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President's Message



Make Every Week "Ride Week"

I look forward to those Sunday evenings when I sit down in my office, open my Outlook calendar, and see that the week ahead is ride week! That means I will need to make sure I have everything ready for the upcoming ride weekend. I start to plan how I will fit all my ride preparations in during the week and still get my farming and family responsibilities taken care of. It can be a challenge at times, especially if the weather is not cooperative, but definitely worth all the effort.

It is a challenge that I do not mind at all. Ride week is a special time full of much anticipation. I look forward to spending time riding the trails and camping with my horses. I treasure the time spent with my

NATRC family and all the fun times and memories that are made. I cannot wait to learn something new from our judges that my horse and I can work on in between rides. I always learn something new at every ride and find that extremely beneficial. Ride weekends are also an opportunity to reap the benefits of those conditioning miles that we all put in.

We are just past the halfway point of this year's NATRC ride season. It goes by so fast. This is why I treasure each and every day. There are days where it would be really easy to find an excuse to not go for a quick conditioning ride or work on some of those trail challenges with my horse. I refuse to allow those excuses to win, even on those days when I may not feel like it or the weather is not ideal.

If we would just treat every week as if it were ride

week, we would not be wasting time and energy on any negative thoughts and instead we would benefit from the much more powerful positive thoughts of anticipation and excitement.

Stay focused, keep pushing, live your dreams, and always be a champion!

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Apprentice

Vivian Gay McWilliams Quam, DVM (R5)

Horsemanship Judges

Apprentice

Fran Muench (R4)

Provisional

Jan Jeffers (R1)

Veterinary and Horsemanship Judges:

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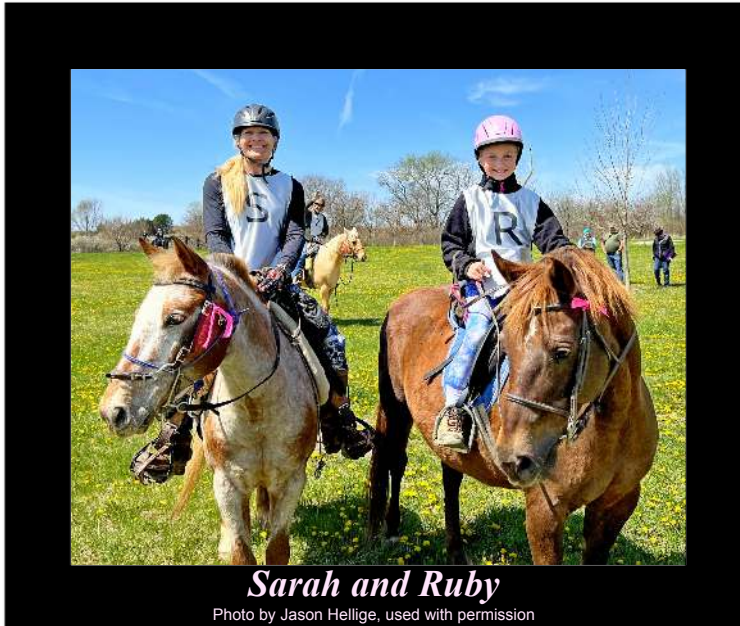
Our Legacy Sarah J. Smith

On some level, we all have goals. Some people have very specific goals that are measurable with a detailed plan of ways to achieve it, including plans C and D in the event that plans A and B get derailed. Some people simply have a goal to put on matching socks and make it to supper time each day. No matter which person you are, there's a place for you in NATRC, because we have a division that is right for people and equines in just about every stage of life. If you have the horse, time, energy and finances to prepare, train, condition and travel for a full Open season.... go for it! If your work and family life are hectic, and you and your horse aren't quite up to a full weekend of competition, do a one-day ride whether it be Open, Novice, Competitive Pleasure or Leisure Division. Just get out and ride!

Our sport is our legacy. We have the opportunity to not only build on what we have, but to continue to expand it and share it with others. Like all other equine sports, we do not look like we used to 20 years ago, but after 60 years *we shouldn't look the same and expect to still exist*. Evolution is a natural process and without it, everything and anything will disappear at some point whether it's a living being or an organization. Change is good and necessary; it keeps us relevant in a rapidly changing society with endless ways to spend limited disposable income, particularly in the recreational market.

