

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the AERC and are binding on AERC sanctioned rides.

While the AERC assumes that most participants are responsible and caring, it is recognized that a highly competitive and demanding sport requires regulation. The AERC's concern in establishing rules and regulations is to assure that competition occurs within standardized parameters considered fair and reasonably safe for equine and rider. The AERC services the requirements of the competitor by promulgating and establishing rules and regulations, recording and publishing results of events, and providing awards; but the competitor is ultimately responsible for self and mount before, during and after an endurance ride. AERC Rules and Regulations provide minimum conditions and directives for managing and competing in AERC sanctioned endurance rides. Additional measures may be taken by any ride to provide greater safety for equine and rider. However, except in the event of emergency, these additional measures must be explained to the competitors and made available to them in written form at a pre-ride meeting. We not only feel it is necessary to regulate our sport, but also to penalize infractions and to provide mechanisms for addressing grievances and appealing decisions.

All entrants in any distance of a ride know and agree that their entry into the ride is with the stipulation that all activities that relate to the ride are subject to use by AERC for analysis of ways to improve and educate all concerned be they riders, ride managers, veterinarians.

The following documents complement and provide additional information for AERC Rules and Regulations: AERC Ride Manager's Handbook, AERC Veterinarian's Handbook. These publications are available through the AERC office.

## ENDURANCE RULES

1. **The ride must be at least 50 miles in length per day, up to a maximum distance of 150 miles in three days.**
  - 1.1 Rides are sanctioned for a certain number of miles.
    - 1.1.1 Mileage over 50 must be a multiple of five, ending in a 0 or 5, whichever is the nearest whole number to the actual ride mileage (e.g., 52.4 miles = 50, 52.5 miles = 55).
  - 1.2 Endurance rides which are sanctioned for more than one distance (such as a 50 and a 100 held over the same course at the same time) have the option of allowing riders to "elevate" from one ride into the other, subject to the following restrictions: The rider may only elevate from a shorter distance into a longer distance; the rider may elevate

only once; upon elevating, the rider is no longer considered to be a starter or a finisher in the shorter ride; and the rules on reduced Bonus Points for rides with fewer than eleven starters apply.

- 1.2.1 Elevator rides must be indicated on the sanction application and advertised as such.
- 1.2.2 The rider must state which mileage he will enter if a multiple mileage ride; e.g., 50 mile, 100 mile or 150 mile.
- 1.2.3 A rider who elevates is eligible for completion only.
- 1.2.4 If the starting times are not the same, elevating riders must have the time limits of Rule 5 applied to their original ride's starting time.
- 1.3 The sanctioned ride mileage(s) cannot be changed later than 90 days before the ride; points and miles will be awarded according to the mileage for which the ride is sanctioned (see rule 11).
  - 1.3.1 The exception to this policy is the case where an emergency forces a last-minute trail change, in which case points and mileage are awarded according to the actual mileage reported to the AERC.
  - 1.3.2 A change in mileage and/or ride results certified by AERC may be mandated by the Protest and Grievance Committee or the Board.

## **2. The equines must be under the control of veterinarian(s) experienced with equines or endurance rides.**

- 2.1 The ride must employ at least one veterinarian whose services will be exclusive to that event, pre-ride, during the ride, and post-ride (at least one ride veterinarian must be at the ride site for at least one hour after the last equine crosses the finish line or has returned to ride camp).
  - 2.1.1 The most current version of the AERC Ride Manager's Handbook, the AERC Veterinary Handbook, and the AERC Rules and Regulations must be provided by AERC to the Ride Manager. These books must be provided to the control veterinarians by the Ride Manager prior to the ride, and must be available for reference at the ride.
  - 2.1.2 Control veterinarians are veterinarians employed by ride management to monitor the equines and counsel riders and ride management on equine welfare as well as to uphold the AERC rules. A control veterinarian must be an AERC member, either as a regular member or as a veterinary member. A veterinarian supplying treatment only is not required to be an AERC member.
  - 2.1.3 A veterinarian who is serving as ride manager of an AERC sanctioned event is prohibited from serving that same event as a veterinary control official.
  - 2.1.4 Each equine will receive a substantive physical examination of

metabolic and mechanical parameters before the ride, at control points within the ride and after the ride. All AERC sanctioned rides must use an AERC approved rider card for the control veterinarian(s) to record the results of their examinations.

- 2.1.5 The veterinarians' decisions regarding disqualification must be final and ride management must stand behind the veterinarians' decisions.
  - 2.1.5.1 A Ride Manager may not overrule a vet decision on a veterinary matter.
  - 2.1.5.2 Equines disqualified by the vets must not continue on. This practice by a rider is considered grounds for barring that rider from future rides.
  - 2.1.5.3 The rider/owner of an equine disqualified by a ride veterinarian should be notified immediately by that veterinarian or the ride manager.
- 2.1.6 Management must be confident that there is complete understanding with the veterinarian(s) regarding P&R criteria, any other disqualification criteria, and particularly post-ride criteria for completion.
  - 2.1.6.1 The setting of veterinary parameters, including but not limited to pulse and respiration, shall be determined by the head veterinarian. Since the ambient conditions are of prime concern in the setting of parameters, these parameters should not be finalized more than 24 hours prior to ride start.
  - 2.1.6.2 Any equine not meeting pulse criteria within 30 minutes of arrival at a veterinary check point other than the post-finish line vet check will be disqualified.
- 2.1.7 All veterinary control checkpoints must be staffed by a veterinarian who will provide the required control. The type of checkpoint and duration of the hold will, in all cases, be designated by the head veterinarian. It is recommended that all checkpoints be of the "gate into a hold" type.
- 2.1.8 Equines that are treated or die at rides shall be reported on a form with ride results to be completed by the ride veterinarian and submitted with ride results. This information will be kept permanently on file at the AERC office.

### **3. The ride must be open to any breed or type of equine.**

- 3.1 The equines entered in the full distances must be at least 60 months old at the time of the ride.
  - 3.1.1 Age is figured from actual date of birth. In cases of no papers on an equine, a ride veterinarian's opinion and discretion must prevail.
- 3.2 Rides may limit the number of competitors provided that prior pub-

licity states the limitation and that all spaces and vacancies are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

- 3.3 An equine which constitutes a clear danger to other equines and/or persons may be disqualified at any time from competition, by the ride manager or ride veterinarian.

