div ...

(2) Accumulated 36 points.

- b) When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Adult or Junior) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one class cannot be combined with those earned in a different class during any given three-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points acquired as a Junior during the applicable 3-year period can be applied to the new adult class.
- c) When the entire Competitive ...