

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

PAST NATIONAL WINNERS

NEW PRESIDENTS CUP

| YEAR | NAME OF HORSE | BREED | RIDER |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1999 | Chargers Rampage | Missouri Fox Trotter | Lisa Brooks |
| 2000 | Chargers Rampage | Missouri Fox Trotter | Lisa Brooks |
| 2001 | Sonic's Morning Star | Tennessee Walking Horse | Gerald Ferguson |
| 2002 | Summer | Grade | Ken Wolgram |
| 2003 | Windstorm Sienna | Morgan | Wayne Tolbert |
| 2004 | Swiss Mocha | Grade | Paula Riley |
| 2005 | Windstorm Sienna | Morgan | Wayne Tolbert |
| 2006 | Diamonds Sassy Stockings | Missouri Fox Trotter | James Keene |
| 2007 | Diamonds Sassy Stockings | Missouri Fox Trotter | James Keene |

NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPION

| | | | |
|------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1993 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1994 | Hickory's Country Gold | Missouri Fox Trotter | Bill Hinkebein |
| 1995 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1996 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1997 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1998 | Chargers Rampage | Missouri Fox Trotter | Lisa Brooks |

OLD PRESIDENTS CUP

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1961 | Duke | Quarter Cross | Frances Huling |
| 1962 | Suds | Morgan | Maxi Riggs |
| 1963 | Shamus | Arabian | LeRoy Krusi |
| 1964 | Warriors Merry Lady | Missouri Fox Trotter | Larry Rossi |
| 1965 | Posse | 1/2 Arabian | Leah Martin |
| 1966 | Posse | 1/2 Arabian | Leah Martin |
| 1967 | Rafftez | Arabian | Sandy Parker |
| 1968 | Dandy Bar IV | Quarter | Dave Nicholson |
| 1969 | Shafarr | Arabian | Mel Eriksen |
| 1970 | Lippitts Dusty Thursday | Morgan | Linda Throgmorton |
| 1971 | Casey | Grade | Beverly Tibbitts |
| 1972 | Stormy | P.O.A. | Denise Throgmorton |
| 1973 | Dagger | 3/4 Arabian | Linda Peters |
| 1974 | Kandar | Arabian | Ruth Waltenspiel |
| 1975 | Double | Grade | Lynn Anne Kohlmeier |
| 1976 | Jayess Rykstan | Arabian | Ken Burkdoll |
| 1977 | El Gaynik | Arabian | Linda Waltenspiel |
| 1978 | Chicaro's Mocha | Quarter | Violet Peak |
| 1979 | Antelope New Moon | Appaloosa | Beverly Tibbitts |
| 1980 | Sailor | Grade | Gail Gouskos |
| 1981 | Flashy Tomboy | Thoroughbred | Georgia Boulton |
| 1982 | Bezarue | 1/2 Arabian | Sue Eoff |
| 1983 | Capi Comet | Arabian | Ginger Johnson |
| 1984 | Mighty Aledo Gal | Quarter | John Webb |
| 1985 | Mahra Khan | 1/2 Arabian | Milne Parish |
| 1986 | Cody Joe | Grade | Tammy Thompson |
| 1987 | Angel | Mule | Pat Seymour |

| YEAR | NAME OF HORSE | BREED | RIDER |
|------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1988 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1989 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1990 | Lokman | Arabian | Barbara Harvey |
| 1991 | Spring Fever | Mule | Pat Seymour |
| 1992 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |

HORSE HALL OF FAME

| | | | |
|------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1986 | Elmer Bandit | 1/2 Arabian | Mary Anna Wood |
| 1989 | Casey | Grade | Beverly Tibbitts |
| 1990 | Barthart | Arabian | Betty Young |
| 1993 | Rebel's Raider | 1/2 Arab/Appy | Marilyn Hunter |
| 1996 | Hickory's Country Gold | Missouri Fox Trotter | Bill Hinkebein |
| 2000 | Mahra Khan | 1/2 Arab | Milne Parish |
| 2002 | Winchester Charm | 1/2 Arab | Lucy Hirsch |
| 2004 | Brown R Dawud | Arabian | Judy Wise Mason |

JIM MENEFFEE MEMORIAL (COMBINED

HORSE/HORSEMANSHIP)

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1979 | Antelope New Moon | Appaloosa | Beverly Tibbitts |
| 1980 | Sailor | Grade | Gail Gouskos |
| 1981 | Flashy Tomboy | Thoroughbred | Georgia Boulton |
| 1982 | Bezaru | 1/2 Arabian | Sue Eoff |
| 1983 | Capi Comet | Arabian | Ginger Johnson |
| 1984 | Mighty Aledo Gal | Quarter | John Webb |
| 1985 | Mahra Khan | 1/2 Arabian | Milne Parish |
| 1985 | Arab Incognito | 1/2 Arabian | Ripley Tate |
| 1986 | Cody Joe | Grade | Tammy Thompson |
| 1987 | Angel | Mule | Pat Seymour |
| 1988 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1989 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1990 | Lokman | Arabian | Barbara Harvey |
| 1991 | Spring Fever | Mule | Pat Seymour |
| 1992 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1993 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1994 | Hickory's Country Gold | Missouri Fox Trotter | Bill Hinkebein |
| 1995 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1996 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1997 | PS Ganarmus | Arabian | Steve Lindsey |
| 1998 | Moonshiner Silver Mist | Missouri Fox Trotter | Frank Keeran |
| 1999 | Moonshiner Silver Mist | Missouri Fox Trotter | Frank Keeran |
| 2000 | Chargers Rampage | Missouri Fox Trotter | Lisa Brooks |
| 2001 | Sonic's Morning Star | Tennessee Walking Horse | Gerald Ferguson |
| 2002 | Summer | Grade | Ken Wolgram |
| 2003 | Windstorm Sienna | Morgan | Wayne Tolbert |
| 2004 | Windstorm Sienna | Morgan | Wayne Tolbert |
| 2005 | Windstorm Sienna | Morgan | Wayne Tolbert |
| 2006 | Diamonds Sassy Stockings | Missouri Fox Trotter | James Keene |
| 2007 | Diamonds Sassy Stockings | Missouri Fox Trotter | James Keene |

BEV TIBBITTS GRAND CHAMPION HORSE (HIGH AVERAGE)

| YEAR | NAME OF HORSE | BREED | RIDER |
|------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1975 | Sheiks Scimitar | 3/4 Arabian | Barbara Jagoda |
| 1976 | Jayess Rykstan | Arabian | Ken Burkdoll |
| 1977 | Gam's Borkaan | 1/2 Arabian | Julie Munger |
| 1978 | Velvet | 3/4 Arabian | Gloria Becker |
| 1979 | Antelope New Moon | Appaloosa | Beverly Tibbitts |
| 1980 | Elmer Bandit | 1/2 Arabian | Mary Anna Wood |
| 1981 | Talib Amil | 1/2 Arabian/Morab | Joan Throgmorton |
| 1982 | Touches Velvette | Arabian | Elisabeth Grogan |
| 1983 | Capi Comet | Arabian | Ginger Johnson |
| 1984 | Mighty Aledo Gal | Quarter | John Webb |
| 1985 | Barthart | Arabian | David Young |
| 1986 | Arab Incognito | 1/2 Arabian | Linda Tate |
| 1987 | San Barra | Arabian | Kathy Morris |
| 1988 | San Barra | Arabian | Kathy Morris |
| 1989 | Bo Rand | Arabian | Helen Logan |
| 1990 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1991 | Hickory's Country Gold | Missouri Fox Trotter | Bill Hinkebein |
| 1992 | Aur Shammar (Sam) | Arabian | Lory Walls |
| 1993 | Wing Tempo | American Saddlebred | Shirley Sobol |
| 1994 | Winchester Charm | 1/2 Arabian | Lucy Hirsch |
| 1995 | Hickory's Country Gold | Missouri Fox Trotter | Bill Hinkebein |
| 1996 | Wilson's Abbey | Arabian | Don Parkhouse |
| 1997 | Woods Rawhide Ace | Missouri Fox Trotter | Jenny Smith |
| 1998 | Prince Alla Ba Ha | Arabian | Ellen Lovett |
| 1999 | Brown-R Dawud | Arabian | Judy Wise Mason |
| 2000 | Prince Alla Ba Ha | Arabian | Ellen Lovett |
| 2001 | Winchester Charm | 1/2 Arabian | Lucy Hirsch |
| 2002 | Chargers Rampage | Missouri Fox Trotter | Lisa Brooks |
| 2003 | Symplicity Sue | Arabian | Nancy Bacon |
| 2004 | Panama Jack | Grade | Terri Smith |
| 2005 | Desert Reinbeau | Mustang | Angie Meroshnekoff |
| 2006 | Andarko (Alex) | Arabian | Lory Walls |
| 2007 | Fraidy Cat | Tennessee Walking Horse | Terri Smith |