#### **4. Entry to a ride may be refused for cause.**

- 4.1 Cause is defined as a specific occurrence, substantiated by direct and corroborated evidence of, including but not limited to, one of the following:
  - 4.1.1 Non-payment of ride fees, such as insufficient funds check not made good.
  - 4.1.2 Abuse of an equine, such as drugging or continuing to ride after being pulled without the specific permission of a ride vet.
  - 4.1.3 Abusive harassment of ride personnel, other riders or crews, such as arguing with the veterinarians, breaking the line at vet gates, or deliberately blocking other riders on the trail.
  - 4.1.4 Removing or altering trails markers.
  - 4.1.5 Cheating, such as deliberate short cuts or deliberately leaving timed holds early.
  - 4.1.6 An equine determined to be unruly or dangerous may be denied entry.
- 4.2 Cause might also be determined by the Board or one of the committees of the AERC.

#### **5. The ride must provide a specific amount of time (total competition time) which will include all stops and holds, and within which competitors must complete the ride to qualify for placing or completion.**

- 5.1 There may be no minimum time limit for completion.
- 5.2 Maximum competition time will be according to the following prescription: 12 hours for 50 miles, 24 hours for 100 miles, and other distances to be according to the chart in Appendix A. In the case of 2 day 100's, 3 day 150's and similar events, the total completion time allowed is based on daily mileage.
- 5.3 Riding time is the time used by the competitors to complete the course, excluding all hold times, and is the time used for AERC ride results.
- 5.4 There must be a pre-designated marked finish line perpendicular across the trail.
- 5.5 All riders must be notified in writing of cut-off times no later than the pre-ride meeting.

#### **6. Completion requires meeting all of the following criteria:**

- a. All riders and mounts must be present and accounted for at the start of the ride.
- b. Properly entered in the ride.
- c. Obeying all the rules.

- d. Following the prescribed course, and doing multiple loops in the correct order.
  - e. Passing all control points.
  - f. Passing vet check requirements.
  - g. Finishing within the prescribed maximum time.
  - h. Not being disqualified.
  - i. Meeting criteria at post-finish-line check.
  - j. Meeting any other criteria prescribed by ride management.
  - k. Not having been paced or prompted by an un-entered, withdrawn, or otherwise unauthorized equine, vehicle, or a person other than another entrant. This does not preclude the ordinary support services of attendants or pit crews. A crew may accompany their rider down a public road in a support vehicle (unless there is a ride management prohibition against it) provided they do not push or haze the equine.
- 6.1 A competitor must pass all veterinary criteria for completion; a competitor who fails any of the other completion criteria should be pulled from Top Ten placing but may be allowed a completion, if in the opinion of ride management, the violation was not intentional and did not result in making the course easier or shorter.
- 6.2 Each AERC sanctioned ride must have a post-finish-line vet examination, which the equine must pass for a successful completion, the criteria to be announced prior to the ride.
- 6.2.1 The minimum criteria for the post-finish-line vet check are as follows. Any ride may adopt more stringent criteria, but these must be provided to competitors before the ride in written form. The post-finish-line vet check is where the final criteria for completion must be met; an equine has not completed the ride until he has passed this check. The post-finish-line vet check also serves as a safety check to monitor for late-developing problems (so that they can be treated if necessary) as well as extending veterinary control over the last leg of the ride. Because an equine at the finish line is not, in actuality, going on—and not going into the wilderness far from veterinary aid—the standards for completion need not be as strict as those on the trail, but they must meet the minimum standards below. See the Veterinarian's Handbook for more information.
- 6.2.1.1 All equines must stand a mandatory post-ride evaluation within one hour of finish. Riders may present their equines for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one-hour period. An equine that does not meet the established criteria including pulse criteria within one hour of crossing the finish line shall be disqualified. Once a competing equine has passed the post-ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons.

- 6.2.1.2 The equine must reach a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions. The maximum pulse criterion is 68 beats per minute; however, the ride veterinarian(s) may allow a higher pulse criteria in documented extreme weather conditions. Respiration should be evaluated on its own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects on respiration rate are considered.
  - 6.2.1.3 The equine must be metabolically stable, sufficient to demonstrate fitness to continue.
  - 6.2.1.4 There will be no gait aberration that is consistently observable under all circumstances that results in pain or threatens immediate athletic performance. This examination will be conducted at a trot, or an equivalent gait, straight out and back, without prior flexion or palpation. It must be recognized that we are dealing with a risk sport with its inherent wear and tear. Veterinarians must also be flexible enough to evaluate the equine injured after completing the course, etc. This is posed as a very minimum criterion not designed to disqualify legitimate stiffness and “leg weariness” but to discourage over usage between the last veterinary checkpoint and the finish line.
  - 6.2.1.5 Soreness, lacerations, and wounds on the limbs and body—including the mouth—must be noted on the veterinary examination card. Lesions that are aggravated to a degree that affects the equine’s ability to continue may be a cause for failure to complete the ride. It must be recognized by veterinarians that lesions caused by tack and interference may be from mild to severe and need to be evaluated on their own merit.
  - 6.2.1.6 Evaluation of other monitoring parameters must indicate the equine is not in need of any medical treatment. It must be borne in mind that pulse, respiration and soundness are but three of the important parameters considered in the state of condition evaluation.
  - 6.2.1.7 The equine may not have received medical treatment by veterinarian or layman prior to the final examination. Any equine that a ride veterinarian advises should be treated for a metabolic or soundness problem, but treatment is refused by the rider or owner, shall be considered in the same light as a treated equine and will be disallowed completion.
- 6.3 All riders who successfully complete the ride must receive a completion award.

7. **Placements will be determined by the order of finish of those who have met the completion requirements.**
  - 7.1 AERC accepts ties. In the case of ties, the points to be awarded shall be the sum of the positions divided by the number of people who tied. There would never be more than 10 equines in the top ten unless the last place in the top 10 would bring the total in excess of 10 equines.
8. **The AERC will record points and mileage for AERC members.**
  - 8.1 Points are calculated on the basis of actual finishing position regardless of whether other competitors are AERC members or not. Horses that are entered in an AERC sanctioned event must be registered prior to the event with AERC in order for the rider to receive points and the horse to receive mileage.
  - 8.2 Members whose dues are not paid by February 1st will receive no points or miles for rides held between December 1st and the date their membership is restored.
    - 8.2.1 These points cannot be recovered, but the miles may be recovered by payment of appropriate Research Fees as established by the AERC.
  - 8.3 A new member will be able to obtain mileage credit for miles ridden prior to the date of joining by payment of appropriate research fees as established by the AERC.
  - 8.4 Career mileage credit only for AERC members and equines who participate in FEI rides or endurance rides in a foreign country at least 50 miles long and sanctioned by an AERC recognized organization.
  - 8.5 Points
    - 8.5.1 The AERC has two divisions (Senior and Junior) based on the age of the rider, independent of any ride management rules governing junior and senior riders.
    - 8.5.2 There are also weight divisions within the Senior Division. Competitors are recorded in weight divisions as indicated in the ride results.
      - 8.5.2.1 Heavyweight, consisting of riders whose combined body weight and tack is 211 pounds or more.
      - 8.5.2.2 Middleweight, consisting of riders whose combined body weight and tack is from 186 to 210 pounds.
      - 8.5.2.3 Lightweight, consisting of riders whose combined body weight and tack is from 161 to 185 pounds.
      - 8.5.2.4 Featherweight, consisting of riders whose combined body weight and tack is 160 pounds or below.
      - 8.5.2.5 For a rider to stay within a weight division he/she must meet the minimum requirement but need not stay under the maximum parameter.
    - 8.5.3 Each rider riding for weight division points may be weighed at any ride.

