

In conjunction with the 79th birthday celebrations of His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Visit Malaysia Year 2007, the State Government of Kedah Darul Aman together with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia have taken the initiative to jointly organise an Endurance Ride in Bandar Darulaman, Kedah. The Event is known as Royal Kedah International Invitational Ride 2007. The primary objectives of the Event are to promote the sport of endurance riding as well as sports tourism. This inaugural Event is part and parcel of efforts to raise international awareness and interest in the World Endurance Championship 2008 [WEC 2008] which will be held in Terengganu in November 2008.

Details of The Royal Kedah International Invitational Ride 2007 are as follows:-

Main Event and Status	: FEI – CEI 3* 120KM
Other Events	: 80KM and 40KM
Venue	: Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park, Bandar Darul Aman, Kedah Darul Aman
Country	: Malaysia (MAS)
Date	: 8 – 10 March 2007

The event is sanctioned by the EAM and the FEI and will be organized in accordance with the following FEI Rules and Regulation as a guidelines;

- FEI Statutes, 21st edition, revision effective May 2006.
- FEI General Regulations, 21st edition, revision effective 1 June 2006.
- FEI Veterinary Regulations 10th edition effective 1st June, 2006.
- The FEI Rules of Endurance Riding, 6th Edition, revision effective May 2006.
- **New Star Categorization for Endurance, effective 1st January 2005.**
- And all subsequent corrections and modifications to the above Rules and Regulations as published by the FEI.

An arbitration procedure is provided for in the FEI Statutes and General Regulations referred to above. In accordance with this procedure, any appeal against a decision rendered by the FEI or its official bodies is to be settled exclusively by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne Switzerland.

EVENT ORGANIZATION

Joint Organisers	: The State Government of Kedah Darul Aman and the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia.
Joint Chairmen of the Organising Committee	: YB Dato' Othman Aziz Mohamad Taufik Omar
Event Director	: Jasni Shafie
Technical Director	: Mohamad Din Mat
Trail Coordinator	: Mat Fuat Yusoff

OFFICIALS

GROUND JURY

President	:	Lau Choo Seng (MAS)
Member	:	SI Hj Shuhaimi bin Shamsuddin (MAS)
Member	:	Fuad Hj Mahmud (MAS)
Member	:	Heloana Hendrikus (MAS)
Foreign Judge	:	Mr. Essa El-Adhab Mohammed (U.A.E)

TECHNICAL DELEGATE : Maj (B) Yap Mou Soon (MAS)

CHIEF STEWARD : Paramisparan Mariappan (MAS)

Asst Chief Steward : Suradi Abd Rahman (MAS) – Stable Secure

Steward : Insp. Zasali Yunus (MAS)
: Nazlan Nasir (MAS)
: Ruzailina binte Zainal Abidin (MAS)
: Mohd Fadil bin Mohd Zain (MAS)

CHIEF TIME KEEPER : Suhaidi Hj Kamaruddin (MAS)

Time Keeper : Zainuddin Ideris (MAS)

Vet Gate Asst : 10 UPM Vet Students

WEIGH-IN-STEWARD : Mohd Asri Shamsudin (MAS)
Amran Mat Dali

VETERINARY COMMISSION / DELEGATE

President : Dr. Bashir Ahmad Fateh (MAS)
Associates Member(s) : Dr. Shamsul Kamal Ismail (MAS)
: Dr. Peter A K Lee (MAS)
: Dr. S Selvarajah (MAS)
: Dr. Zulkifli Abd Ghani (MAS)
: Dr. Azam Guriman Khan (Mas)

MCP : Dr. Redzuan Ibrahim (MAS)

Foreign Vet : Dr. Hosain Abbara (QATAR)

Treating Vet : Dr Ahmad Shafri Hassan (MAS)
: Dr. Noraniza Mohd Adzahan (MAS)
: Dr. Armiladiana Mohamad (MAS)