POLLY BRIDGES MEMORIAL (HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP)

| | | | | | |
|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|----------------|
| 1987 | Barbara Jagoda | 1988 | Charlie Crider | 1989 | Charlie Crider |
| 1990 | Betty Young | 1991 | Terri Roberts | 1992 | Terri Roberts |
| 1993 | Betty Young | 1994 | Betty Young | 1995 | Ellen Lovett |
| 1996 | Charlie Crider | 1997 | Angie Meroshnekoff | | |
| 1998 | Jenny Smith | 1999 | Frank Keeran | 2000 | Charlie Crider |
| 2001 | Lucy Hirsch | 2002 | Gerald Ferguson | 2003 | Wayne Tolbert |
| 2004 | Angie Meroshnekoff | | | 2005 | Wayne Tolbert |
| 2006 | Wayne Tolbert | 2007 | Elizabeth Kendall | | |

JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION HORSE

| | | | |
|------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1990 | Friday's Applauz | Arabian | Jeanne Kelly |
| 1991 | Sadiki | 1/2 Arabian | Heather Parson |
| 1992 | Shannon's Cameo | 1/2 Arabian | Shannon Mitchell |
| 1993 | Saint Simon | Morgan | Holly Ward |
| 1994 | Cherokee's Pride | Appaloosa | Mica Hart |
| 1996 | Jazz | Grade | Klare Chapman |

| YEAR | NAME OF HORSE | BREED | RIDER |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1997 | Lucite | Grade | Janelle Meuten |
| 1998 | Avar Desert Storm | Arabian | Kalinda Renfro |
| 1999 | Heartlight Delila | Arabian | Sarah Neunzig |
| 2000 | MKS Fancy's Folly | Arabian | Kymerlie Shanor |
| 2001 | Cisco Kid | American Indian Horse | Carrie Porter |
| 2002 | Rita | Grade | Melinda Hirsch Sadler |
| 2003 | MKS Shamal Nejma | Arabian | Kymerlie Shanor |
| 2004 | Fortunataa | Arabian | Kymerlie Shanor |
| 2006 | TN Valley Hotrod | Appaloosa | Andrew Murray |
| 2007 | Rambler | Spanish Mustang | Jenna Galliher |

JUNIOR HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------------|------|-----------------------|------|------------------|
| 1990 | Jeanne Kelly | 1991 | Heather Parson | 1992 | Shannon Mitchell |
| 1993 | Holly Ward | 1994 | Mica Hart | 1995 | Klare Chapman |
| 1996 | Klare Chapman | 1997 | Janelle Meuten | 1998 | Kara Galliher |
| 1999 | Paula Nelson | 2000 | Melinda Hirsch Sadler | | |
| 2001 | Carrie Porter | 2002 | Melinda Hirsch Sadler | | |
| 2003 | Kymerlie Shanor | 2004 | Kymerlie Shanor | 2006 | Andrew Murray |
| 2007 | Jenna Galliher | | | | |

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FOREWORD

The North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) had its inception in 1961. This organization has played an important part in making competitive trail riding one of the nation's most popular horse activities. Trail rides, sanctioned by NATRC have been accomplished from the West Coast to the East Coast; in Alaska and Canada and to the southern borders of the United States, thus justifying the name of the organization as truly a North American organization.

NATRC has developed a philosophy of competitive trail riding with uniform judging being of paramount importance. Uniformity of rules aids management in conducting rides and makes it easier for judges to evaluate each horse on a more objective basis.

The philosophies of NATRC are:

1. To stimulate greater interest in the breeding and use of good horses possessed of stamina and hardiness and qualified to make good mounts for trail use.
2. To demonstrate the value of type and soundness in the proper selection of horses for competitive riding.
3. To learn and demonstrate the proper methods of training and conditioning horses for competitive riding.
4. To encourage good horsemanship as related to trail riding.
5. To demonstrate the best methods of caring for horses during and after long rides without the aid of artificial methods or stimulants.

NATRC does not discriminate against any animal because of breed, type or conformation as long as the animal performs satisfactorily. Type and conformation will be reflected in the performance of a given animal.

We welcome you to NATRC competitive trail riding. We assure you that participation in this sport and the association with your fellow trail riders will be a rich and satisfying experience. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our sincere wishes for an enjoyable and successful season of trail riding.

Ray Brezina
President, NATRC

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. Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
 - b. Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of January 1.
 - c. Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
 - d. Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
 - e. Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
 - f. 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 twelve 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.
3. Each Senior and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

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

B. Regions

1. There are presently six regions. Others will be established as needed.
 - a. Region 1: All California counties north of and excluding San Bernardino, Kern, and San Luis Obispo; all Nevada counties with the exception of Clark. States of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, British Columbia and Yukon Territory.
 - b. Region 2: All California counties south of and including Kern, San Bernardino, and San Luis Obispo; Clark county, Nevada; and states of Arizona and Hawaii; and Mexico.
 - c. Region 3: Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.
 - d. Region 4: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.
 - e. Region 5: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan (excluding the upper peninsula), Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.
 - f. Region 6: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan (upper peninsula only) Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin; Manitoba and Northwest Territories.
2. An NATRC membership includes membership in both the national and regional organizations. The purposes and objectives of the regional organizations shall be the same as those of NATRC.
3. Each region shall provide representation to NATRC to include two directors and an alternate to the NATRC Board of Directors.

4. For the purposes of year-end awards only, the State of Alaska will be designated Region 1A. See Section 10 regarding year-end awards for Region 1A.
5. If the domicile and residence of the horse/rider are in different regions, or if the rider desires to compete in a region other than that of the domicile, the rider must inform the Points Secretary of the region in which he is competing at the time of the first ride in said region. Neither a horse nor a rider may compete for regional points in more than one region in any year.

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.)
- b. Only a sanctioned ride in good standing may claim to operate under this rule book.
- c. Sanctioned rides may reserve dates on the NATRC ride calendar.
- d. Ride year will end immediately after the second Sunday in November.
- e. In order that rule standardization will prevail on all sanctioned rides, competitors, managers and judges must comply with all rules as outlined herein.
- f. Rule violations may cause denial or revocation of sanction of the ride with loss of points to the competitors.
- g. Failure to comply with established NATRC sanctioning guidelines may cause denial or revocation of sanction.

2. Fees

- a. A sanction fee as determined by the Board of Directors will be submitted with each ride's application for sanction.
- b. A rider's fee as established by the Board of Directors will be sent with the ride results within 7 days following the ride (count each rider who officially starts, see Section 5 A2). After receipt by the NATRC office of all scores, points will be recorded on behalf of the competitor who is a current member or who joins at any time during a year in which that rider has competed in a ride.

3. Insurance

- a. NATRC has negotiated ride insurance, which all sanctioned rides must have, even if such ride has other insurance. Each ride manager must make appropriate arrangements directly with the negotiated insurance company.
- b. Failure to have insurance application and full payment received by the office of NATRC insurer 45 days prior to the ride may cause denial or revocation of sanction.

4. Ride Types

- a. Type "AA": Consists of three consecutive days of riding.
Limited to Open Division only.
- b. Type "A": Consists of two consecutive days of riding.
- c. Type "B": Consists of one day of riding.

5. Scheduling

- a. Application and fee for sanction must be received in the NATRC office, postmarked at least 90 days prior to the ride date, unless special arrangements are made with the Sanction Chairman and Executive Committee.
- b. Rides scheduled for the same weekend shall be at least 250 miles apart in order to be sanctioned.
- c. Priority on ride dates shall be given to rides sanctioned the previous ride year.
- d. Rides sanctioned but cancelled will hold their priority date for one year only.