- 8.5.3.1 Any other rider has the right to challenge the weight of a competitor and request a weighing.
- 8.5.3.2 Management must exercise reasonable discretion in making allowances for normal weight loss of rider during competition and inaccuracy of ride scales. (A 4% allowance applied evenly to all competitors would be reasonable.)
- 8.5.4 Ride results list all completing riders in order of finish along with their division.
  - 8.5.4.1 The AERC will disqualify any members found to have deliberately given AERC fraudulent information regarding weight, age or any matter affecting national or regional awards. No points or miles awarded for entire year.
- 8.5.5 AERC computes points within each division except the Junior division based on the following formula (one point per mile, plus bonus points per mile for Top Ten, equals total points per mile):

<u>Place</u>	<u>Bonus/Mile</u>	<u>Total Points/Mile</u>
1	2.0	3.0
2	1.5	2.5
3	1.2	2.2
4	1.0	2.0
5	0.8	1.8
6	0.6	1.6
7	0.4	1.4
8	0.3	1.3
9	0.2	1.2
10	0.1	1.1
11 & lower	0.0	1.0

- 8.5.5.1 Where there are fewer than eleven Senior starters, (all weight divisions added together), all bonus points, (overall and weight division), are reduced by the following methods.
- 8.5.5.2 Junior starters for a ride shall not be counted in the overall count for starters.
- 8.5.5.3 Bonus points that would have been earned by the place equal to the total number of Senior starters are subtracted from every finisher's points.
- 8.5.5.4 Points are calculated in the Junior Division based on Top Five placing, according to the following formula:



<u>Place</u>	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Total Points/Mile</u>
1	2.0	3.0
2	1.2	2.2
3	0.8	1.8
4	0.4	1.4
5	0.2	1.2
6 & lower	0.0	1.0

8.5.5.5 Where there are fewer than six Junior starters, bonus points are reduced by the same method as for the Senior riders.

- 8.6 Members completing one-day rides of 100 or more sanctioned miles receive 1.5 times the number of points listed above.
- 8.7 If a member moves to a different AERC Region prior to June 1, all points and mileage will be recorded in the Region to which that member moves; in a move on or after June 1, all points and mileage remain in the original Region.

## **9. An award will be available for the equine judged to be in the Best Condition.**

- 9.1 The award does not have to be given.
  - 9.1.1 The veterinarian(s) may feel that none of the equines in contention for the award deserve to receive it.
- 9.2 Use of the AERC Best Condition System is optional with ride management.
  - 9.2.1 Only equines selected as Best Condition using this system (with Best Condition forms returned along with the ride results) are recognized by the AERC.
  - 9.2.2 Rides have the option of giving other Best conditions besides the AERC Best Condition if they wish.
  - 9.2.3 The AERC recognizes only one Best Condition equine at any one ride.
- 9.3 Under the AERC system, all of the first ten finishing equines are eligible for consideration, whether ridden by Junior, Featherweight, Lightweight, Middleweight or Heavyweight riders.
  - 9.3.1 The Ride Veterinarian(s) will be the sole judge of the veterinary portion of the award.
  - 9.3.2 Ride management determines the weight and time portion of the awards.
  - 9.3.3 Procedure in the event of a tie (best condition score), the equine among those tied with the highest veterinary score will be the winner. If there is still a tie, the equine among those still tied that finished ahead of the other(s) will be the winner.
- 9.4 The AERC recognizes a National Regional Best Condition Champion Equine, according to the following system:
  - 9.4.1 Each member owned equine receiving a Best Condition by the

ride shall receive one point per mile of sanctioned ride length (in the Best Condition point system - those points do not go into the overall point system).

9.4.1.1 If there are fewer than ten starting equines, the points are reduced by 10% for each starter fewer than ten; that is, if there are nine starters, the points are reduced by 10%, for eight starters, by 20%, and so forth. However if there is only one starting equine, no Best Condition points shall be awarded.

9.4.2 At the end of the ride season, the member owned equine in each Region with the highest number of points in this system, irrespective of the number of different riders which may have ridden the equine, shall be the Regional Best Condition Champion. The member owned equine with the highest number nationally shall be the National Best Condition Champion.

9.4.2.1 Equines must receive two Best Condition awards or a minimum of 100 Best Condition points during the ride season to qualify for these awards.

## LIMITED DISTANCE RULES

The following AERC rules apply to limited distance only. For rides of 50 miles and over see AERC Endurance Ride Rules.

**L1. Limited Distance rides must be at least 25 miles but not exceed 35 miles in length. These rides must be sanctioned into the Limited Distance Program and held in conjunction with or within an adjacent 24 hour time period of an AERC Sanctioned Endurance Ride.**

L1.1 Mileage must be a multiple of 5, ending in 0 or 5, whichever is the nearest whole number to the actual ride mileage (e.g. 22.4 = 20 miles, 22.5 = 25 miles.)

L1.2 Limited Distance rides which are sanctioned for more than one distance ( such as a 25 and a 35 held over the same course at the same time) have the option of allowing a rider to “elevate” from one ride distance into the other, subject to the following restrictions: The rider may only elevate from a shorter distance to a longer distance; the rider may only elevate once; upon elevating, the rider is no longer considered a starter or a finisher in the shorter ride.

L1.2.1 Elevator rides must be indicated on the sanction application and advertised as such.

L1.2.2 The rider must state which distance he will enter, if a multiple mileage ride; e. g. 25 mile, 20 mile, or 35 mile.

L1.2.3 A rider who elevates is eligible for completion only.

L1.2.4 If starting times are not the same, elevating riders must have the time limits of Rule 5 applied to their original ride’s starting time.