I had the most incredible opportunity to share what I consider to be my NATRC legacy with my youngest daughter, Ruby, who turned 10 in December. For years she has watched me compete in this sport from the sidelines just waiting for her chance. On May 1, 2022 she got that

chance to do her first NATRC competition at our R6 Branched Oak Leisure Division ride. Not only was it her first ride, but it was my very first time competing in our Leisure Division (LeD), and I had a blast! I've waited a long time to share this sport with one of my own children, so to finally be able



Sarah and Ruby

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to do it was an amazing feeling, and her joy was unrivaled. I can also say that I've now ridden and judged all divisions within NATRC...and while I enjoy and appreciate all of them, LeD has quickly become my favorite for many reasons.

The LeD was not only fun, but it was the perfect option for Ruby and me in so many ways. We were both on borrowed horses with differing levels of fitness and experience, and neither of us had much riding opportunity prior to the ride ourselves. Ruby was learning a lot in a crash course that may not have been possible on a Type A Novice or Competitive Pleasure ride mainly due to the timing of those rides. The team format of the LeD is an added element of enjoyment and challenge that intrigued me as a long-time rider, accustomed to the separate scoring of horse and horsemanship. It doesn't matter how good your horse is, or how good of a rider you are...if your

partnership and teamwork isn't there, you won't come out on top, and that is the true beauty of it. We promote the partnership between horse and rider in our sport, and the LeD captures that philosophy in its purest form.

In our fast paced and technology driven society, time consuming sports such as ours are difficult to attract busy young families and professionals to. The people who often have the time and financial resources may not have the physical ability or desire to ride 40 to 60 miles in a weekend, nor be able to condition and train to prepare for it. In 2021, Leisure Division competitors made up approximately 53% of our active riders. Another interesting statistic? This is not unique to us in the distance riding world, as the American Endurance Ride Conference realized the same numbers (to the nose!) with 53% of their riders being Limited Distance entries. It is clear people still want to get

out and enjoy their horses on the trails with a competitive element, but they need a less time-consuming and overwhelming way to do so. NATRC has LeD to answer that call!

If you haven't ridden in a while, or your horse isn't up to a full Open, CP or Novice ride, come out and give a LeD ride a try. Even if you're an Open rider, and there is a stand-alone LeD ride going on in your region or near you, I encourage you to enter it and enjoy the experience while supporting the ride. Maybe you are new to NATRC and learning about us, come ride a LeD ride to get your feet wet! LeD is truly for everyone, at some point, if not a destination division! We have something for everyone here. Current NATRC riders - bring your friends who may be on the fence right now. Parents, bring your children! Grandparents, bring your grandkids! Let's all be a part of sharing and continuing the NATRC legacy.

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Virtual Mileage Challenge Registration & Submission



Sign up today and join the fun. The 2022 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge is an excellent motivational tool for all of us as we are getting those conditioning miles in. This year's challenge, hosted by Top Trail, runs until December 31st. All your rider miles count – training and competition miles! This service gives real time feedback. As soon as you enter your miles, you can see how you stand on the national and regional leader boards. Year-end awards will be given for the finishers with the highest number of miles at the end of December!

To register go to the [Top Trails NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge](#) page. Follow this link to check out the [current National Rider Leaderboard](#).

You do need to be an NATRC member (any level) to have your mileage counted in the NATRC

competition. We verify this after you register. Top Trail collects all fees, the least expensive option being \$50 (\$25 to NATRC + \$25 for Basic Top Trail Membership) plus a \$2.32 PayPal fee. Juniors with a Top Trail member parent are slightly less.

Some important things to know:

- You must report your mileage within 3-days.
- One fee includes you and any horse you ride.
- All mileage is reported using a GPX data file from your GPS, smartphone, or smartwatch.
- While you may be an NATRC member in multiple regions, Top Trail can only track your mileage for one region.

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Tips Over



the Anvil

By Cheryl Bohling, R6

A couple months ago, I wrote a Facebook post to my region (Region 6) that included tips regarding horseshoes and scheduling with your farrier as it pertained to our sport of competitive trail riding. It was shared in other regions, and I'd like to expand on a few things.