SPECIFIC TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

FEI - CEI 3* 120KM CATEGORY RIDE

Place of Start	:	Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park, Bandar Darulaman, Kedah Darul Aman
Time of Start	:	5.30pm (9 Mar)
Time limit	:	12 hrs
Minimum riding speed	:	10Km/hr
Starting method	:	Mass
Type of Ground	:	Undulating, majority flat and good under foot
Altitude differentials	:	Minimum
Vet Gate Opening	:	-
Vet Gate Closing	:	8.50am (10 Mar)
Number of Phases	:	Six (6)

DISTANCE

120KM Ride Number of phases : 6 (six)

1st Phase	:	30Km	Into hold:	40min.
2nd Phase	:	25Km	Into hold:	40min.
3rd Phase	:	20Km	Into hold:	40min.
4thPhase	:	20Km	Into hold:	40min.
5th Phase	:	15Km	Into hold:	40min.
6th Phase	:	10Km	Into hold:	Finish.

HEART RATE

At each Vet Check the pulse rate must not exceed 64 bpm within 30 minutes recovery time.

MINIMUM WEIGHT

Kg	:	75
Weighing Method	:	Electronic

The FEI – CEI 3* 120KM category is the main event. There are two (2) more ride categories to complement the main event.

Summary of the technical parameters of each of the categories are as follows:-

CATEGORIES / PARAMETERS	80Km Ride	40Km Ride
Place of Start	Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park Bandar Darulaman, Kedah Darul Aman.	Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park Bandar Darulaman, Kedah Darul Aman
Time of Start	5:30 pm (9 Mar)	7:30 am (10 Mar)
Time limit	13 hrs 20 min.	6 hrs 40 min
Minimum riding speed	6Km / hr	6Km / hr
Maximum riding speed	-	16Km / hr
Starting method	Mass	Mass
Vet Gate Opening	-	10.40 am

CATEGORIES / PARAMETERS	:	80Km Ride	40Km Ride
Vet Gate Closing	:	8.50 am (10 Mar)	2.50 pm
Heart Rates	:	64 bpm - 20min	56 bpm – 20 min
Minimum Weight	:	N/R	N/R
Weighing Method	:	Electronic	Electronic
Number of phases	:	Four (4)	Two (2)

DISTANCE

1st phase	:	30Km	25Km
Into hold	:	40 min	40 min
2nd phase	:	20Km	15Km
Into hold	:	40 min	Finish.
3rd phase	:	20Km	-
Into hold	:	40 min	-
4th phase	:	10Km	-
Into hold	:	Finish.	-

Note: Final Vet Gate Inspection shall be within 30 minutes of arrival for all categories and to present only once.

COMPETITION AREA / TRAILS

Participants in all categories will be flagged off at the respective start time at Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park, Bandar Darul Aman, Kedah Darul Aman. The trails consist of rubber plantation areas, padi fields, water crossings, village settlements, flat logistic roads & tarmac. The trails shall be marked with noticeable markers at strategic points to guide the Riders. Designated water points along the trail shall be provided at approximately every 5Km distance.

The trail inspection shall be organized on the 9 March at 6.00 pm. Participants are required to assemble at Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park, Bandar Darul Aman and the Trail Master shall lead the inspection.

FACILITIES OFFERED

HORSES

Horses are to be arranged by the individual participant or country.

STABLING

There are adequate stabling facilities at the event venue. Entities participating in the event are required to make prior arrangement with the Stabling Committee or Host Representative for the stabling facilities required and a fee will be chargeable. You may call the Secretariat for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to float the horses from Kuala Lumpur to Bandar Darulaman, Kedah and back will be arranged (pickup point at ar-Raudhah, Kuang) All interested parties are required to contact Mr. Mohamad Din Mat (HP: 012-3455033) of ar-Raudhah Equine Centre for further information and arrangement.

FORAGE

Forage is to be paid by the individual rider.

ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES

Definite Entries and Registration of riders / horses shall be made to the Event Secretariat on 8 March 2007.

Entry Fee

The fees chargeable per participant / horse shall be as follows:

Category	Participant Fee	Stable Fee
120Km Ride	RM250.00	RM200.00
80Km Ride	RM200.00	RM200.00
40Km Ride	RM100.00	RM200.00

Note: The stables will be open from 4 to 13 March 2007 only. All horses must be accompanied with their respective Passport on arrival for Veterinary Examinations. Only horses with valid Passports will be allocated with stables at the competition venue.