- L1.2.5 A Limited Distance rider may elevate to the lowest Endurance distance ( in sanctioned elevator rides) for completion only, if the equine is 60 months old or older.
- L1.2.6 A rider may not elevate from any ride sanctioned for less than 25 miles.
- L1.2.7 In order for a rider to elevate, the equine he is riding must meet the age requirements for the distance he is elevating into as stated in rule #3 and L3.
- L1.3 The sanctioned ride mileage(s) cannot be changed later than 90 days before the ride: points and miles will be awarded according to the mileage for which the ride is sanctioned (see rule 11).
- L1.3.1 An exception to the policy is the case where an emergency forces a last minute trail change, in which case points and mileage are awarded according to the actual mileage reported to the AERC.
- L1.3.2 A change in mileage and /or ride results certified by AERC may be mandated by the Protest and Grievance Committee or the Board.
- L1.4 Limited Distance rides must be regulated by the AERC Limited Distance Ride Rules.
- L1.4.1 Limited Distance competitors must be offered a separate and specific briefing on the special features and requirements of Limited Distance Rides.

## **L2. The equines must be under the control of veterinarian(s) experienced with equines or endurance rides.**

- L2.1 The ride must employ at least one veterinarian whose services will be exclusive to that event pre-ride, during the ride, and post-ride. At least one ride veterinarian must be at the ride site for at least one hour after the last equine crosses the finish line or has returned to camp.
- L2.1.1 The AERC Ride Manager's Handbook and the AERC Veterinarian's Handbook must be provided to the veterinarians prior to the ride.
- L2.1.2 Control veterinarians are veterinarians employed by ride management to monitor the equines and counsel riders and ride management on equine welfare as well as to uphold the AERC rules. A control veterinarian must be an AERC member, either as a regular member or as a veterinary member. A veterinarian supplying treatment only is not required to be an AERC member.
- L2.1.3 A veterinarian who is serving as a ride manager of an AERC sanctioned event is prohibited from serving that same event as a veterinary control official.
- L2.1.4 Each equine will receive a substantive physical examination of metabolic and mechanical parameters before the ride, at a mini-

mum of one veterinary control point located at or near the half-way point of the ride, and after the ride. All control points for limited distance rides must incorporate gate into hold criteria. Veterinary control points are mandatory during the course of all limited distance rides. All AERC sanctioned rides must use an AERC approved rider card for the control veterinarian(s) to record the results of their examinations.

L2.1.5 The veterinarians' decisions regarding disqualification must be final and ride management must stand behind the veterinarians' decisions.

L2.1.5.1 A Ride Manager may not overrule a vet decision on a veterinary matter.

L2.1.5.2 Equines disqualified by the vets must not continue on. This practice by a rider is considered grounds for barring that rider from future rides.

L2.1.5.3 The rider/owner of an equine disqualified by a ride veterinarian should be notified immediately by that veterinarian or the ride manager.

L2.1.6 Management must be confident that there is complete understanding with the veterinarian(s) regarding P&R criteria, any other disqualification criteria, and particularly post-ride criteria for completion.

L2.1.6.1 The setting of veterinary parameters, including but not limited to pulse and respiration, shall be determined by the head veterinarian. Since the ambient conditions are of prime concern in the setting of parameters, these parameters should not be finalized more than 24 hours prior to ride start.

L2.1.7 All veterinary control checkpoints must be staffed by a veterinarian who will provide the required control. The type of checkpoint and duration of the hold will, in all cases, be designated by the head veterinarian. It is recommended that all checkpoints be of the "gate into a hold" type.

L2.1.8 Equines that are treated or die at rides shall be reported on a form with ride results to be completed by the ride veterinarian and submitted with ride results. This information will be kept permanently on file at the AERC office.

### **L3. The ride must be open to any breed or type of equine.**

L3.1 Equines must be at least 48 months old at the time of the ride.

L3.1.1 Age is figured from actual date of birth. In cases of no papers on an equine, a ride veterinarian's opinion and discretion must prevail.

L3.2 Rides may limit the number of competitors provided that prior publicity states the limitation and that all spaces and vacancies are filled on a first come, first served basis.

- L3.3 An equine which constitutes a clear danger to other equines and /or persons may be disqualified at any time from competition by the ride manager or ride veterinarian.

**L4. Entry to a ride may be refused for cause.**

- L4.1 Cause is defined as a specific occurrence, substantiated by direct and corroborated evidence of, including but not limited to, one of the following:
- L4.1.1 Non-payment of ride fees, such as insufficient funds check not made good.
  - L4.1.2 Abuse of an equine, such as drugging or continuing to ride after being pulled without the specific permission of a ride vet.
  - L4.1.3 Abusive harassment of ride personnel, other riders or crews, such as arguing with the veterinarians, breaking in line at vet gates, or deliberately blocking other riders on trail.
  - L4.1.4 Removing or altering trails markers.
  - L4.1.5 Cheating, such as deliberate short cuts or deliberately leaving timed holds early.
  - L4.1.6 An equine determined to be unruly or dangerous may be denied entry
- L4.2 Cause might also be determined by the Board or one of the committees of AERC.

**L5. The ride must provide a specific amount of time (total competition time) which will include all stops and holds, and within which competitors must complete the ride to qualify for placing or completion.**

- L5.1 There may be no minimum time limit for completion.
- L5.2 Completion time will be according to the Limited Distance chart in Appendix A.
- L5.3 Riding time is the time used by competitors to complete the course and reach criteria, excluding all hold times. This is the time used for AERC ride results.
- L5.4 At the finish ride time of the competitor continues until a preset veterinary criteria of 60 heartbeats per minute or less is met. (Finishing time is recorded as the time at which the rider asks for and subsequently meets this preset criteria.) There is no marked finish line on the course that is used to determine placing or completion time.
- L5.5 All riders must be notified in writing of cut-off times no later than the pre-ride meeting.

**L6. Completion requires meeting all of the following criteria:**

- a. All riders and mounts must be present and accounted for at the start of the ride.
- b. Properly entered in the ride
- c. Obeying all the rules

- d. Following the prescribed course, and doing multiple loops in the correct order
  - e. Passing all control points
  - f. Passing all vet requirements
  - g. Finishing within the prescribed maximum time
  - h. Not being disqualified
  - i. Meeting criteria at post finish line check.
  - j. Meeting any other criteria prescribed by ride management.
  - k. Not having been paced or prompted by an un-entered, withdrawn, or otherwise unauthorized equine, vehicle or person other than another entrant. This does not preclude the ordinary support services of attendants or pit crews. A crew may accompany their rider down a public road in a support vehicle (unless there is a ride management prohibition against it) provided they do not push or haze the equine.
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- L6.2.1.1 All equines must stand a mandatory post ride evaluation within one half hour of finishing the course. Riders may present their equines for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one half-hour period. An equine that does not meet the established criteria within one half hour of arrival time shall be disqualified. Once a completed horse has passed the post ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons.