I have 17 years of farrier experience and have been an on-site farrier for seven ride seasons. Each time I've helped a rider, I have thought about what would make it easier in the future. So hopefully you'll find these tips helpful for any type of riding: competitive trail, pleasure trail, or showing away from home.

Spare Shoes:

Keep in your trailer (where you can find them) either an old set of your horse's shoes that have been cleaned and flattened, or a new set that has been shaped to your horse's feet to be used in the event your horse loses a shoe during a ride.

Make sure your spares are marked as to which shoe is for which foot. Standard practice is to mark the lateral/outside branch of the shoe with a

marker or to stamp it with a tool. Offer to pay your farrier for a new set and the time it takes to shape them.

After a week or so, nail holes become like pierced ear holes. Providing a previously worn or pre-fit shoe, the shoe type stays consistent, the shoe size is correct, the fit is as your farrier intended, and the holes should match up and the nails drop in with little driving needed from a hammer, thus minimizing the risk of injury to your horse by someone unfamiliar with its feet.

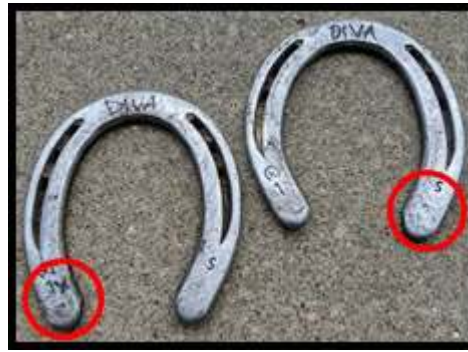
I carry with me the essentials for replacing a shoe at our rides, but I DO NOT take an anvil. So, having the extra set saves on the amount of equipment I need to replace a shoe.

Popped Clinches and Sprung Heels:

Many times, while I have been a judge's secretary, I have looked down at a horse's feet, occupational habit, and spotted a popped clinch. Being aware when your horse has stepped on a heel, thereby popping the clinch, could help prevent a lost shoe and a sore foot.

Picture [1a] is a freshly shod foot with smooth tight clinches. There are multiple techniques for clinching nails. Be familiar with how your farrier's clinches look. Picture [1b] is a popped clinch. You can visually see it, but also feel it. Each time you pick out your horse's feet, rub your hand along the clinches and feel if any are sticking up.

As a shoeing cycle progresses, the clinches may stand away from the hoof wall [1c], but they are still at the



original angle. These clinches can be tapped down lightly with a hammer or re-clinched if necessary to prevent an interference. In [1d] you can see the slight change to the clinch angle even though it looks similar to the other

clinches on that side.

In the photos, [1b and 1d] the heel of the shoe has been sprung slightly. Some horses are sensitive enough to show slight soreness from a minor bend in the shoe; others aren't. The popped clinch is a clue as to why the horse may be off. Wet or sandy conditions will be easier on your horse moving with a sprung shoe, but a hard dry trail may cause enough stress to the hoof that the horse becomes lame. That little bit of a bend, if severe enough, can lead to a bruise and abscess.

These clinches should not be tapped down as a fix to the problem. The shoe needs to be removed, flattened, and nailed back on [1e]. Tapping it down would only be a temporary solution to keep the horse from causing an interference by brushing another leg with the popped clinch.



If a nail is missing, a heel is sprung and the shoe otherwise looks normal, or if all the clinches are tight and the heel of the shoe is severely bent down, the shoe needs to be removed, flattened and reapplied.

Tools to Save the Day!

Pulloffs: There are many styles of pull-offs, but the most distinguishing factor is the thickness of the blade. They have a thicker, blunter, sharper angled blade than nippers and can be used for removing shoes, cutting nails, setting clinches, and some as a hammer that can open heels on shoes.

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To use the pulloff, start at the back of the shoe, work the blades between the foot and the heel of the shoe and push the handles forward, loosening the nail in front of it. Then do the same on the other side of the shoe. As a nail pops up, pull it out and continue on to the next nail. Don't try to take the shoe off all at once. You risk ripping off hoof wall if the clinches haven't been rasped or cut off. Both of the two photos show a pulloff on the left and a nipper on the right.



Nails: Keep about 20 in a packet.

Hoof Knife: Be sure it's sharp.

Hoof Pick: Have one dedicated to your tool pack.