VETERINARY COMMISSION

1. The Veterinary Commission shall have the total control over all matters concerning the participating horses' health safety and welfare and shall apply the FEI Veterinary Regulations.
2. At the compulsory halts, the riders shall cross the Veterinary Gate when they are ready to pass the veterinary inspection. The horses must be presented within 30 minutes to the Commission for inspection and during this period the horse may be inspected more than once if the Commission so decides and time permits, however horse may be presented only twice. The horse that does not pass the pulse and respiratory control tests during the allow period shall be eliminated. A horse may also be eliminated if it shows signs of excessive fatigue, heat stroke, colic, myopathies and severe dehydration or abnormally high temperature (40 C), lameness and serious soreness, lacerations and wounds even if heart and respiratory rates are not excessive. From the moment the rider had asked for the control test which has been successful, the horse shall be kept on timed hold not shorter than the prescribed times mentioned above.
Final Vet. Gate inspection within 30 minutes of arrival – to be presented only once.
3. The Ride Committee in consultation with the Veterinary Commission may decide to modify the length of the timed holds according to weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances and to vary the maximum time for the completion of each phase.
4. As part of the vet checks, riders should lead their horses in a trot when instructed by the Veterinarian. Riders must ensure that as a safety precaution, horses when presented for vet checks preferably are geared with bit and rein.
5. Apart from the pre-ride vet check, there shall be compulsory vet checks at the end of each phase. Should a horse be withdrawn from competition at a vet gate, it must be presented for veterinary inspection within 30 minutes of withdrawal. If withdrawal occurs on course, the horse must be inspected by a member of the veterinarian panel as soon as it is returned to the ride base.
6. **Final Inspection (Art. 830.5)**
The Veterinary Commission (in total three persons) must examine together, in the competition stables, within 2 hours after the finish, all horses which have completed the course and determine whether any of them, for any reason, needs to be immediately administered any invasive medication (prohibited substances, injections and parenteral fluids). If such treatment is necessary for the horse's welfare and safety within the two (2) hours, **these horses must be eliminated and the classification adjusted accordingly.**
7. **Treatment for horses**
Fees for any treatment provided will be at the expenses of owners and competitors.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

An Appeal Committee is not required as this Endurance Ride falls under Status CEI1*, CEI2* & CEI3*.

Complaints

For complaints to be valid, they must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of CHF 150. – which is equivalent to RM450.00. This is non-refundable.

VETERINARY REGULATIONS, 10th EDITION

1. Veterinary Examinations, Inspections and Passport Controls

These will be carried out in accordance with Vet. Reg. Art. 1011; Rules for Endurance Riding Events Art. 829 & 830.

General Regulations 21st Edition, revision effective 1st Jun 2006 will apply :

In accordance with Art. 139.1

Every horse entered for any competition at CNs or CIMs (see Appendix D) in a foreign country (see GRs 141.2), and all horses entered for other CIs, CIOs, Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, whether at home or in foreign countries (see GRs 141.2), must have an official, valid FEI Passport, or a National Passport approved by the FEI accompanied by an FEI recognition Card, as a means of identification and to establish ownership.

In accordance with Art. 139.2

Horses taking part in CNs and CIMs (see Appendix D) in their own country are not required to have such passport as is mentioned in paragraph 1. All such horses must be properly registered and identifiable and, unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.

2. Equine Influenza Vaccination, Vet. Regs. Annex VII

The FEI requires all horses competing in FEI competition to provide evidence of sufficient vaccination against equine influenza. This involves regular six monthly booster vaccinations following a primary vaccination course, as from January 2006. All horses and ponies for which an FEI passport or a National Passport approved by the FEI has been issued must have the vaccination section completed and endorsed by a veterinarian, stating that it has received two injections for primary vaccination against equine influenza, given between 1 and 3 months apart. In addition, a booster vaccination must be administered within each succeeding 6 months (+/- 14 days) following the second vaccination of the primary course. None of these injection must have been given within the preceding 7 days including the day of the competition or of entry into the competition stables.