- L6.2.1.2 The equine must reach a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions, within 30 minutes of arrival time at all control points during the ride. The maximum pulse criterion is 60 beats per minute. Respiration should be evaluated on its own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects considered.
- L6.2.1.3 The equine must be metabolically stable, sufficient to demonstrate fitness to continue.
- L6.2.1.4 There will be no gait aberration that is consistently observable under all circumstances that results in pain or threatens immediate athletic performance. This examination will be conducted at a trot, or equivalent gait, straight out and back, without prior flexion or palpation.
- L6.2.1.5 Soreness, lacerations, and wounds on the limbs and body—including the mouth—must be noted on the veterinary examination card. Lesions that are aggravated to a degree that affects the equine's ability to continue may be a cause for failure to complete the ride. It must be recognized by veterinarians that lesions caused by tack and interference may be from mild to severe and need to be evaluated on their own merit.
- L6.2.1.6 Evaluation of other monitoring parameters must indicate the equine is not in need of any medical treatment. It must be borne in mind that pulse, respiration, and soundness are but three of the important parameters considered in the state of condition evaluation.
- L6.2.1.7 The equine may not have received medical treatment by veterinarian or layman prior to the final examination. Any equine that a ride veterinarian advises should be treated for a metabolic or soundness problem, but treatment is refused by the rider or owner, shall be considered in the same light as a treated equine and will be disallowed a completion.

L6.3 All riders who successfully complete the ride must receive a completion award.

**L7. If placements are given, they must be determined using the procedure described in L5.3 and L5.4. The ride results will be posted in this order, but no points for placement or for completion will be awarded.**

**L8. The AERC shall record Best Condition points and mileage for members in Limited Distance rides. All Best Condition points and all miles re-**

**main in the Limited Distance Program and are not transferable. Best Conditions will be published.**

L8.1 Members whose dues are not paid by February 1st will receive no points or miles for rides held between December 1st and the date their membership is restored.

L8.1.1 These points cannot be recovered, but the miles may be recovered by payment of appropriate Research Fees as established by the AERC.

L8.2 A new member will be able to obtain mileage credit for miles ridden prior to the date of joining AERC by payment of appropriate research fees as established by the AERC.

L8.3 Ride results list all completing riders in order of finish.

L8.4 If a member moves to a different AERC Region prior to June 1st, all Best Condition points and mileage will be recorded in the region to which that member moves; in a move on or after June 1st, all points and mileage remain in the original region.

L8.5 The AERC has two divisions (Senior and Junior) based on the age of the rider, independent of any ride management rules governing junior and senior riders.

**L9. An award may be available for the horse judged to be in the Best Condition.**

L9.1 The award does not have to be given.

L9.1.1 The veterinarian(s) may feel that none of the horses in contention for the award deserve to receive it.

L9.2 Use of the AERC Best Condition System is optional with ride management.

L9.2.1 Only horses selected as Best Condition using this system (with Best Condition forms returned along with the results) are recognized by the AERC.

L9.2.2 Rides have the option of giving other Best Conditions besides the AERC Best Condition if they wish.

L9.2.3 The AERC recognizes only one Best Condition horse at any one ride.

L9.3 Under the AERC system, all of the first ten finishing horses are eligible for consideration, whether ridden by a junior, featherweight, lightweight, middleweight or heavyweight riders. Keep in mind that the order of finish for Limited Distance riders is determined using recovery time as described in rule L5.4.

L9.3.1 The Ride Veterinarian(s) will be the sole judge of the veterinary portion of the award.

L9.3.2 Ride management determines the weight and time portion of the awards.

L9.3.3 Procedure in the event of a tie (best condition score), the equine among those tied with the highest veterinary score will be the winner. If there is still a tie, the equine among those still tied



that finished ahead of the other(s) will be the winner.

L9.4 The AERC recognizes a Regional Best Condition Champion Equine (Limited Distance) according to the following system:

L9.4.1 Each member owned equine receiving a Best Condition by the ride shall receive one point per mile of sanctioned ride length (in the Best Condition point system—those points do not go into the overall point system).

L9.4.1.1 If there are fewer than ten starting equines, the points are reduced by 10% for each starter fewer than ten; that is, if there are nine starters, the points are reduced by 10%, for eight starters, by 20%, and so forth. However if there is only one starting equine, no Best Condition points shall be awarded.

L9.4.2 At the end of the ride season, the member owned equine in each Region with the highest number of points in this system, irrespective of the number of different riders which may have ridden the equine, shall be the Regional Best Condition Champion for Limited Distance.

L9.4.2.1 Equines must receive at least two Limited Distance Best Condition awards during the ride season to qualify for this award.

*The following rules 10 through 16 apply to all distances.*

## **ENDURANCE AND LIMITED DISTANCE RULES**

**10. All Junior riders in both full and Limited Distance rides, whether they are AERC members or not, must be accompanied by a competent adult (21 years or older) sponsor throughout the competition. Junior and Sponsor must ride together at all times, including entering and leaving all vet checks at the same time; the only exception being that at the finish a Junior may finish within the same minute or within the one minute on either side of the sponsor's finishing minute.**

10.1 A Junior is a rider who was under the age of 16 as of the first day of the ride season in which the ride is held.

10.1.1 All Juniors, sponsored or un-sponsored, must wear approved safety helmets (Approval by AHSA, PCA, ANSI Z90.4, or Snell).

10.2 Junior riders may participate in AERC competition only with the written consent of a parent or guardian. This consent shall imply:

10.2a. Acceptance of all AERC rules, particularly the ability of a Junior to substitute a sponsor during a ride as allowed by AERC rules and regulations; and,

10.2b. Prior consent to any emergency medical treatment or aid.

10.3 An AERC member 14 years or older who has completed 500 miles or more in the AERC rider mileage program may ride un-sponsored, but will compete in the senior division.