Ask your farrier if they have any worn-

out tools they might want to pass along. The feed stores offer inexpensive tools, or you can find a farrier kit online.

Scheduling:

Plan your shoeing schedule around the rides you want to attend and get on your farrier's schedule for multiple appointments in advance. Always arrange a minimum of two appointments. Three would allow for the best planning.

The two of you know your horse best and how long the feet and shoes will last. If you need to stretch a cycle

out, do it when you can spare the extra week, not when that extra week ends at a ride. You are not doing your horse any favors pushing through a ride on

long feet. A long toe over two days of tough riding, especially with hills, stresses the back of the leg and leads to unnecessary fatigue.

For most trail horses on my shoeing schedule, I like to trim and shoe the week prior to a big outing and again after 6 weeks. I had better know that the horse holds its shoes well and has a foot that doesn't spread to go any longer than that.

All horses' feet grow at different rates, and the moisture in your area and where you are headed to will play into shoe tightness. If you have been getting rain and your horse's shod feet are soft and pliable, then you head out to an area that is bone dry, your horse's feet may start to dry out and shrink a bit. This would cause the clinches that were flat and tight at home to start to stand above the hoof wall and the shoe to begin to loosen. Gently tap the clinches down or use a clincher to press them back to the wall. The opposite can happen when going from dry to wet conditions. Usually at a weekend ride you won't see a big change. But check your clinches each day, and if there is a change, then something has happened to that shoe.

I'm always happy to answer any questions as best as I can. I appreciate those of you who have trusted and reached out to me in the past for advice.



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Hammer: Any small light hammer will get the job done.

Rasp: Keep it clean, oiled with WD-40, protected in a cardboard sleeve.

Clincher: This tool is used by placing the flat side under the shoe and nail head. The bent side is placed above the cut-off nail tip and when squeezed, will roll the tip down and create a clinch.



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Honorary and Appreciation Nominations Due November 20, 2022

Ruth Mesimer, Honorary and Appreciation Chair

Mark your calendars now. Include this information in region news-letters. Talk about it during CTR ride briefings. The 2022 Honorary and Appreciation write-ups (in Word) are due to Ruth Mesimer at RuthM9496@gmail.com by **10pm CST, Sunday, November 20, 2022 in Microsoft Word format.**

These awards include:

- Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement
- Workers Hall of Fame
- National Appreciation
- Regional Appreciation for National Recognition

PROCEDURE

Brain storm with your fellow region members and prepare write-ups for deserving folks in your region. Submit nominations and write-ups to your region's BOD for approval by the due date that your Region has set.

PLEASE, keep the word limit in mind on each nomination and submit in Word format.

Forward (by a person designated by each region's board) the approved nomination write-ups to the Honorary and Appreciation Chair.

Your national board members receive all of the approved nominations and make their selection at the December 6, 2022 meeting. NATRC presents the awards to the chosen recipients at the following national convention.

CRITERIA

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award - awarded one time only to an individual. Each region may nominate one NATRC member for the award. The national BOD selects one. The recipient gives a brief speech upon accepting the plaque at the national convention. This award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and

first-time competitors. **Write-up limited to 400 words.**

Workers Hall of Fame - one time only to an individual, pair or couple. Each region may nominate one member for the award. The BOD selects one or more at their discretion. **Write-up limited to 400 words.**

National Appreciation Award - each region may nominate one member for this award. The BOD selects three. A recipient can be eligible only once every 3 years. **Write-up limited to 200 words.**

Regional Appreciation Award for National Recognition - each region may nominate up to three members for recognition. Nominees may be individuals, pairs, or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. **Write-up limited to 200 words.**



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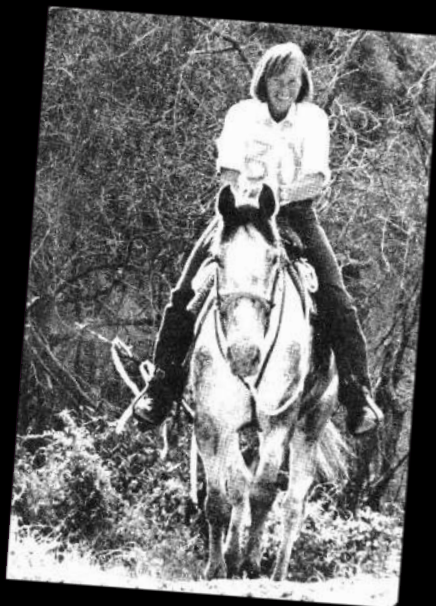
1976

Ken Burkdoll and Jayess Rykstan



1977

Linda Waltenspiel and El Gaynik



1979

*Bev Tibbitts and
Antelope New Moon*



1982

Sue Eoff and Bezarue

Message to Horsemanship Judges :

Are We Doing Right by the Riders?