The above are the minimum requirements for influenza vaccination. The primary and first course and subsequent booster vaccinations should be given according to the manufacturer's instruction that will fall within the stipulation of the FEI ruling.

3. Sampling for Prohibited Substances, Vet. Regs. Chap V & VI and Annex IV

The objective is to protect the integrity of equestrian sports through controlling the use of substances capable of giving a horse an advantages or disadvantage in an event, contrary to its natural abilities.

Special guidelines are applicable for events covered by the FEI's Medication Control Program (MCP). An all other international event horses are subject to compulsory sampling for Prohibited Substances. The Sampling Procedure and instructions for collecting samples, as contained in the sampling kit, have been carefully drawn up so that all concerned appreciate their roles and understand the procedures involved. All aspects must be strictly followed.

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Additional requirement – All horses taking part in the event is subject to veterinary examination for *Strangle*. Health certificate issued by Government Veterinarian as a proof that horse has passed veterinary examination must be presented to the Organizing Committee secretariat.

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSES

The Federation Equestre International (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that all times the welfare of the horses must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

- i. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
- ii. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
- iii. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
- iv. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in their areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the competition horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

DRESS CODE

In accordance with the FEI Rules the riders shall use protective headgear of equestrian/ endurance standard. Dress must be appropriate and not detrimental to the image of Endurance Riding. It is strongly recommended at all Endurance competitions to wear the following dress:-

- i. breeches or jodhpurs or riding tights,
- ii. footwear without a heel only permitted when using caged stirrups or similar,
- iii. a shirt with collar,
- iv. for ceremonies a uniform dress with appropriate head gear, protective if mounted, hunting cap or recognized helmet and with long-sleeved jackets or wind breakers, shirt and team tie (or equivalent) is required, and;
- iv. In inclement weather, appropriate dress may be added.

FARRIERS, GROOMS, STRAPPERS

While there shall be two (2) farriers at hand to provide his services at a cost and to attend to emergencies along the trail, it shall be the rider's responsibility to ensure that their horses are well shod before the Ride. The Riders are advised to bring their own grooms and strappers while outstation Riders may make prior arrangements with the horse owners for the services of grooms and scrappers.

FLAG-OFF

The flag-off will be at Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park, Bandar Darul Aman, Jitra, Kedah Darul Aman at the following time:

Category	Date	Time
120Km Ride	09 Mar 2007	05:30 pm
80Km Ride	09 Mar 2007	05:30 pm
40Km Ride	10 Mar 2007	07.30 am

Note: No rider shall be allowed to start later than 15 minutes after the starting time.

PRIZES (classification Art. 128, 124, 924)

The following prizes shall be awarded :

FEI - CEI 3* 120Km Ride

The first five (5) completions shall be awarded as follows:

Champion	RM10,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
2 nd	RM 8,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
3 rd	RM 6,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
4 th	RM 4,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
5 th	RM 2,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate

Best Condition Horse : RM2,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate

Note: Should the MCP report be positive, the horse will be eliminated and the Classification adjusted accordingly.

80Km Ride

The first five (5) completion shall be awarded as follows:-

Winner	RM5,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
2 nd	RM4,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
3 rd	RM3,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
4 th	RM2,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate
5 th	RM1,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate

Best Condition Horse : RM1,000.00 + Trophy & Certificate

40 Km Ride

The first 5 completions shall be awarded in kind and Trophy & Certificate

Note: All riders who has completed and vetted-in will be awarded with a Completion Certificate each in their respective categories.

TECHNICAL BRIEFING AND FIRST INSPECTION

A technical briefing will be held on Friday 8 March 2007 at 2:30 pm at Pusat Ekuin Darulaman Park, Bandar Darul Aman, Kedah Darul Aman. It shall be compulsory for all Riders to attend this briefing. The Ride Committee shall also address the Riders on the important aspects of the ride and Riders may use this opportunity to clarify any doubts they may have. The Committee responsible for the Trail shall brief the Riders on the trail and render advice on measures to be taken to ensure a safe ride. First inspection shall follow immediately thereafter between 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

INSURANCE

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad and to keep the policy up to date.