- 10.3.1 Such un-sponsored young rider must have on file in the AERC office a letter by parent or guardian which consents to and requests un-sponsored status.
- 10.3.2 The AERC office will then provide a letter for this un-sponsored young rider verifying 500 miles in AERC rider mileage program, which letter must be presented to ride management at check-in or earlier.
- 10.3.3 Management may choose not to honor the “un-sponsored young rider” concept and require all persons under 16 years of age to have sponsors.
- 10.4 The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older) and must be duly entered as a competitor in the event and sponsorship must be documented on the Junior entry form complete with sponsor signature, at the time sponsorship begins.
  - 10.4.1 Junior and/or sponsor normally may suspend their sponsorship agreement only at regular stated checks and then only with the knowledge and consent of ride management, and management’s documentation of the change when it occurs.
    - 10.4.1.1 Sponsorships may change between checks only in the event that either competitor or either competitor’s mount is unable to continue safely to a checkpoint.
    - 10.4.1.2 In the event of an emergency and in order to remain in competition, the Junior who is in last place and whose pre-registered sponsor is pulled, and there are no other qualified sponsors to follow, the Junior may be sponsored by an un-entered qualified rider through the completion of the ride, with ride management and ride veterinarian approval. He would receive last place junior points. This emergency sponsor will receive no credit for mileage or points. The Junior may also be sponsored by an adult on foot from the last veterinary check with the approval of ride management.
- 10.5 Infraction of the sponsorship shall result in either the sponsor and/or the Junior being disqualified.
- 10.6 AERC points must be submitted and recorded per the above regulations independent of ride management’s local ride rules governing Junior and Senior riders.

**11. Sanction requests for new rides, ride date changes, or changes in the ride length must be received for approval by the Regional Director at least 120 days before the actual ride date, and received by the AERC Administrative Office at least 90 days before the ride—so that proper notification of the ride can be made to AERC members. Sanctioning directors may allow, with the approval of the other regional director and the Executive Committee, sanctioning or ride change requests that are received after the 120/90 day period for emergency purposes only.**

- 11.1 A non-refundable fee is required with ride sanction or re-sanction applications.
- 11.2 Special event rides are series of rides on consecutive days, totaling more than three days or 150 miles. Special Qualification rides are rides with entry qualifications other than those contained in rule #3. Special event and special qualification rides shall require approval of the AERC Board of Directors for sanction for the first two years.
  - 11.2.1 A petition for such approval must be sent to the AERC Executive Director for distribution to the Special Events Chairperson and all Regional Sanctioning Directors where the event is to be held at least 180 days before the ride date. Upon approval the petition will be distributed to the Board for comments. Such petition must include clear rationale for the qualifications and justification for this specialty ride. The board will render its decision within 60 days. The equines must be under the control of veterinarian(s) experienced with equines and endurance rides from pre-ride vet exams through the post-ride final vet exam.
- 11.3 The Ride Manager must be an AERC member.
  - 11.3.1 An alternate manager must be appointed in the event of incapacity of a ride manager or in the event a ride manager chooses to ride his/her own ride. An alternate manager must be an AERC member. The ride results must report and name the alternate manager.
- 11.4 The AERC ride season runs from December 1st through November 30th.
- 11.5 The starting time of the ride must be included on the sanctioning/re-sanctioning application.
- 11.6 Rescheduling rides in an emergency. The ride must meet all 120/90 day deadlines, except that a one-day delay, allowing those already at the site to stay over, can be used in an emergency with the approval of the Sanctioning Director.
- 11.7 Ride managers wishing to put on more than four events in one season must first demonstrate the events' quality on four events (including sufficient number of competitors) to the satisfaction of the sanctioning Director.
- 11.8 A ride offering any single prize valued in excess of \$1,000, with the exception of futurities and other contributory schemes supported by an organization recognized by the AERC, shall engage an AERC steward to monitor the event and shall pay the steward's expenses.
  - 11.8.1 Said steward shall not be: a rider in that event, of any familial relationship to any rider, ride management, or veterinary staff in that event or own or have had any financial interest in an equine entered in the event within two years prior to the event; and said steward shall not have any additional responsibilities within the event.

11.8.2 Said steward shall be selected at the time of sanctioning by the ride manager from a list of three nominees prepared by the Regional Directors of the region of the event and approved by the Executive Committee of the Board.

11.8.2.1 Said steward must be a current member of the AERC who has both 1,500 career miles and experience as a key member in ride management.

11.8.3 Duties shall be, but are not limited to: Said steward shall clearly understand that he/she is not to be involved in the management or judging of an event, but rather is present to insure that the event is run in accordance with AERC Rules and Regulations. The steward must be available to competitors and management at all times to clarify the application of rules and investigate any infractions. The steward must submit a written report to the AERC Executive Committee within five days of the event.

11.9 Sanctioning Directors may withhold or remove sanctioning before or during the competition if a ride does not meet AERC standards, including but not limited to AERC Rules and Regulations and measures dealing with equine and rider safety.

**12. Ride Results must be submitted to the AERC Administrative Office within two weeks after the ride date and must be accompanied by a starting rider fee. (Fee subject to change. Check with the AERC office.)**

12.1 There is a minimum starting rider fee equivalent to that of four starting riders.

12.2 Ride results received by AERC more than 30 days after the ride incur a penalty of \$50.00 plus \$2.00 per day over 30 days.

12.3 Thirty days after the mailing of the AERC Newsletter, the ride results printed therein become official and are not subject to change, unless intentional fraud is proved.

**13. The integrity of Endurance Competition requires that the equine is not influenced by any drug, medication or veterinary treatment. Endurance equines must compete entirely on their natural ability. AERC prohibits from competition equines who contain evidence of the administration of abnormal substances or of normal substances in abnormal amounts (exogenously administered compounds even if normally found endogenously).**

13.1 The use of additional therapies during competition shall be prohibited. This shall include any invasive procedures, (e.g.: acupuncture), manipulative procedures, (e.g.: osseous manipulative procedures), the use of any devices to manipulate or stimulate accupressure or response points, (e.g.: Bioscans, laser lights, magnetic stimulation devices, etc). Competition shall mean the time from the pre-ride veterinary examination to the completion of the final veterinary examination for the event, including the best-condition judging. Multiple day rides shall

be treated as they have been determined by AERC—either individual day events or one event if so designated.