By Jamie Dieterich

My mentor, Bev Tibbitts, wrote an article with this title many years ago. I can't find that original article, but the message of the title has stuck with me.

The Judges Manual tells us "The primary one (task) is to evaluate horsemanship as it relates to the riding, feeding, care and safety of competitive trail horses AND in those areas to score all the competitors in order to produce a final list of placements. That final list is the product for which management hired you."

We can follow that, if we follow the scorecard. "Riding," our equitation and managing the horse on the trail, could be its own topic. "The purpose of good trail equitation is to ease the horse's effort in carrying the rider over a long distance and to enable the horse to perform smoothly and safely, thus conserving energy and preserving soundness as much as possible throughout the day's course."

A review of the 2021 scorecards reveals that our judging has covered the equitation half of the scorecard pretty well. What about the other categories?

In-hand presentation.

Please verify the scorecard information as to name of rider, horse, division and class. It will make the presentation of awards go well and make the national data team happy.

Try to be practical, not picky, in your comments and scores. We tend to judge as we were judged, and that's not always best. Evaluate the rider doing what they do safely and well. Not

every horse needs the same exact handling. **Ready control is important**, and that might mean holding the lead shorter or longer.

Judges Manual: "For turns involving a change in direction, turning the horse away from oneself, usually to the right, is a safety precaution to minimize the possibility of getting stepped on. For many handlers, however, turning the horse around oneself--usually to the left--is easier and can be safer with some horses, provided the handler stretches the arm to put the horse out to the side and thus avoids being crowded." **Judge what they do safely and well.**

An area of inconsistency is holding two hands on the longe line.

Judges Manual: "For judging horsemanship, the chief consideration is how well the competitor accomplishes the job to the veterinary judge's satisfaction. **Most of the safety and smoothness in handling correlate with skills in cueing and controlling the horse rather than to matters such as precisely how the rope is held.**

"Among the latter is whether or not the handler uses one or two hands on the rope for longeing. There are advantages and disadvantages to either method. Although two hands on the lead will not necessarily stop a horse intent on running off, the method could result in some additional control should the horse shy or momentarily bolt. With a standard 9' or 10' lead rope, however, two hands may be disadvantageous. First, the radius of the horse's circle is further shortened, limiting the freedom

of movement and possibly jeopardizing soundness. Also, if distance between the hands is close, the handler's own maneuverability can be compromised by virtue of the arms' being bunched together which lessens upper body strength and affects the handler's balance. It is recommended to use adequate length of lead for the horse, which may vary depending of the size of the horse and its stride at the trot. The size of the circle can be enlarged by circling with the horse rather than standing still while the horse circles around the rider.

"An overhand knot (single knot) or a stop of some kind at the end of the longe line adds a measure of safety to a short rope, but the knot must not be allowed to dangle lest it swing around to catch on the rope above the hand.

"Holding the remainder of a long longe line in coils is a controversial subject. Some professionals use the technique in order to readily play out the loops one at a time and to bring the line back quickly. To judge such a method requires observing the overall skill in handling the horse, and vitally related, whether or not the rope could impinge on the fingers from a sudden action by the horse."

Judge what they do safely and well.

Grooming.

Judges Manual: "Ideally, a rider would present a clean and well-brushed horse at check-in. However, the judge should make some allowances for conditions like dusty trailer travel or the weather in camp and/or at the rider's home base.

"Dirt or dried sweat around the eyes and on areas where the tack touches, feet packed with dirt acquired before lining up for the veterinary inspection, and nostrils caked with dirt should be faulted in amounts relative to the degree of neglect.

"Taking off points for a little soil in the nostrils, a bit of fresh manure on the hocks, a small (Continued on page 12)

Points and Data

Please notify NATRC of all horse, rider, or ownership changes to save points and mileage!!