- e. Sanction written commitment for established rides is due by the 31st of January. After the 31st of January, the priority date will be forfeited.
 - f. To maintain sanctioned ride status:
 - (1) A ride must be listed in Hoof Print with the correct date at least once.
 - (2) Entry forms must be pre-approved by Sanction Chairman before mailing to members.
- B. Clinics**
- 1. Sanctioning
 - a. An NATRC clinic may consist of a publicity booth, demonstration, training seminar, or any such event (with or without equines) where NATRC is officially represented.
 - b. Only NATRC sanctioned clinics may distribute NATRC literature, scorecards, and/or rulebooks.
 - c. Sanctioned clinics will use only experienced NATRC members for lectures, instructions, and/or demonstrations. Personnel will be identified in the sanction application.
 - 2. Fees
 - a. There is no sanction fee.
 - b. Clinic fees for participants will be identified in the application.
 - c. Upon request, each NATRC region will be granted funds for insurance at sanctioned NATRC Clinics, as determined by the NATRC Board of Directors.
 - 3. Insurance
 - a. NATRC event insurance is mandatory for all sanctioned clinics when equines are included.
 - b. Insurance application with full payment must be received in the office of the official NATRC insurer by the first of the month prior to the month that the clinic will be held.
 - c. All participants, personnel, and equine owners must sign an NATRC liability release form.
 - d. Booths and demonstrations requiring certificates of insurance must request such from the NATRC insurer 30 days prior to the date required.
 - 4. Scheduling
 - a. Sanction application must be received in the NATRC office at least 60 days prior to the clinic date.
 - b. In addition to NATRC literature, suggested clinic outlines and format will be furnished upon submission of sanction application.

SECTION 3 - MANAGEMENT OF RIDES

- A. Ride Management
 - 1. Ride Chairman: This position is the chief executive of the ride.
 - 2. Trailmaster(s): The trailmaster may be the same as the Ride Chairman. This person is responsible for all the matters pertaining to the trail.
- B. Ride Officials
 - 1. Ride Secretary: The primary executive assistant who is responsible for all of the ride correspondence, records, bookkeeping and reports.
 - 2. Stable Manager: This person must maintain surveillance of the stable area while the horses are in camp.
 - 3. Judges: A sanctioned ride must have at least two judges, one horseman and one veterinarian. All judges, veterinarian and horseman, must be members in good standing and be approved by NATRC. (Section 4 D1b) (It should be noted that the treatment of ailing horses on a ride is not the responsibility of the veterinary judge. Ride Management will prearrange for a standby veterinarian for such purpose.) In the event that management finds it necessary to select a person who is not an approved NATRC judge, a guest judge's application will be reviewed by the judges committee when accompanied by the appropriate membership fee submitted by management and only if at least two of the following reasons apply:
 - a. There are no NATRC approved judges in the applicant's own category (veterinarian or horseman) residing and available in the state where the ride is scheduled.
 - b. An unforeseen occurrence has caused the assigned judge to cancel within two weeks of the ride date.
 - c. At least three NATRC approved judges in the applicant's own category have refused the invitation to judge the ride in question.
 - 4. Official Timers: Each sanctioned ride will provide a timer and recorder for each division unless the ride is so arranged that one timer and recorder can adequately record the times for all divisions. The records kept by the timers are to be presented to the ride chairman (see Section 5 J7).
 - 5. Judges Recording Secretary: There shall be a minimum of one secretary for each judge. It shall be the duty of the secretary to officially record the findings of the judges, weighmaster, timers and P&R teams during the course of the ride. Secretaries shall refrain from discussing the judge's findings or opinions with competitors or other observers.
 - 6. Rules Interpreter: The Rules Interpreter will not be a family member of the ride chairman or judges. (Section 4 D1b) This person must be a member in good standing, approved by NATRC and thoroughly familiar with the NATRC rules. Ride Management may use separate individuals for each division. Ride Management should introduce the Rules Interpreter at all ride briefings. Ride Management should avoid using the Rules Interpreter to perform other duties (for example, secretary, timer, etc.). Upon request by a rider or ride official, the Rules Interpreter shall interpret the NATRC rules to management and judges and process any disputes concerning rule interpretations. In the event of a dispute, the Rules Interpreter will confer with both judges and ride management to enable them to arrive at a prompt decision. If agreement between judges and management is not forthcoming, then the Rules Interpreter, on behalf of NATRC, is authorized to make a ruling in order to settle the questions.

Any such ruling must be reported in writing to NATRC. If a Rules Interpreter sees a rule infraction in process, he or she must notify management and judges so corrective steps can be taken. The Rules Interpreter will complete an efficiency report and mail it to the NATRC office within 72 hours.

7. Safety Riders: One or more safety riders will follow competitors on the trail to assist any horse or rider in event of emergency.
 8. P&R Timer(s): A sanctioned ride must have an individual at each P&R stop to record the arrival time of each rider.
- C. Trail Supervision:
1. Ride management must provide adequate trail supervision for the safety of the horses and riders.
 2. The course must be natural and native to the local terrain and the use of artificial or unsafe obstacles/trail is prohibited.
 3. Trail markings must be distinct and obvious to the riders. At least four points shall be marked on the trail to enable riders to orient themselves.
 4. Arrangements must be made for transporting the judges so they can adequately observe all horses and riders on the trail.
 5. Arrangements must be made for transporting the Rules Interpreter so he/she can adequately observe trail conditions and the conduct of the ride.

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

1. Open

a. Age of Horses

- (1) Horses entered in this division must be at least 60 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a “full mouth” (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

b. Mileage

- (1) Mileage in this division is 25-35 miles for a “B” ride, 50-60 miles for an “A” ride and 80-90 miles for an “AA” ride.

In steep and rugged terrain this distance may be shortened.

c. Pace

- (1) The average pace for a ride in this division shall be in the range of 4-6 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 lunch and P&R stops.

d. Classes

- (1) This division will offer Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.
- (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.

2. Novice

a. A ride offering a Novice Division must also offer a Competitive/ Pleasure Division.

b. Age of Horses

- (1) Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 48 months of age as of actual foaling date on registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered of eligible age when the central and intermediate permanent incisors have erupted and are in wear as determined by the veterinary judge.

c. Mileage

- (1) Mileage in this division shall not exceed 24 miles in one day or 40 miles in two days. (Exception to this rule shall be at the discretion of the Sanction Chairman.)
- (2) Total mileage in this division is 15-24 miles for a “B” ride and 30-40 miles for an “A” ride.

In steep and rugged terrain this distance may be shortened.

d. Pace

- (1) The average pace for a ride in this division shall be in the range of 3.5-5 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 lunch and P&R stops.

e. 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.
 - (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.
- f. Limitations
- (1) Any horse and adult rider combination having won five firsts in horse (regardless of division or class) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division. Four year old horses are exempt from this rule. A horse and rider combination that attains five firsts in horse during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horse awards, may continue to compete in novice horse division for the remainder of that ride year.
 - (2) Any horse and junior rider combination having won five firsts and 160 points, lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of division or class) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division. Four year old horses are exempt from this rule. A horse and rider combination that attains five firsts and 160 points in horse during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horse awards, may continue to compete in novice horse division for the remainder of that ride year.
 - (3) Any adult rider having won five firsts in horsemanship (regardless of horse, division, or class) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division. A rider that attains five firsts in horsemanship during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horsemanship awards, may continue to compete in novice horsemanship division for the remainder of that ride year.
 - (4) Any junior rider having won five firsts and 160 points, lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, division, or class) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division. A rider that attains five firsts and 160 points in horsemanship during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horsemanship awards, may continue to compete in novice horsemanship division for the remainder of that ride year.
 - (5) A rider or horse-and-rider combination with five firsts may compete for awards in the Competitive/Pleasure Division.
 - (6) Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high score awards (excluding Regional Awards) in any class in any previous year are ineligible to compete in the Novice Division except by competing "Distance Only".
 - (7) No accredited NATRC horsemanship judge shall compete in the Novice Division for horsemanship awards.
3. Competitive/Pleasure
- a. May be offered alone but must be offered if Novice Division is offered.
 - b. Age of horses
 - (1) Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 48 months of age as of actual foaling date on registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered of eligible age when the central and intermediate permanent incisors have erupted and are in wear as determined by the veterinary judge.