- 13.1a. Upon discovery of the presence of such drug or medication, the approved laboratory shall immediately report the matter to the Executive Director of AERC. Any action or substance administered internally or externally, whether drugs or otherwise, which may interfere with the testing procedure, or mask or screen the presence of such drug, is forbidden.
- 13.1b. Upon receipt of the laboratory report, the Executive Director shall immediately file a protest. No fee for such protest shall be required.
- 13.1c. The Executive Director shall simultaneously transmit by e-mail or telecopy copies of the complaint to the chairs of the Veterinary Committee and the Protest and Grievance Committee. Within 10 days, the Veterinary Committee shall submit its comments on the laboratory report and any other matters that bear on the protest to the Protest and Grievance Committee. The Veterinary Committee shall not communicate with the accused or any member of AERC not on the Protest and Grievance Committee.
- 13.1d. Every entrant shall, upon request of an AERC approved veterinarian, permit a specimen of urine, saliva, blood or other substance to be taken for testing, and refusal to comply with such request shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the equine/rider from further participation in that day's ride and shall bar the equine/rider from further participation in AERC sanctioned events for such period as determined by the Protest and Grievance Committee.

## **14. Protests**

### **General Explanations**

When violations have not been determined and/or redressed during the course of a competition by means of the ordinary application of AERC Rules and Regulations, or other improprieties are alleged which have occurred outside a competition, the protest procedure shall be utilized.

The provisions of this section apply to any AERC sanctioned ride for the following persons: owner, rider, agent, trainer, crew member, ride manager, ride management personnel, veterinarian, any member of the family of the above, individual AERC member, or any person who violates AERC Rules and Regulations. Violations and Penalties will be determined by the Protest and Grievance Committee, on the basis of a Protest filed with them. Appeal from Protest and Grievance Committee decisions must be made to the Board of the AERC.

Whenever the Protest and Grievance Committee or the full Board handles a case, that body must send a report of their decision to the AERC Office as well as to the accused and accuser in the case. The Office will keep an AERC

Record of Protests and Penalties and, when a penalty is assigned, will publish a brief summation of the case, including the penalty, in the next two issues of Endurance News. On the basis of this report, the AERC Office will correct ride results, if that is called for, to correspond with the judgment.

### Informal Protest Procedure

Resolution of alleged infractions affecting ride results and awards that have not been satisfactorily addressed in the course of a competition may not require a formal protest. The following procedures are suggested as ways in which this might be done, but are not deemed complete until and unless agreed upon adjustments to ride results and awards are carried out, and competitors have been notified of the terms of the resolution.

1. Competitor/management resolutions.
  - a. On-site resolution, while competitors are still present. Good faith in negotiation between management and competitors, including thorough knowledge of our rules, should allow these resolutions in all but a few cases.
  - b. Off-site resolution. When an infraction is alleged within 48 hours after the ride is completed, but after people have left the ride site, competitor and management should attempt to resolve the matter by phone, within the 48-hour period.
2. AERC Director and/or Rules Committee assistance.

When the competitor/management interaction fails, and/or the infraction is alleged more than 48 hours after the ride date, then an AERC Regional or At-Large Director must be contacted and this director should attempt to resolve the matter in consultation with the Rules Committee.

If no resolution is reached within 10 days after the ride date, a charge may be continued only if a protest is filed.

Whenever a Director finds a case to be particularly complicated and/or an apparent infraction would require imposition of a penalty other than the normal penalties involved in the application of competition rules, that Director should recommend that the offended party file a protest with the Protest and Grievance Committee if that party wishes to pursue the charge.

### Formal Protest Procedures

A protest is a properly documented complaint by an AERC member alleging an infraction of an AERC rule or failure to apply a rule properly. A protest will not be deemed properly initiated unless the requirements of 14.1, 14.2, and 14.3 are met. Prior utilization of the Informal Protest Procedure is neither a pre-condition nor a bar to initiation of a formal protest on the same grounds.

#### 14.1 Such protest must be:

- a. in writing.
- b. signed by the protestor.
- c. accompanied by personal testimony, sworn statements, or other evidence supporting the protest. Evidence consists of physical evi-

- dence including written records, statements of principals and first-hand witnesses. Hearsay evidence will be accepted, but may be given lesser weight than first-hand evidence.
- d. accompanied by a \$100 check (which is refunded if the protest is upheld) payable to the AERC, and
  - e. sent to the Protest and Grievance Committee, with a postmark no later than the 10th day after the ride date; or if an alleged infraction does not come to light until ride results are printed in Endurance News, then the postmark of the protest must be within 30 days of the mailing of Endurance News. In the case of alleged drug violations, the protest must be submitted within 14 days of receipt of the lab or government agency report.
- 14.2 Such protest must contain:
- a. the full name and address of the party allegedly in violation,
  - b. the ride name, location, date, and manager,
  - c. a complete and definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation,
  - d. clear reference, by number, to each AERC rule or regulation allegedly violated.
- 14.3 Upon receipt of a properly initiated protest, the Protest and Grievance Committee must immediately provide a copy of the protest and all supporting evidence to the accused, and notify the accuser that the protest has been initiated. From the postmark date of the announcement the accused and accuser have 14 days (postmark) to send materials refuting/substantiating the charges, to the Protest and Grievance Committee. The P&G Committee must reach a decision, and report it to the AERC and the accused and the accuser, in writing, no later than 30 days after the accusation was announced to the accused. This decision must indicate actions to be taken, including but not limited to: amendment of ride results, assessment of penalties, restitution of awards.
- 14.4 Any protest which, in the opinion of the President or the Executive Director, may substantially affect qualification for National Championship competition, or final Top Ten National or Regional ranking, may be referred at any time by that officer for immediate action by the Board of Directors, bypassing the Protest and Grievance Committee. In the case of any protest contemplating suspension or removal of a member, officer or director, or when the Protest and Grievance Committee recommends such action, the matter shall automatically be referred to the Board for review, confirmation, and/or other action, if any.
- 14.5 AERC Board level. Should an appeal from the Protest and Grievance Committee's decision be sought, it must be done within 14 days (postmark) after the P&G Committee's notification of its decision. This appeal must be addressed to the Board of Directors and sent to the AERC office. This appeal must:

- a. have the written support of two Directors;
- b. explicitly delineate whether the appeal is from the guilty or innocent verdict of the P&G Committee, or from the penalty assigned, and
- c. be accompanied by a \$50 check payable to AERC general fund, to be returned if the appeal is sustained.
- d. Only be filed by the original protestor or the one protested against.

If conditions (a), (b), (c), and (d) are met, the AERC office shall immediately notify accused, accuser, and the AERC Board of this appeal. At this juncture, accused, accuser, and P&G Committee may submit additional testimony or evidence to the AERC office, but this material must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the postmark of the appeal notification.

Thirty days after the original appeal notification, all relevant materials shall be distributed by the office to the Board. These shall include all materials used by the P&G Committee in its decision, its written report, and any additional information provided since the appeal was announced.