Fees by private treaty

A paramedic including a Medical doctor, should they be required, it will be at individual's expenses.

PASSPORT

All horses must have either an official FEI Passport or National Passport approved by the FEI, as a means of identification and to establish ownership and influenza vaccinations according to FEI rules. **Horses without the valid Passport will not allow participating in the event.**

EVENT SCHEDULE / PROGRAMME (Art. 114, 115)

In exceptional circumstances, together with the approval of the Technical Delegate/ Ground Jury, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify the schedule in order to clarify any matters or matters arising from an omission or due to unforeseen circumstances. Any such changes must be officially and personally informed / notified to all competitors and officials as soon as possible and they must be reported to Organizing Committee.

Should exceptional circumstances so demanded and decision make by the Ground Jury, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel the events.

DISQUALIFICATION

A competitor eliminated or disqualified for any reason must leave the course at once and has no right to continue unless there is no viable alternative. The violation of any Rules and Regulations of FEI governing endurance rides and the rules herein set out shall lead to the disqualification of the Rider.

Cruelty to Horses

As the welfare of the horses is of primary importance, any act, which in the opinion of the Ground Jury / Ride Committee can clearly and without doubt be defined as cruelty, shall be penalized by disqualification and the individual concerned shall be reported to the FEI. Such acts may include:-

- use of spur. (Art. 818) -
- use of draw (running) reins (Art. 818)
- an excessive use of the whip. (Art. 819)
- the excessive pressuring of a tired horse. (Art. 819)

Competitors in Difficulty at a Hazard during the Course (Art. 813)

A competitor in difficulty during the course or before a hazard, who is about to be overtaken by a following competitor, must quickly clear the way. Wilful obstruction of an overtaking competitor is penalized by disqualification.

Forbidden Assistance (Art. 816)

Any outside assistance other than stated in Art. 815.1 are forbidden under penalty of disqualification. Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of giving advantage to the competitor or his horse, is considered illegal assistance. In particular, the following is forbidden:

- To be followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian or horseman not in the competition.
- To have someone at a hazard to encourage the horses by any means what so ever.
- To cut wire fences, to dismantle a part of an enclosure so as to clear a way or to cut down trees.

The use of mobile phones is permitted. All other communication systems between the competitors and members / officials of a team must be approved by the Ground Jury on the day of competition.

Assistance allowed during the Course (Art. 815)

- (a) Outside assistance during the course is only allowed in order to help the competitor to water and wash down the horse. The competitor may be assisted to adjust his equipment and to remount, or he may hand anything he needs. **All assistance is only allowed at the designated water point** and as marked in the Trail Map. The competitor may along the trail be allowed to receive water for his consumption in water bottles not larger than 500ml in volume.
- (b) Before the start and after the finish and at compulsory halts of veterinary inspections, it is permitted to assist the competitor and to attend to his horse (grooms, water, etc.)
- (c) In any case, for example after a fall or if the competitor is separated from his horse, or in the case of loose or lost horseshoe, he may be assisted to recover his horse, to replace the shoes and to remount, or he may be handed any part of his equipment, and this while he is dismounted or remounted.

Prohibited Substances (Gars - Art. 145 & 146) ; (VRs - Art. 1013 & Annex IV)

The use of painkillers and performance boosting drugs and drugs generally as laid down in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code either taken orally or intravenously by the competitor or his horse shall lead to the immediate elimination of the competitor from the ride.

Complaints or reports of such action must be accompanied whenever possible by the signature and address of witnesses of the action. The complain or report must be given to the Ground Jury as soon as possible who may then decide the appropriate action to take. There shall be no appeal against the decision of the Ground Jury.

CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

Kindly fill in your **Participation Form** and send as facsimile message to reach the Technical Director not later than 8 March 2007. Should you have any query or require any information, please do not hesitate to contact the Technical Director at the following address:-

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Have a pleasant ride!