- c. Mileage
 - (1) Daily and total mileage will adhere to criteria specified for Novice Division.
- d. Pace
 - (1) The average pace for a ride in this division shall be in the range of 3.5-5 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 lunch and P&R stops.
- e. Class
 - (1) No weight limitations apply.
 - (a) This division will consist of one class in horse (combining Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior riders).
 - (b) This division will consist of one class in horsemanship (combining Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior riders).
 - (2) This division and class will be open to all riders 10 years of age or older.
- 4. Additional divisions may be added at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- B. Classes
 - 1. Heavyweight: Rider and tack (everything the horse carries) weighing 190 pounds or more.
 - 2. Lightweight: Rider and tack (everything the horse carries) weighing a minimum of 100 pounds and less than 190 pounds. .
 - 3. Junior
 - a. Age 10 through 17. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of January 1 and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.
 - b. Juniors may not compete in Novice Heavyweight, Novice Lightweight, or Senior classes. Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight classes if weight requirements are met.
 - c. Juniors (See Section 4 B3a) may not ride stallions.
 - d. No weight requirements apply if competing in Junior Class.
 - 4. Senior, Region 1A only (see Section 10 for year-end awards for Region 1A)
 - a. The Novice Division may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or into Senior and Junior classes at the discretion of management.
 - 5. Weigh In
 - a. Lightweight and Heavyweight competitors must be weighed in with their own tack prior to the start of the ride. Management may re-weigh any rider at any time during the ride to verify weight class. A deviation of 5 pounds is allowed.
 - b. Individual regions may issue rider weight cards. At subsequent rides in the same year, a copy of this weight card may be sent with the ride entry or be shown to the Ride Secretary when picking up their rider packet.
 - c. Rider weight classification must be maintained throughout the ride.
 - d. Failure to maintain weight classification will result in completion points only for both horse and rider.
 - e. The minimum weight must be made up with dead weight, pound for pound, if the rider and tack weigh less than 100 pounds (LWT or Senior) or less than 190 pounds (HWT).

- f. No disposable items will be used to make weight. This includes, but is not limited to, food (horse and rider), water, fly spray, etc.
6. Helmets
 - a. Juniors (age 17 and under) must wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or approved equal equestrian riding helmet at all times while mounted in camp or on the trail. This rule applies to a junior competing in any class or a junior visiting the NATRC camp.
 - b. It is strongly recommended that adults also wear a similarly approved helmet as stated in Section 4 B6a above.
- C. Distance Only (DO): outside of the competition
1. Horses and/or riders participating DO for any reason will be judged in all ride activities as are other competitors but will be eligible for mileage only.
 2. Horses and/or riders participating DO must obey all NATRC rules (except those exemptions specified in paragraphs 3-9 below) and any ride rules. The DO horse/rider team must ride in an acceptable manner and not disrupt the ride for other competitors.
 3. Horses may participate with or without boots (e.g. splint boots, bell boots) and/or the use of any temporary types of hoof protection.
 4. A rider may ride DO in any class or division in horsemanship.
 5. A horse may participate DO in any class or division only if the rider also enters DO in horsemanship.
 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. 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.
 - b. The DO team will receive the standard mileage allotments for each day ridden.
 7. DO horses/riders will not count as a competitor in the Class.
 8. Any person or horse excluded from competing in Section 4 D1b of the rules (family members or horses owned by family of judges or Rules Interpreters) may enter the ride DO.
 9. Any rider or horse-and-rider combination excluded from competing in the Novice Division in Section 4 A2f of the rules (having five firsts, placing 3rd or higher, judges) may enter the ride DO in the Novice Division.
 10. Any horse ineligible to compete for awards may enter DO if said ineligibility in the opinion of the veterinary judge does not constitute a physical abuse of the horse.
 11. DO must be declared prior to the official start of the ride.
- D. Eligibility of Riders
1. All persons 10 years of age or older are eligible to compete in NATRC except:
 - a. Any person designated in Section 3 (i.e., ride chairman, ride secretary, trailmasters, stable manager, judges, official timers, judges recording secretary, Rules Interpreter, safety riders, P&R timer) shall not be eligible to ride a horse in competition on the sanctioned ride for which he serves in an official capacity.
 - b. A member of the judges' or Rules Interpreter's immediate family, when entered in a division of a CTR in which said person is acting in an official capacity, must ride DO in both horse and horsemanship. Judges also include apprentice, provisional and emergency judges. Immediate family includes by blood, adoption or marriage (parents, siblings, grandchildren,

- grandparents, and in-laws) or any member of their household. In-laws includes: mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, and son-in-law.
- c. A horse owned by a judge, Rules Interpreter or their immediate family, when entered in a division of a CTR in which said person is acting in an official capacity, must participate DO in both horse and horsemanship. Judges also include apprentice, provisional and emergency judges. Immediate family includes by blood, adoption or marriage (parents, siblings, grandchildren, grandparents, and in-laws) or any member of their household. In-laws include mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, and son-in-law.
 - d. Riders who are unable to properly care for their horses, themselves, or to ride the course without the assistance of others. (Minor handicaps may be dealt with at the judge's discretion per Section 5 D2c)
2. Riders must be properly entered as NATRC riders in any ride which has NATRC as well as other organizations sanctioning the ride.

SECTION 5 - THE RIDE

A. Administration

1. The ride begins with registration and ends with completion of the presentation of awards.
2. For the determination of rider fees, points, mileage and the number of starters, the horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride (official beginning).
3. The horse and rider shall remain in the Type, Division, and Class in which they officially started.
4. The horse and rider shall remain in competition until such time as they are pulled, disqualified or their final veterinarian check is completed.
5. If due to extenuating circumstances a rider finds it necessary to leave prior to the presentation of awards, that rider must advise both ride chairman and appropriate division judges.
6. In the event that awards are not presented by 9:00 p.m. on awards night, horse and rider will be permitted to leave the ride and awards will be mailed.

B. Stabling

1. Horses shall be kept in a designated area to permit proper supervision at night. All horses must be kept under similar conditions from preliminary check in until the presentation of awards.
2. Stalls or paddocks, if available for all competitors, may be used. All horses must be free or tied as instructed.
3. Stationary Tie: If horses are kept in the open all must be tied to stationary objects (trailer, fence post, tree, tie stall, etc.). Picket lines may be used as a stationary tie object but must not allow the horse to slide along the line. The tie place is at the rider's discretion unless prohibited by Ride Management.
4. Sliding tethers to include stops and tree savers may be used at the discretion of management.
5. When tie conditions exist, all stallions must be double tied at all times. The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the second rope must be secured around the stallion's neck, run through the halter ring and tied in the normal manner. If the rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline. Other secondary methods may be acceptable (check with judge). The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 5 E2e)

C. Handling

1. Riders shall be permitted to either longe or trot their horses in-hand for the circling phase of any in-hand inspection.
2. On the first day, horses may be saddled prior to the official ride start at a time announced by management and/or judges. Horses may be called to start in-hand or mounted, at the judge's discretion.
3. After a day's ride, riders may handle and care for their horses at their discretion, unless specific restricted hours were specified and announced by management and/or judges at the previous day's briefing prior to the start of the day's ride.
4. Handling of horses at the start on subsequent ride days will be announced by management and/or judges.
5. Use of hobbles on loose horses or staking out of horses is prohibited at all times.
6. Oral supplements of salt and/or electrolytes are permissible and may be administered by adding to the feed or water or by oral syringe.

7. Oral supplements of vitamins, feed and water are permissible but cannot be administered by any artificial means such as drenching (dose given by oral syringe), injection, stomach tube or rectal lavage. Fly repellent is also permissible. No other medications, ointments, braces, dressings, drugs, bandages or other artificial (unnatural) remedy may be administered during the ride to any horse except under the direction of the veterinary judge. A horse requiring treatment by a veterinarian or rider which prevents comparative evaluation during the course of the competition shall be pulled. Other judges must be informed of any treatment.

A horse shall not be allowed in competition while under the influence of medication except as indicated above. Prohibited medications are not limited to but shall include any stimulant, depressant, anti-inflammatory agent, local anesthetic, tranquilizer, general pain killer, or drug which could affect the performance or well being of the horse and any substance that would mimic or mask said medication.

Entering the ride constitutes implied consent for drug testing.

8. Riders who abuse or drug their horses or engage in conduct unbecoming a competitive rider will be disqualified by ride chairman and/or trailmasters or judges and asked to leave the ride and dismissed from further consideration in judging. A second dismissal in the same year will result in cancellation of all NATRC privileges for that year.

D. Care

1. Under extenuating circumstances where the welfare of a horse is in jeopardy, a rider may attend to his horse during restricted hours. The judges must be informed of said handling and rider may be penalized or pulled as the case warrants.
2. During the competition, all riders are required to care for their own mounts except in the following cases:
 - a. Attending to a sick horse.
 - b. Having a horse held during a rest break.
 - c. Handicapped riders needing assistance (permission at the judge's discretion).
Other assistance in the care and grooming of mounts is prohibited.
3. Riders are responsible for providing all feed for their horses unless management has indicated on the entry form that feed will be available.
4. The use and choice of feed is at the discretion of the rider.