Board members shall post their comments no later than the 10th day after AERC posting of materials to the Board. All comments shall be distributed to the Board along with ballots for a vote. Board members must post their ballots no later than the 10th day after the AERC posted the ballots to the Board. A successful appeal requires a simple majority of the Board membership.

If appeal from a penalty is successful, the Executive Committee of the Board shall assess a new penalty, which penalty must have Board approval (simple majority vote of Board). The President or Executive Director of the AERC shall provide a written report of the Board decision for AERC records, and a copy of the report shall be sent to the accused and accuser.

There is no appeal from the Board of Director's decision.

14.6 General. All time limitations of the protest procedure may be extended at the discretion of the President of the AERC. At any point in the procedure, if the accusing party elects to drop charges, that accusing party shall promptly notify the AERC office of this decision in writing.

## 15. Violations and Penalties

When assigning penalties, the Protest and Grievance Committee and the Board will take into consideration such things as severity of the infractions, intentional infractions, repeated infractions, and multiple infractions.

15.1 Individual violations. Violations include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Infraction(s) of AERC Rules and Regulations.
- b. Acting, or inciting any other to act, in a manner contrary to the rules of the AERC, or in a manner considered otherwise illegal or un-sportsmanlike.
- c. Physical assault upon a person and/or cruelty to an equine.
- d. Failure to obey any penalty imposed by the AERC.

15.2 Individual penalties. If found guilty, the party will be subject to such penalty as the Protest and Grievance Committee, or the Board, may



- determine, including but not limited to (more than one penalty may be applied to an infraction):
- a. Send a letter to the accused which may contain a warning without further penalty.
  - b. Censure. A censure penalty makes the reprimand public information and serves to warn the guilty party that further violations will subject the defendant to heavier penalties.
  - c. Forfeiture of completion and/or placement in a competition and/or forfeiture of any awards or prizes won in connection with the offense committed.
  - d. Suspension of such person for any period from competing. A suspended person is forbidden for the time specified in the decision from: holding or exercising any office in the AERC; participating in any way whatsoever in any AERC sanctioned ride.
  - e. Suspension from membership in the AERC.
- 15.3 Ride Violations. A sanctioned ride is subject to penalty for, including but not limited to the following:
- a. Failure to conduct a ride in accordance with AERC Rules and Regulations.
  - b. Failure of a ride to pay its indebtedness in the AERC or to report ride results within 30 days of ride date.
  - c. Failure to honor agreements with any ride officials or employees.
  - d. Knowingly permitting a suspended person to participate in any manner.
  - e. Permitting acts which are contrary to the rules of the AERC.
- 15.4 Ride Penalties. A sanctioned ride found guilty of a violation will be subject to such penalties as the Protest and Grievance Committee, or the Board, may determine, including but not limited to the following:
- a. Censure. A censure penalty makes the reprimand public information and serves to warn the ride and its management that further infractions will subject the ride and its management to heavier penalties.
  - b. Fine(s).
  - c. Suspension for any period from the privilege of being sanctioned. This may be applied to the ride and/or ride management.

## INTRODUCTORY RIDES

AERC ride managers may elect to host rides sanctioned for less than 25 miles. These rides are designated as "Introductory Rides." These rides must be included on the sanction form and held in conjunction with an AERC endurance ride.

Introductory rides are subject to Limited Distance Rules with the following exceptions:

1. No veterinary control point is required during rides sanctioned for 15 miles or less. This does not preclude the pre-ride or post-ride exam.

2. Riders may not elevate from an Introductory Ride.
3. No ride longer than 22.4 miles may be run as an introductory ride.
4. No points or miles are recorded for horse or owner and no sanctioning or rider fees assessed.
5. Ride results for these distances should not be reported to AERC, and will not be published.

## APPENDIX A

### Charts

#### Limited Distance Maximum Ride Time Hours : Minutes Including all Holds and Checks

Ride Length, Miles	25	30	35
Maximum Time:	6:00	7:15	8:30

#### Endurance Maximum Ride Time Hours: Minutes Including All Holds and Checks

Ride Length, Miles	50	55	60	65	70	75
Maximum Time:	12:00	13:15	14:30	15:30	16:45	18:00

Ride Length, Miles:	80	85	90	95	100	105
Maximum Time:	19:15	20:30	21:30	22:45	24:00	25:15

Ride Length, Miles:	110	115	120	125	130	135
Maximum Time:	26:30	27:30	28:45	30:00	31:15	32:30

Ride Length, Miles:	140	145	150
Maximum Time:	33:30	34:45	36:00

# Points Per Mile

## Senior Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>11+</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.0
2	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.0	
3	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.0		
4	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.0			
5	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.0				
6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.0					
7	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0						
8	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0							
9	1.2	1.1	1.0								
10	1.1	1.0									
11+	1.0										

## Junior Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>6+</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.2	1.8	1.0
2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	
3	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.0		
4	1.4	1.2	1.0			
5	1.2	1.0				
6+	1.0					

# Points for Common Ride Lengths

## 50 Mile

Number of Starters

<u>Place</u>	<u>11+</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
1	150.0	145.0	140.0	135.0	130.0	120.0	110.0	100.0	90.0	75.0	50.0
2	125.0	120.0	115.0	110.0	105.0	95.0	85.0	75.0	65.0	50.0	
3	110.0	105.0	100.0	95.0	90.0	80.0	70.0	60.0	50.0		
4	100.0	95.0	90.0	85.0	80.0	70.0	60.0	50.0			
5	90.0	85.0	80.0	75.0	70.0	60.0	50.0				
6	80.0	75.0	70.0	65.0	60.0	50.0					
7	70.0	65.0	60.0	55.0	50.0						
8	65.0	60.0	55.0	50.0							
9	60.0	55.0	50.0								
10	55.0	50.0									
11+	50.0										

## 100 Mile One-Day

Number of Starters

<u>Place</u>	<u>11+</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
1	450.0	435.0	420.0	405.0	390.0	360.0	330.0	300.0	270.0	225.0	150.0
2	375.0	360.0	345.0	330.0	315.0	285.0	255.0	225.0	195.0	150.0	
3	330.0	315.0	300.0	285.0	270.0	240.0	210.0	180.0	150.0		
4	300.0	285.0	270.0	255.0	240.0	210.0	180.0	150.0			
5	270.0	255.0	240.0	225.0	210.0	180.0	150.0				
6	240.0	225.0	210.0	195.0	180.0	150.0					
7	210.0	195.0	180.0	165.0	150.0						
8	195.0	180.0	165.0	150.0							
9	180.0	165.0	150.0								
10	165.0	150.0									
11+	150.0										