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splash of recently acquired mud and the like may be unreasonable. Also, a little scurfiness is not unnatural.”

Together, tack, trail care, and trail safety and courtesy account for 25% of the points on the scorecard, but most cards have no comments for any of them.

Tack.

For safety, it works well to do a quick tack check before the competitors time out on the first day. Look for

proper adjustment such as: bit hanging too low, back cinch hanging loose, unsecured or bouncing equipment. Point out safety concerns before they hit the trail or any time on the trail.

Trail Care.

Judges Manual. “In general, the scorecard category of trail care is more suited to noting positive comments rather than scoring negative ones since numerous problems attend the judging in this area.”

Take a few minutes to look for

obvious problems – or good examples of care – at water stops, P&R stops, lunch stops.

Trail Safety and Courtesy.

Judges Manual. “Safety and courtesy tend to be interwoven in this category in that courtesy is practical from a safety standpoint—and vice versa. In general, an attentive competitor who understands the safety aspects of horsemanship and who respects the rights of others will ride accordingly.”

Most of the 2021 scorecards had no comments or scores in Trail Care or Trail Safety & Courtesy. Very few had comments on tack. These three categories make up 25% of the total scorecard and are important aspects of horsemanship. Do right by the riders and let them know we look at these things, even if you simply say “OK” or “Followed instructions well.”

We’re still seeing some horse comments on the rider card. “Horse moved” is a horse comment. A horsemanship comment could be, “Use more rein control to prevent horse from moving off.” “Sore loins” is a horse comment that should have a deduction on the horse card. There are probably deductions already on the rider’s card for being heavy in the saddle or for not having legs centered under the body. A horsemanship comment could be, “Check equitation comments for possible reasons for sore loins.” Or “Check girth adjustment relative to girth edema.”

Consistency in comments relative to scores is important. If one rider has “leaning back on cantle (-)” and another rider has “leaning back on cantle (-1)”, we don’t know if it’s a different degree of being back on the cantle or if the value is recorded wrong. Regardless, at the end of the year, the actual score on the scorecard can make a difference in calculations for high average awards. **Please be consistent and triple check the math.**

Finally, from the Judges Manual: “How you present yourself to those assembled—which includes not only riders but also workers, family members, and prospective competitors—may affect the overall tone of a ride and the sport of NATRC riding in general. Aiming to do well for the riders and their horses is a prerequisite for a good judging philosophy, and if your attitude projects that honestly, the effect can be positive.”

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Encourage your fellow 4-H friends to join you in competitive trail rides and compete for NATRC's 4-H Year-End High Point Team Award. Contact us if you would like a presentation to your club to introduce the sport and answer questions.

To be eligible is simple. Just compete in any division, nominate yourself, and prove that you are a 4-H member! Here are the specifics:

- 1) The award goes to the high point horse and rider team **regardless** of the division.
- 2) Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2022, that will be November 13th).
- 3) You must: (a) be an NATRC competing member, (b) contact Sarah J. Smith at natrc@natrc.org to nominate yourself, and (c) have your 4-H leader contact Sarah to verify that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project. How cool is that?

A form to use for documentation at the ride is available [here](#) or contact Sarah at natrc@natrc.org.



Moved? Changed Name? Sold a Horse? Bought One? Added a Junior? Different Phone?

Please report any changes in your membership information to the national office. Such changes might include your name, a move to a different address or region, the sale of a horse, or the addition of juniors to a family membership - particularly if a junior has a different last name.

Basic changes like address, phone number and email address can be made on the website under "My Account" at the top right hand side of the screen. It's your responsibility to keep your information up to date.

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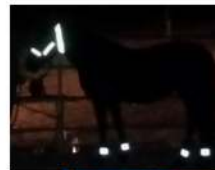
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Be True to the Pull Codes

From the Judges Committee

We pull horses from rides for many reasons. The data can help NATRC know why – if we have the correct information recorded. Of the first nine rides reviewed by the national office this year, there were 24 recorded pulls, and 15 had no reason given.

The secretaries (or judges) should splash the word “PULL” diagonally across the card with one of the pull codes below written underneath.

