



## LEISURE DIVISION (LeD) - The Basics in Bullets

- U One day ride, including:
  - Registration with ride secretary
    - Horse age  $\geq$  48 months
    - Rider age class
      - Adult (over 17)
      - Experienced (adults and juniors)
      - Junior (age 10-17)
  - 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  $\leq$  12 and
      - respiration is  $\leq$  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
- U May compete with or without
  - boots or shoes and/or
  - hoof or leg protection
- U 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
- U Rider may dismount when desired
  - provided do not advance
  - except after passing forward motion point
- U Stay on designated trail – penalized if route taken:
  - significantly shortens the route or
  - bypasses a P&R or judged obstacle
- U If staying overnight, stabling is
  - evaluated for safety
  - not scored