LEISURE DIVISION (LeD) - The Basics in Bullets

One day ride, including:

- Registration with ride secretary
  - Horse age ≥ 48 months
  - Rider age class
    - Adult (over 17)
    - Experienced (adults and juniors)
    - Junior (age 8-17)
- Ride briefing to go over
  - basics of ride
  - course map
  - judge’s expectations
- Preliminary horse exam – basic check of
  - back
  - mouth
  - girth
  - legs
  - trot for obvious lameness
- Competition – Assessed on
  - partnership with horse
  - rider’s equitation and safety
  - horse’s trail ability and manners
- Competition - Description
  - 8 - 12 miles of riding
  - 3 - 4.5 miles per hour
  - up to 5 judged observations
  - natural obstacles native to terrain
  - at least 1 P&R check - after 10 minute rest
  - P&R criteria, 15-second count - full points if:
    - pulse is < 12 and
    - respiration is < .9
    - hold on 17, either P or R or both
- Final exam of horse
  - same as preliminary
  - variances noted
- Awards and feedback from judge
  - Horse and rider scored as a team
  - Combined scores determine placing

May compete with or without
- boots or shoes and/or
- hoof or leg protection

On trail, rider must
- remain in saddle when in forward motion
- maintain forward motion from forward motion point (~1 mile) to finish
- keep within a 30-minute window of time
  - to each check point and
  - to finish to avoid:
    - missing an obstacle
    - missing a P&R, or
    - being assessed time penalties

Rider may dismount when desired
- provided do not advance
- except after passing forward motion point

Stay on designated trail – penalized if route taken:
- significantly shortens the route or
- bypasses a P&R or judged obstacle

If staying overnight, stabling is
- evaluated for safety
- not scored