- ◇ Rider Option (RO)
- ◇ Lameness (L)
- ◇ Metabolic (M)
- ◇ Surface Factors (SF) - cuts, injury, sore backs, etc.
- ◇ Disqualified (DQ)



Condition 40 Points		S1 #1	S1 #2	S1 #3	S1 #4	S1 #5	S1 #6	S1 #7	S1 #8	S1 #9	S1 #10	S1 #11	S1 #12	S1 #13	S1 #14	S1 #15	S1 #16	S1 #17	S1 #18	S1 #19	S1 #20	CR1	CR2	Condition 40 Points	
Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Out	Score	Pulse	Score	Pulse	Score
Check In	P	9	11																			1)		1)	
P&R	R	2	11																			2)		2)	
Mucous Membranes	MM	Check In	S1 #1	S1 #2																					Final Check
Capillary Refill Time	CRT	1																							
Jugular Refill	JR	0	0	0																					
Skin Tearing	ST	0	0	0																					
Gut Sounds	GS	Normal	Normal	Normal																					
Muscle Tone	MT	3																							
Movement, Athlete Willingness	MAW	3																							
Soundness 45 Points		Check In	Bridge	Sank																					Final Check
Lamenesses	L	Sound																							
Way of Going	WoG																								
Where Bone Joins Girth	WBLG																								
Socks Placed Rubie	SPR																								
Legs	Left Front		LF																						
Wrinkles	Right Front		RF																						
Swelling	Left Hind		LH																						
Turdors	Right Hind		RH																						
Uppercuts																									
Trail Ability and Manners 15 Points		Check In																							Final Check
			Very nice resolution																						
			Halt/Back																						
			Ext																						

We try to reserve “Rider Option” for those situations involving only the rider, e.g. illness, injury, or not wishing to continue.

However, many times the pull is the result of a conversation between the veterinary judge and the rider, and the rider chooses to opt out before the veterinary judge actually pulls the horse. In this case, the use of “Rider Option” as the reason for the pull is fine, but

please include the underlying reason – lameness, metabolic, sore back, etc.

NATRC does not publish the reason for a pull. The data review team simply records the information. NATRC just wants to know what kinds of troubles our horses experience.

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Can I Tow This Trailer?



“Can I pull this horse trailer?” It’s a common question that I hear regularly at my horse camping clinics.

Safely towing a horse trailer can be confusing. It seems that there are a million different acronyms to learn and know. GCWR, GAWR, Tow Rating, Payload, and many more. What do all these things mean? Understanding these acronyms and numbers can be confusing without a degree in “Towology.” And, if you get it wrong, you or your horses can get hurt.

Let’s take the mystery out of one of these figures and talk about PAYLOAD Ratings - What it is and how to find yours. Most of us have an idea about towing ratings. But payload is something else entirely. We’ve all heard it - I’ve got a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck, and the dealer says it can tow 21,000 lbs. That’s nice, but what can it carry? You see what you can tow and what you can handle are two different things.

Towing Terminology

It’s important to know this information before hitting the road. You could easily overload your truck if you aren’t aware of your vehicle’s GVWR, curb weight, and payload capacity. Know and understand this information before you tow, and you’re going to be much safer in the long run.

No matter what type of trailer you’re towing, payload ratings are important. Your payload rating is how much weight you can carry in your truck, and the tow rating is how much

weight your truck can pull. The tow rating is the big sexy number you see touted in advertising campaigns, and the payload rating is a much smaller figure that is not widely advertised.

It’s how much weight you can put in the truck before something runs a risk of breaking. Payload is always a factor in bumper pull towing, and it’s a bigger deal than you may think in gooseneck towing.

Truck manufacturers often advertise their truck’s capacities. These values, however, are the maximums for when the vehicle has only a driver in it and no cargo. Such a scenario isn’t realistic for horse campers. You will likely have passengers and other cargo in the truck, such as camping gear and horse feed. These extras add weight to the vehicle, lowering the payload and towing capacities. You’d think with a considerable tow rating that you’d have to have a payload rating to match. Not necessarily. Not every truck manufacturer bulks up payload capacity along with the tow rating.

There’s a lot of marketing involved from the truck and trailer industries designed to push you into purchasing a vehicle. Manufacturers and dealers have a vested interest in selling you a truck or trailer regardless of whether your vehicles are appropriate for each other.