E. Shoeing

1. There are no shoeing restrictions.

F. Tack

1. Riders must use a saddle. The type of saddle and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. However, no inhumane method of restraint is to be used.
2. Trail gear desired by the competitor during the ride will be carried on the horse. No part of a rider's wearing apparel is considered trail gear.
3. Feed:
 - a. Riders are responsible for providing all feed for their horses unless management has indicated on ride information that feed will be available.
 - b. The use and choice of feed is at the discretion of the rider.
 - c. Feed may be provided by management to horses at lunch or other locations on the trail. The availability will be indicated on ride information.
4. Protective devices on the legs of the horse are not allowed. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet band

5. Ice boots, ice wraps or any method of attaching ice to the horse is not allowed.
- G. Pre-ride Check In
1. Riders must check in, weigh in and present horses at a time specified by management for preliminary examination by the judges.
 2. The riders are required to provide certificates as may be necessary to comply with local, state and federal health requirements for their horses.
- H. Meetings
1. A riders' meeting must be held each evening or prior to the start of the day's ride to brief the riders on the course, trail markings, trail safety, available water, judging, etc. All riders will be responsible for information given.
 2. Riders must be given maps and a schedule of estimated times and/or distances and elevations for various points on the ride. Each rider shall be responsible for his own time.
- I. Trail Conduct
1. The horse and rider may go at their own pace on the designated trail unless instructed otherwise by the management, judges, or their representatives. Riders must be allowed to rest their horses, if they wish, at the point where they are asked for mandatory forward motion.
 2. Horse and rider missing any portion of the designated trail, thereby receiving an advantage preventing comparative evaluation, shall be disqualified or assessed penalty points. If in the opinion of the judges and management no advantage was gained, no action need be taken.
 3. Horse and rider missing a P&R or judged obstacle shall lose points equal to or more than the most points lost by any competitor in their division.
 4. Riders must remain in the saddle when the horse is in forward motion over the course but may dismount and rest themselves and the horse anytime, provided they do not advance. At any location designated by the trailmaster as hazardous, riders may be instructed to dismount and proceed on foot for a specified distance.
 5. Two Mile Point
 - a. From a properly identified point (posted sign) approximately two miles from the finish each day, riders must maintain forward motion and not stop or dismount from this point to the finish line except in extenuating circumstances dictated by good horsemanship and/or sportsmanship. Forward motion must be via the most direct route, without stopping, following the marked trail. Any deviation may result in penalty assessment or disqualification unless dictated by good horsemanship and/or sportsmanship.
 - b. No one shall interfere with the rider's forward progress and/or pacing except when necessary for the safety of the horse/rider.
- J. Timing and Time Penalty Points
1. Start
 - a. The order in which riders start is at the discretion of management.
 - b. Horses shall be started at timed intervals.
 - c. An accurate time to the nearest minute will be recorded for each horse by the official timers.
 2. Time
 - a. The precise time allowed for completing the course is determined by the trailmaster and publicly announced to all riders prior to the start of the ride.
 - b. The public announcement of the time allotted shall constitute the basis for establishing the maximum time for completing each day's ride.

- c. Thirty minutes shall lapse between the minimum and maximum time.
 - d. Any changes in time allotments necessary to adjust for extenuating circumstances must be announced to all riders at the same point on the trail.
 - e. Catastrophic circumstances or uncontrollable acts of God causing disruption of completion of time schedules will be adjudicated by management in consultation with judges and rules interpreter.
 - f. Riding time cannot be taken away from a day's ride once it has started unless the trail is adjusted accordingly.
3. Early Arrivals
- a. A horse completing the day's ride in less than the minimum time and within 30 minutes prior to the minimum time shall be penalized one point per minute for each minute before the minimum time. Rider will also be faulted.
 - b. A horse arriving more than 30 minutes early shall be disqualified.
4. Late Arrivals
- a. A horse completing the day's ride exceeding the maximum time and within 30 minutes subsequent to the maximum time shall be penalized one point per minute for each minute exceeding the maximum time. Rider will also be faulted.
 - b. A horse and rider team arriving more than 30 minutes after the maximum time will receive completion points and mileage only.
5. Lunch Stop
- a. If the elapsed minimum time (including P&Rs) is six hours or more, a lunch stop is required.
 - b. When the minimum riding time is less than six hours, a lunch stop is at the discretion of management.
 - c. Horses shall be timed in at the lunch stop, remain as long as specified by management, which time shall be at least 45 minutes, and be timed out.
6. Additional Time Penalties
- a. Due to special problems created by terrain, trespassing privileges, etc., ride management may establish minimum and maximum times for arriving at a specified point on the trail.
 - b. Time penalty points may be assessed at the rate of one point per minute for an early and/or late arrival. Rider will also be faulted.
7. Announcement of Time Penalty Points
- a. Timers must inform ride chairman, who must in turn inform riders of any early/late arrivals. Barring unforeseen circumstances, this shall be accomplished within two hours of completion of each day's event, but no later than prior to awards presentation.
 - b. Ride Chairman will then advise the horsemanship judge(s) and veterinary judge(s).
 - c. Veterinary judge(s) will assess time penalty points (see Section 5 J3,4,6).
8. P&R Time
- a. Normal time at P&R stops shall be included in the total riding time for that day.
 - b. In the event that a horse is held for additional recovery time at a P&R stop, the hold time (10 or 20 minutes) must be added to the rider's minimum and maximum ride time.
9. Official Delays: If horses are delayed by ride chairman, trailmaster, or judges, the time lost will be credited to the rider's maximum ride time. The minimum time is unaffected.

SECTION 6 - JUDGING

- A. Procedures: The judges may act together and discuss individual entrants throughout the course of the ride.
1. Preliminary Exam
 - a. There must be a preliminary examination of all horses before the official start (see Section 5 A2).
 - b. The judges are responsible for determining that the scorecard accurately describes the horse being judged as to: name, age, sex, color, breed, division and class of competition.
 - c. The judges shall identify pertinent marks and blemishes prior to the start of the ride as well as make an evaluation of the horse's soundness.
 - d. Any horse which is obviously lame prior to the start of the ride will not be allowed to start.
 - e. Nerved horses are not to be ridden.
 - f. Judges must evaluate the health of each horse. Horses displaying evidence of any infectious disease shall be excused from the ride at the time of check in and asked to leave the area of the ride.
 2. Start of Competition
 - a. For the purposes of scoring trail ability/manners, soundness and horsemanship, the horse and rider shall be considered in competition from the moment that the horse is presented to the judges for preliminary examination.
 - b. For the purposes of scoring condition, the horse shall be considered in competition from the moment the first day's ride officially starts (see Section 5 A2).
 3. Evening Examination: After completion of a day's ride, the horsemanship and veterinary judges will conduct an examination of all entrants.
 4. Morning Examination: Prior to the start of the second and subsequent days of a multi-day ride, there will be an examination of all horses by the veterinary judge. The manner of examination is at the discretion of the judges.
 5. Final Examination: There must be a final examination (including condition, soundness, and manners) of all horses by the veterinary judge after the completion of the final day's ride.
 6. Working Horses Other Than On the Trail: Ring work (the working of horses in a confined area under saddle) shall not be considered criteria for judging competitive horses.
 7. Obstacles: Judging obstacles must be natural and native to the local terrain and the use of artificial or unsafe obstacles is prohibited.
- 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.
1. Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: fatigue, P&R recovery, attitude and willingness, muscle soreness, mucous membrane, azoturia, thumps, hydration and capillary refill, bowel sounds, colic, respiration character, sweat and salivation, coordination, eating and drinking, etc.
 - a. Pre-ride P&R: A pre-ride P&R shall be optional at the discretion of judges and management. This recording will not be scored.
 - b. There will be a minimum of two pulse and respiration recovery readings taken during each day's ride. The planned number of P&Rs for the day's ride

