

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE



RULES INTERPRETER RIDE REPORT and RESPONSIBILITIES - *EFFICIENCY REPORT (2 pages)*

Give this form to the Rules Interpreter (RI) prior to the ride for use as a checklist as well as a post-ride report.

NAME OF RIDE: _____ Region: _____ Date: _____

RI Name, Address, Phone and Email Address (must be a current member): _____

	YES	NO	COMMENT
Ride Chair			
Veterinary Judge / Horsemanship Judge / Leisure Judge			
1. Did you receive a packet w/ the Mgmt Mnl RI duties, this report, a Rule Book, ride maps, & ride schedule?	___	___	___
2. Was a comprehensive briefing held each evening prior to each day's ride, or on day of ride (LeD)?	___	___	___
3. Did the competitors receive adequate maps and instructions?	___	___	___
4. Were all trails adequately marked?	___	___	___
a. Were any trail distances or times changed after the ride started?	___	___	___
b. Was the "ONE (LeD)/TWO (O/N/CP) MILE" point adequately marked with an appropriate sign?	___	___	___
c. Did the time and mileage for all divisions meet NATRC™ requirements? (Rule Book Section 4)	___	___	___
d. Did you check to see that the timing, mileage and pacing were accurate?	___	___	___
5. Did the timer(s) keep proper records and inform management of any time penalties? (Rule Book 5.J.7)	___	___	___
6. Were any penalty points assessed (time, rule infractions, etc.)? (Rule Book 5.J. and 6.D).	___	___	___
a. If penalty points were assessed, were the riders informed as per Rule Book 5.J.7.a?	___	___	___
b. Were any riders disqualified (Rule Book 6.E.), pulled (RB 6.F) or C.O. (RB 6.G)? If so, explain.	___	___	___
7. Were all Lightweight & Heavyweight riders weighed or required to show a weight card prior to the ride?	___	___	___
a. Were any Lwt or Hwt "borderline" riders re-weighed during the ride? (Rule Book 4.B.5.c)	___	___	___
8. Were the P&R teams properly briefed, transported to P&R stops, and did they function properly?	___	___	___
9. Did the safety personnel function properly? If not, explain.	___	___	___
10. Were the judges briefed regarding trails, terrain, time, etc., and were they properly transported?	___	___	___
a. Were the judging obstacles/observations natural and native to the local terrain (not artificial)?	___	___	___
b. Were the judging obstacles safe for horses and riders?	___	___	___
c. Were there any time hold-ups at any of the judging spots on the trail? Explain.	___	___	___
If so, what was: the maximum obstacle hold time? ___ the maximum rider daily hold time? ___			
d. Were one soundness and two metabolic checks conducted on the trail each day? (O/N/CP only)	___	___	___
e. Was the CRI (Cardiac Recovery Index) conducted on horses? (O/N/CP only)	___	___	___
f. Were samples collected for drug testing the equines?	___	___	___
11. Was a "standby" veterinarian available (in addition to the vet judge(s))?	___	___	___
12. Are you aware of any rule infractions overlooked by the judges?	___	___	___
13. Were you called upon to make any rulings? (Rule Book 3.B.6.b.)	___	___	___
14. Were any accident reports written?	___	___	___
a. If so, were they sent to the NATRC office within 24 hours of the accident(s)?	___	___	___
15. Did any horses require medical attention, colic, or incur any significant medical condition or injury?	___	___	___
16. Were there any concerns that might result in an official complaint or protest?	___	___	___
17. In your opinion, did this ride meet the standards set by NATRC? If not, explain.	___	___	___
18. Based on your observations, do you have any suggestions for judges or management?	___	___	___

NOTES:

- 1) Explain **COMMENTS** in detail using the reverse side of this report or a separate sheet.
- 2) You **MUST ATTEND ALL RIDE BRIEFINGS**. (LeD if feasible. Was a pre-briefing given to you otherwise?)
- 3) **DISCUSS INFRACTIONS and MAKE DECISIONS only with management; BASE decisions on Rule Book, not manuals.**
- 4) **WITHIN 72 HOURS following the ride, MAIL THIS REPORT** along with **the ACTUAL MAPS USED** (indicating mileage, riding times, total elapsed times, number of P&R stops, length of lunch stops, etc.) to natrc@natrc.org or PO Box 969, Beatrice, NE 68310.

RULES INTERPRETER (signature) _____



RULES INTERPRETER REPORT and RESPONSIBILITIES - *RESPONSIBILITIES* (1 page)

Rules Interpreter – Job Description

The rules interpreter is a friendly, impartial observer, reporting to management to help them correct any situations that are detrimental to an NATRC ride.

Governing Rule from Rule Book

Section 3 – Management of Rides

B. Ride Officials

5. Rules Interpreter:

- a. The Rules Interpreter will not be a family member of the ride chair or judges. (Section 4 D1b) This person must be a member in good standing, approved by NATRC and thoroughly familiar with the NATRC rules.
 - (1) Ride Management may use separate individuals for each division. Ride Management should introduce the rules Interpreter at all ride briefings.
 - (2) Ride Management should avoid using the Rules Interpreter to perform other duties (for example, secretary, timer, etc.).
- b. 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.
 - (1) 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.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) Any such ruling must be reported in writing to NATRC.
- c. If a Rules Interpreter sees a rule infraction in process, he or she must notify management and judges so corrective steps can be taken.
- d. The Rules Interpreter will complete an efficiency report and mail it to the NATRC office within 72 hours.

Section 4 – Divisions, Classes, and Eligibility

D. Eligibility of Riders

1. All persons 10 years of age or older are eligible to compete in NATRC except:
 - 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 or horsemanship.

Duties (from Management Manual):

1. Be friendly to competitors, judges, management and all attendant personnel.
2. Maintain a courteous, neutral attitude with all.
3. Serve, if willing, in other capacities if requested by management if this additional duty does not affect neutrality.
4. Have a current Rule Book, ride maps, and RI Report sheet prior to the start of the ride.
5. Be familiar with all rules in the Rule Book.
6. Get maps and take notes at ride briefing.
7. Make a written report of any ruling made.
8. Be acquainted with any situation settled without your consultation.
9. Observe all aspects of the ride in conjunction with the RI report and considering the overall ride.
10. Use discretion in the consumption of alcoholic beverages during the course of the ride or during the time you may be called upon to arbitrate a rule on a question.
11. Make NO decision to a rider when approached with a complaint. Confer with judges and ride management to arrive at a prompt decision.
12. Make NO decisions based upon any manual; manuals are intended only for guidelines and suggested procedures, not to be used as Rule Books.
13. Make NO attempt to change any aspect of the ride. Confine suggestions and observations to ride management only.
14. Make NO hasty, poorly established decisions.

Within 72 hours of the completion of the ride:

1. Complete report and mail or e-mail to the NATRC office .
2. Include actual ride maps and timing tables with the report.

Thank you for your help!