- will be announced by management to riders. Unannounced P&R stops may be added but minimum and maximum ride time must be adjusted.
- c. Incoming P&Rs shall be optional at the discretion of judges and management, but will not be scored.
 - d. The recovery/outgoing P&R will be taken 10 minutes after arrival at the P&R stop.
 - (1) This will be scored, unless a recheck is requested.
 - (2) A rider may immediately request a recheck of their horse's outgoing pulse or respiration (or both). If this recheck is requested, it will be taken by a different P&R person or team. Only one recheck shall be permitted. The pulse and/or respiration count from the recheck will apply.
 - e. P&R scoring will be according to the Judge's Committee guidelines.
 - f. If a horse has not met both recovery criteria simultaneously after two 10-minute holds (a total of 30 minutes recovery time including the initial P&R), the horse shall be pulled.
2. Soundness 45%: The evaluation of soundness shall include, but not be limited to, the following: lameness (as per the American Association of Equine Practitioners', AAEP, guidelines), heat, filling & pain, tender withers, back or loin, cinch sores, rubs, curbs, splints, ringbone, spavin, sidebone, etc. Way of going will be evaluated as a part of soundness. The evaluation of way of going shall include, but not be limited to, the following: forging, interfering, scalping, over-reaching, continuous stumbling, etc. AAEP guidelines: Grade 1: Lameness is difficult to observe and is not consistently apparent, regardless of circumstance (e.g., under saddle, circling, inclines, hard surface, etc.). Grade 2: Lameness is difficult to observe at a walk or when trotting in a straight line, but consistently apparent under certain circumstance (e.g., weight carrying, circling, inclines, hard surface, etc.). Grade 3: Lameness is consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances. Grade 4: Lameness is obvious at a walk. Grade 5: Lameness produces minimal weight bearing in motion and/or rest or a complete inability to move.
 3. Trail Ability/Manners 15%: The evaluation of trail ability/manners shall include, but not be limited to, the following: disposition, response to rider, kicking, head tossing, prancing, standing for examination and mounting, buddying up, trail wise, etc.
- 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.
1. 20%:
 - a. Grooming: The evaluation of grooming shall include but not be limited to the following: brushing, dirt, sweat marks, foreign matter, external parasites; feet and shoeing.
 - b. In-Hand Presentation: The evaluation of in-hand presentation shall include but not be limited to the following: control of horse, safety, turning, lead rope, response to directions, consideration of others.
 - c. Tack and Equipment: The evaluation of tack and equipment shall include but not be limited to the following: cleanliness, proper fit, adjustment, repair; trail gear placement and security.
 2. 50%:
 - a. Trail Equitation: The evaluation of trail equitation shall include but not be limited to the following: balance/lightness, body and leg position, control,

hands, and aids to horse on ascending, descending and level terrain; mounting, dismounting and obstacles; control, timing, lightness, etc.

3. 30%:
 - a. Trail Care: The evaluation of trail care shall include but not be limited to the following: cinch, saddle, blanket and pad; feet; tie and safety; water stops; rating of horse; cooling out.
 - b. Trail Safety and Courtesy: The evaluation of trail safety and courtesy shall include but not be limited to the following: crowding, riding in a bunch, response to directions, consideration of others; potential danger to horse, self, others.
 - c. Stabling: The evaluation of stabling shall include but not be limited to the following: feed and water, container security; blanket; tie (height, length, quick release knot and security); safety, choice of location, tack and gear placement; horse care.
 - d. General Comments:

D. Penalty Points

1. Time penalty points will be assessed for time violations (See Section 5 J7).
2. Other penalty points may be assessed by the judges for rule infractions which do not merit disqualification (See Section 6 E).
3. Ride chairman must inform riders and all judges of any penalty points. Barring unforeseen circumstances, this shall be accomplished on the same day, but must be done prior to ride awards presentation.
4. Horses and riders shall be scored as if no penalty points were accrued. Both types of penalty points shall be added together and then be deducted from the horse's or rider's subtotal score prior to placing.
5. Faulting the rider's horsemanship for rule infractions is at the judge's discretion.

E. Disqualification

1. A horse and rider, for the purpose of disqualification, are considered a team. Disqualification of one automatically constitutes the disqualification of the other.
2. Judges, the trailmaster, or the ride chairman have the authority to disqualify competitors for the following reasons:
 - a. Riders who abuse their horses.
 - b. Riders who drug their horses, use prohibited medication, or refuse drug testing.
 - c. Riders who engage in conduct unbecoming a competitive rider.
 - d. Major violations of the rules.
 - e. Entrants completing the day's ride more than 30 minutes before the minimum time.
 - f. Unruly horses, such as those difficult to examine or judge.
 - g. Any competitor who is excessively early or late so as to interfere with judging or operation of the ride.
 - h. Openly abusive language or behavior toward management, judges, ride personnel or other competitors, during or after competition, by the competitor or any person associated with the competitor, be they family or friend. Said competitor may be penalized or disqualified as the case warrants.
3. The rider must be informed by the ride chairman of any disqualification action prior to awards. If the disqualification occurs during or following awards, the rider must be notified in writing by the ride chairman of the disqualification within 7 days of the ride.

F. Pull Criteria

1. A horse or rider may be pulled from competition for reasons other than those stated for disqualification.
2. A horse and rider, for the purpose of pulling, are considered a team. The pulling of one automatically constitutes the pulling of the other.
3. Judges, the trailmaster or the ride chairman have the authority to pull a horse or rider for the following reasons:
 - a. The horse or rider exceeds acceptable mechanical, metabolic, or mental parameters.
 - b. Rider option.
 - c. A horse requiring treatment by a veterinarian or rider that prevents comparative evaluation during the course of the competition.
4. The P&R Captain has the authority to pull a horse at a P&R stop for failure to meet pulse and respiration criteria as specified by the veterinary judge.

SECTION 7 - CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE RIDE

A. General

1. This section supersedes all requirements of Section 4 - Divisions, Classes and eligibility, except as specified herein.
2. A Championship Challenge (CC) Chairperson, along with a Committee of five will be appointed. There will be one representative from each region including the Chairman. The CC Committee (CCC) will be in charge of conferring with the region that is next in line to host the Championship Challenge.
3. 3. The person or organization wishing to sponsor the ride will make a written presentation to the CCC. The presentation will include ride site, trail system, estimated budget, funding and sponsors. The CCC will aid and/or assist the host region with fund raising, advertising, sponsorship and procuring judges for the Championship Challenge. The host region will be responsible to procure volunteers, trail marking, housing for judges, taking care of local issues, i.e. permits, and manage the Championship Challenge CTR. The CCC will then submit, for approval, the written presentation to the National BOD no later than the February NBOD meeting in the year the Championship Challenge is to held.
4. NATRC will advance \$500 toward the cost of operating the ride, but will not be responsible for operating expenses or losses over the originally advanced \$500. In the event of profit, NATRC will be reimbursed the \$500 or the amount of profit whichever is less.

B. Sanction Requirements

1. The ride should be held the last weekend of September.
2. There will be no other sanctioned rides in the host region on the same weekend. If possible, there should be no other sanctioned rides in any region on the same weekend.
3. The ride should be held in a different region each year.
4. The sanction fee will be as set by the board of directors. The ride will be sanctioned only after receipt of this fee and meeting all of the above requirements, and those of Section 2 - Sanctioned Rides and Clinics.
5. There will be no DO entries accepted for this ride.

C. Eligibility of Horses

1. This will be a restricted ride.
2. A horse must have at least one of the following qualifications obtained prior to that year's Championship Challenge ride.
 - a. Placed first thru sixth (Open Division only), in the NATRC national annual high score award.
 - b. Placed first thru sixth (Open Division only), in the NATRC regional annual high score award. This is awarded by the individual regions. This placing may have been won in the year of this ride but not yet awarded.
 - c. Won an NATRC National Championship. This may have been won in the year of this ride but not yet awarded.
 - d. Have completed an aggregate of 1000 miles in competition without any duplication. This includes but is not limited to: AERC, AHA, ECTRA, SEDRA, GLDRA, UMECRA etc.
3. The rider must provide documentation of the horse's eligibility.

D. Eligibility of Riders

1. For eligibility of riders all rules in Section 4 Eligibility of Riders apply.

E. Ride Requirements

1. General

- a. This ride will be for Open Division only.
- b. The ride will consist of 2 days of riding.
- c. This ride will count as an out-of-region ride for all horses and riders regardless of the region in which it is being held.

2. Mileage

- a. Mileage for this ride will be 40 miles per day for a total of 80 miles.
In steep and rugged terrain this distance may be shortened.
- b. A total of 80 miles will be awarded toward cumulative mileage awards.

3. Pace

- a. The pace for this ride shall be in the range of 4-6 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.
- b. "Riding Time" used to compute the pace shall not include lunch and P&R stops.

4. Classes

- a. This ride will offer only Heavyweight and Lightweight classes, as defined in Section 4 Classes. A Junior class, as defined in Section 4 Classes, may be offered, if desired, by the ride sponsor, but is not required. If no Junior class is offered, Juniors may ride either Heavyweight or Lightweight provided they maintain the weight requirements of Section 4 Classes.
- b. This ride will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.

5. Judging

- a. All provisions of Section 6 - Judging will apply.
- b. There will be a minimum of two Veterinary Judges who will judge all horses. Scores from all Veterinary Judges will be added to determine the winning horse.
- c. There will be a minimum of two Horsemanship Judges who will judge all riders. Scores from all Horsemanship Judges will be added to determine the winning rider.

6. Points

- a. This ride will count as a 2 day ("A") ride.
- b. Points will be awarded as follows:

| Number of starters | | | | | | | Number of starters | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|--------------------|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| PLACING | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | PLACING | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 1st | 24 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 4th | 15 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| 2nd | 21 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 9 | | 5th | 12 | 9 | | | | |
| 3rd | 18 | 15 | 12 | 9 | | | 6th | 9 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Completion | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |

- c. The sweepstakes winner will be awarded points equal to the highest points awarded to any of the classes.
- d. The sweepstakes winner will receive 3 points, in addition to other points won for horse.

SECTION 8 - COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS, AND DRUG VIOLATIONS

- A. Informal Concerns, Inquiries, and/or Suggestions
 1. Most concerns, inquiries, and/or suggestions are questions of a general nature and are most appropriately directed to ride management, judges, regional board members or the NATRC Executive Administrator (NEA). They should be handled diplomatically and informatively on a case by case basis. This can usually be done at the ride where a question arises and without triggering a “formal process.”
 2. Concerns, inquiries, and/or suggestions that cannot be answered satisfactorily in this manner may be referred to the NEA for possible referral to the appropriate NATRC committee.
- B. Letters of Concern
 1. Letters of Concern addressing issues, other than those which are appropriately handled as either Complaints or Protest per Rule Book Section 8, may be submitted by any member, competitor, judge, ride management or ride official.
 2. A letter of concern must be in writing, signed by the author, and mailed to the NEA.
 3. The NEA shall inform the involved parties. These individuals may reply to the NEA within 21 days with any information that they deem relevant regarding the concern.
 4. The NEA will then forward the information received to the chair of the committee he/she deems most appropriate to receive the letter of concern. Copies shall be sent to the President. The committee to which the letter of concern has been referred shall render a written conclusion in a timely manner and forward that conclusion to the NEA. The NEA, or the committee chair as assigned by the NEA, shall then notify all affected parties of that conclusion. A copy of the notification will be sent to the NEA.
- C. Complaints
 1. Complaints not involving a formal protest, may be made by any competitor, their agent, or parent of a junior competitor against the operation of the ride, misconduct of the ride committees, committee members, competitors, judges, other officers or agents of a ride.
 2. A complaint must be in writing, signed by the complainant and mailed (postmarked) to the NATRC Executive Administrator not later than ten days following the conclusion of the ride.
 3. The NATRC Executive Administrator shall send a copy of the complaint to the ride personnel involved. The ride personnel will have twenty one (21) days in which to reply to the NATRC Executive Administrator who shall forward the information received to the Chair of the Committee he/she deems most appropriate to receive the complaint. Copies shall be sent to the President and the Chair of the Sanction Committee. The committee to which the complaint has been referred shall have two weeks to render a written judgment on the complaint and forward it to the NATRC Executive Administrator, who shall thereupon use this written judgment and promptly notify all affected parties and all persons receiving copies of the complaint as set forth above.
- D. Protests
 1. A protest may be made against any NATRC ride for violation of any of the rules pertaining to such a ride that could affect the final awards. Such protest may be initiated by a competitor or an agent or parent of a junior competitor.

2. The Protest Committee shall consist of one member of the Board of Directors of NATRC, one NATRC Judge in good standing and one competitor member in good standing and the President as an ex-officio member.
 3. A protest must be in writing, signed by the person initiating the protest and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 (cash, certified check or money order), be mailed (postmarked) to the NATRC Executive Administrator not later than ten (10) days following the conclusion of the ride.
 4. The NATRC Executive Administrator shall send copies of the Protest to the Protest Chairman, NATRC President, Ride Chairman, Ride Judges, Rules Interpreter and any other involved official or competitor. These people will have fourteen days in which to respond to the NATRC Executive Administrator. The NATRC Executive Administrator shall send copies of all replies to the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall review all information pertinent to the protest.
 5. The Protest Committee shall render a written judgment to the NATRC Executive Administrator within two weeks of receipt of all information. Within ten days of receipt of the written judgment by the NATRC Executive Administrator, he/she shall use this written judgment to notify the parties to the protest.
 6. The decision may be appealed by any affected party. The appeal shall be in writing, signed by the person initiating the appeal, and be mailed (postmarked) to the NATRC Executive Administrator not later than ten days after receipt of the Protest Committee's decision. The National Board of Directors shall hear the appeal. The decision of the Board is final.
 7. If the protest is allowed, the \$50.00 shall be returned to the party making the protest. If the protest is disallowed, the \$50.00 shall be retained by NATRC. The fee for a protest, which has been filed, processed, then withdrawn, will not be refunded.
 8. A judge's decision shall be incontestable unless an infraction of the rules has occurred.
- E. Drug Violations
1. Any violation of the drug rules shall automatically be reviewed by the Protest Committee, to be chaired jointly by the Chairman of the Protest Committee and the Chairman of the Drug Committee.

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

A. Ride Awards

1. A sanctioned ride having an Open 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.
3. Each division shall include first through sixth place in each horse class offered and in each horsemanship class offered.
4. The horses with the highest total points from the Open & Novice Divisions shall be the recipients of the Open & Novice Sweepstakes Awards.
5. In situations in which less than a full class starts the ride, all placings will be at the discretion of the judges, (i.e., if there is no horse or rider deserving of first place award, no first place need be awarded, etc.).
6. No tie placings will be awarded (i.e., any ties must be broken by the judges).
7. A ride may offer awards in addition to those based on NATRC scoring but must not be in lieu of those based on NATRC scoring.
8. Awards based on NATRC scoring must be presented publicly at the immediate conclusion of the ride.
9. Registration certificate or copy thereof must be checked by management for a registered horse to be eligible for a breed award.

B. Annual Awards

1. General

- a. Only the first 16 rides in Open Division or 12 rides in Competitive/Pleasure Division officially started (*see Section 5 A2*) in a ride year will count toward National Awards.
- b. A horse/rider does not have to officially start 16 Open Division or 12 Competitive/Pleasure Division rides in order to qualify.
- c. Horses receiving annual awards must be ridden by a member of NATRC.
- d. Riders receiving annual awards must be members of NATRC.
- e. A non-member joining NATRC at any time during the ride year in which he has competed in a ride, will start to accumulate points from the first ride ridden in that year.
- f. Points are based on the table in Section 9 C4.
- g. In order to qualify for annual awards the competing horse or rider must have completed at least three rides in their designated Region (see Section 10 for Region 1A requirements).

2. National Awards

- a. PRESIDENTS CUP (National Sweepstakes Champion): This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse in the Open Division.
 - (1) Only the first 16 rides officially started will count.
 - (2) "A" ride counts as 1 ride, "B" ride counts as 1/2 ride, "AA" ride counts as 1 1/2 rides.
 - (3) The horse must be officially started in at least four rides made up of any combination of out-of-region or out-of-state rides.
 - (4) A rider must be a current NATRC member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
 - (5) In the event of a tie in points at the end of the year, the winner shall be the horse which has won first place on the most number of rides. If the tie persists then the most number of seconds will be used. Each placing shall then be used in turn until the tie is broken.

- b. JIM MENEFEE MEMORIAL (Combined Horse & Horsemanship):
 - (1) This award is presented to the Open Division horse and rider combination having the highest number of total points for horse and horsemanship.
 - (2) Only the first 16 rides officially started will count.
- 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.
 - (1) Horses competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of eight rides during the year. "A" ride = 1 ride, "B" ride = 1/2 ride, "AA" ride = 1 1/2 rides.
 - (2) Only the first 16 rides officially started will count.
 - (3) Only rides officially started in the same Open class will count.
 - (4) Every ride which the horse officially starts during the year shall count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is entered in the same Open class.
 - (5) A rider must be a current NATRC member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
 - (6) The horse must be officially started in at least two out-of-state rides, two out-of-region rides, or one out-of-state and one out-of-region ride.
 - (7) In the event of a tie in the high average scores at the end of the year, the winner shall be the horse which has won first place on the most number of rides.
 - (8) The average score of each horse shall be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides officially started. The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual horse's score by the highest open score (sweepstakes) on that ride.
- d. POLLY BRIDGES MEMORIAL (High Average Horsemanship): This award is presented to the Open Division rider who has the highest average horsemanship score rather than the highest number of points.
 - (1) Riders competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of eight rides during the year. "A" ride = 1 ride, "B" ride = 1/2 ride, "AA" ride = 1 1/2 rides.
 - (2) Only the first 16 rides officially started will count.
 - (3) Only rides officially started in the same Open class will count.
 - (4) Every ride which the rider officially starts during the year shall count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is ridden in the same Open class.
 - (5) The rider must officially start in at least two out-of-state rides, two out-of-region rides, or one out-of-state and one out-of-region ride.
 - (6) In the event of a tie in the high average horsemanship scores at the end of the year, the winner shall be the rider who won first place on the most number of rides.
 - (7) The average score of each rider shall be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides officially started. The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual rider's score by the highest open horsemanship score on that ride.

- 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.
 - (1) Horses competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of eight rides during the year. "A" ride = 1 ride, "B" ride = 1/2 ride, "AA" ride = 1 1/2 rides.
 - (2) Only the first 16 rides officially started will count.
 - (3) Only Open Junior Class rides officially started will count.
 - (4) Every ride which the horse officially starts in Open Junior during the year shall count, regardless of placing or finishing.
 - (5) The horse must be officially started in at least two out-of-state rides, two out-of-region rides, or one out-of-state and one out-of-region ride.
 - (6) In the event of a tie in the high average horse scores at the end of the year, the winner shall be the horse which has won first place on the most number of rides.
 - (7) The average score of each horse shall be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides officially started. The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual horse's score by the highest open score (sweepstakes) on that ride.
- f. JUNIOR HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP: This award is presented to the Open Division Junior rider who has the highest average horsemanship score rather than the highest number of points.
 - (1) Riders competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of eight rides during the year. "A" ride = 1 ride, "B" ride = 1/2 ride, "AA" ride = 1 1/2 rides.
 - (2) Only the first 16 rides officially started will count.
 - (3) Every ride which the rider officially starts during the year shall count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is ridden in the declared class.
 - (4) The rider must officially start in at least two out-of-state rides, two out-of-region rides, or one out-of-state and one out-of-region ride.
 - (5) In the event of a tie in the junior high average horsemanship scores at the end of the year, the winner shall be the rider who won first place on the most number of rides.
 - (6) The average score of each rider shall be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides officially started. The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual rider's score by the highest open horsemanship score on that ride.
- g. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In Open Division in the heavyweight and lightweight class a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year.
 - (1) Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings.
 - (2) Awarded the first or second placing in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE (Section 9 B2i).
 - (3) Accumulated 75 points.
- h. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In Open Division in the junior class a horse shall be declared a Junior National Champion when all the

following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year.

- (1) Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings.
 - (2) Awarded the first or second placing in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE (Section 9 B2h).
 - (3) Accumulated 60 points.
- i. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 16 rides officially started will count. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.
 - j. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 16 rides officially started will count. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.
 - k. HIGH AVERAGE COMPETITIVE/PLEASURE HORSE: These awards are presented to the Competitive/Pleasure Division horses which have the highest average score rather than the highest number of points.
 - (1) First through sixth place will be awarded.
 - (2) Horses competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of six rides during the year, which must include an out-of-state or out-of-region ride. "A" ride = 1 ride, "B" ride = 1/2 ride.
 - (3) Only the first 12 rides officially started will count.
 - (4) A rider must be a current NATRC member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited.
 - (5) Every ride which the horse officially starts during the year will count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is entered in the declared division.
 - (6) In the event of a tie for any place in the high average scores at the end of the year, the tiebreaker will be the horse that has won first place on the most number of rides. If the tie persists, then the most number of seconds will be used. Each placing will then be used in turn until the tie is broken. If the tie persists, then the tied horses will each be awarded the same place.
 - (7) The average score of each horse will be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides officially started. The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual horse's score by the highest competitive/pleasure horse score on that ride.
 - l. HIGH AVERAGE COMPETITIVE/PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: These awards are presented to the Competitive/Pleasure Division riders who have the highest average horsemanship scores rather than the highest number of points.
 - (1) First through sixth place will be awarded.
 - (2) Riders competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of six rides during the year, which must include an out-of-state or out-of-region ride. "A" ride = 1 ride, "B" ride = 1/2 ride.

- (3) Only the first 12 rides officially started will count.
 - (4) Every ride which the rider officially starts during the year will count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is entered in the declared division.
 - (5) In the event of a tie for any place in the high average scores at the end of the year, the tiebreaker will be the rider that has won first place on the most number of rides. If the tie persists, then the most number of seconds will be used. Each placing will then be used in turn until the tie is broken. If the tie persists, then the tied riders will each be awarded the same place.
 - (6) The average score of each rider will be determined by adding the “percentage scores” from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides officially started. The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual rider's score by the highest competitive/pleasure horsemanship score on that ride.
3. Regional Awards
- a. These Regional Awards are given for combined horse and horsemanship.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Except for Region 1A, Regional Championships in all Divisions and Classes (See Section 4), first through sixth place, will be awarded annually on the basis of points awarded within the designated Region of the horse and rider (See Section 1 B5).
- C. Point Distribution
1. DO, or disqualified or pulled horse and rider receive no points.
 2. 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.
 3. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: one point for a “B” ride, 2 points for an “A” ride, 3 points for an “AA” ride.
 4. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider.

| TYPE AA RIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|--------------------|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Number of starters | | | | | | | Number of starters | | | | | | |
| PLACING | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | PLACING | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 1st | 24 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 4th | 15 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| 2nd | 21 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 9 | | 5th | 12 | 9 | | | | |
| 3rd | 18 | 15 | 12 | 9 | | | 6th | 9 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | **Completion | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |

| TYPE A RIDE | | | | | | | TYPE B RIDE | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of starters | | | | | | | Number of starters | | | | | | |
| PLACING | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | PLACING | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 1st | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 1st | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 2nd | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | | 2nd | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | |
| 3rd | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | | | 3rd | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | |
| 4th | 10 | 8 | 6 | | | | 4th | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | |
| 5th | 8 | 6 | | | | | 5th | 4 | 3 | | | | |
| 6th | 6 | | | | | | 6th | 3 | | | | | |
| **Completion | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

**Completion points awarded for both horse and horsemanship. (1985)

D. Cumulative Mileage awards:

1. 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: "B" Ride=30 miles, "A" Ride=60 miles, "AA" Ride=90 miles; Novice and Competitive/Pleasure: "B" Ride=20 miles, "A" Ride=40 miles.
 - b. Riders may, in writing and accompanied with a \$15.00 fee, request verification by the NATRC office of Novice Division mileage prior to 1984.
 - c. Mileage is retroactive, subject to rider's membership verification.
 - d. A fee equal to the amount of annual membership dues plus \$5.00 research fee for each year of retroactive non-member mileage must be paid before mileage will be credited.
 - e. Mileage buckles, blankets, pendants or bolos may be purchased through the NATRC office.
2. 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: "B" Ride=30 miles, "A" Ride=60 miles, "AA" Ride=90 miles; Novice and Competitive/Pleasure: "B" Ride=20 miles, "A" Ride=40 miles.
 - b. Mileage is retroactive, subject to rider's membership verification.

- c. A fee equal to the amount of annual membership dues plus \$5.00 research fee for each year of retroactive non-member mileage must be paid before mileage will be credited.
 - d. Any number of horses may have been ridden - mileage is credited to the rider.
3. Mileage medallions will be awarded to horses and riders achieving levels of mileage as follows:
- a. 4,000 Miles - Bronze
 - b. 7,000 Miles - Silver
 - c. 10,000 Miles - Gold
 - d. 15,000 Miles - Diamond
 - e. 20,000 Miles - Double Diamond

SECTION 10 - REGION 1A AWARDS

A. General

1. This section deals with all specific requirements, definitions, and limitations for Region 1A year-end awards only.
2. All other rules apply.

B. Annual/Year-end Awards

1. General

- a. In order to qualify for annual awards for Region 1A, the competing horse or rider must have completed at least one ride during the current ride year.

2. National Awards

- a. National Championship – In Open Division in heavyweight, lightweight and junior classes a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any three-year period in which rides are held.
 - (1) Awarded one first.
 - (2) Accumulated 36 points. Points will be established after merging all horse and rider teams into one combined class. These points will be based on the table in Section 9 C4.

3. Regional Awards

- a. Regional awards are given for combined horse and rider team.
- b. Upon receipt of the final ride report, all horse and rider teams in a division will be merged into a combined class (i.e. one class per division). Points will be based on the table in Section 9 C4.
- c. All points for rides, in which the same horse and rider combination competed, will be added together and the placings determined by the team with the most points.
- d. Regional awards will be presented annually, or in years with sanctioned ride(s), when appropriate, on the basis of points awarded in Region 1A for Open, Competitive/Pleasure and Novice Divisions, based on one class for each division.

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