Finding Payload

Now that we know what a payload rating is, where do we find it? It’s easy! In newer vehicles, it’s on a

sticker on the driver’s door frame. If your truck is missing this sticker, you can calculate your truck’s payload capacity on your own by doing a little math:

Start with the maximum total weight your truck can handle, known as its Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). GVWR is determined by the manufacturer and is listed in your owner’s manual and door placard.

Curb Weight is the weight of your vehicle, and it refers to how much your truck weighs when it’s sitting at the curb and not in use. It does not include passengers, cargo, road snacks, or the family dog. I load my truck as if I were going camping and take it to a scale for a more accurate weight.

Subtract your truck’s curb weight from its GVWR—that’s your payload capacity.

Your Payload Capacity refers to all of the additional weight you can safely add to your vehicle’s curb weight, including cargo, passengers, AND trailer tongue or pin weight. For example, if your truck’s GVWR is 14,000 lbs. and weighs 9,272 lbs. empty, your payload capacity is 4,728 lbs. You can put 4,728 lbs. of people, stuff, and pin weight in this truck. (Example is for a 2019 F-450 diesel.)

Try this for yourself.

Take the payload rating and start subtracting. You should have a positive number when you’re finished calculating. If not, your truck is overloaded.

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TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION			
SEATING CAPACITY	TOTAL : 5	FRONT: 2	REAR: 3
The combined weight of occupants, and cargo should never exceed : 925 kg or 2041 lbs.			
TIRE	SIZE	COLD TIRE PRESSURE	SEE OWNERS MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FRONT	T235/65R18OE 176/123R	420 KPA, 60 PSI	
REAR	L1275/65R18OE 126/123R	450 KPA, 65 PSI	
SPARE	T235/65R18OE 125/122R	450 KPA, 65 PSI	

Here's a 2017 Ford F-250 4WD diesel ¾ ton truck.

- Per the manufacturer towing guide, it can pull 14,700 pounds.
- Per the sticker on the door frame, it has a payload of 2,041 pounds

Let's see how quickly we go through those 2,041 pounds.

Weight of any passengers – BTW, the manufacturers' calculations assume that drivers weigh just 150 pounds.

Let's say there's just one passenger – the average American weighs 181 pounds. Now we have 1870 pounds of capacity remaining. What else do we carry in the cab when horse camping?

Cargo in the truck – coolers, camping gear, etc., Do you carry water tanks or bales of hay in the truck bed?

We're prepared and have 70 gallons of water and two bales of hay in the bed of the truck. That weighs 731 pounds, and now we have 1,139 pounds of capacity remaining.

What about aftermarket options on the truck, such as brush guards or towing attachments. You also need to subtract those from your payload.

And what is the tongue or hitch weight of the trailer? Hitch weight is a HUGE factor that many people don't consider. The downward pressure on the hitch is where things can quickly become very interesting.

Hitch Weight

The axles on horse trailers are found further back on the trailer than on an RV (they're way back there to provide a smoother ride for our horses). When the tires are that far back, more of trailer's weight is resting on your truck.

Your trailer's tongue, hitch, or pin weight isn't hard to determine, but it can be a hassle.

You see, while most manufacturers list the base model weight for their

Determining Tongue/Hitch Weight at the Scales

Fully load your truck and trailer (including horse(s)) as if you are heading to a trail ride. Drive to the scales.

Step 1. Find Total Weight of Vehicle *WITH* Tongue Weight - With trailer and truck loaded and fueled just as they will be when leaving for a trip. First, drive on to the scale with all 4 wheels of the truck and record the weight of the truck with the trailer attached. This is weight A.

Step 2. Determine Weight of Vehicle *WITHOUT* Tongue Weight - Unhook the trailer and raise the trailer tongue so there is no weight on the hitch ball. Make sure that the trailer jack is not on the scale. Record the weight of the truck alone on the scale. This is your gross vehicle weight (GVW) and weight B.

Step 3. Subtract the GVW (weight B) from the weight of the truck with the trailer attached (weight A). This will give you the tongue weight of your trailer.

A - B = Tongue Weight

trailers, most don't list the tongue weight. The few that do give you a weight when the trailer is EMPTY. No horses, no tack, no battery, no cargo, no nothing. So, your hitch weight is going to be much more once you've loaded the trailer for a trip.

The best way to find your hitch or tongue weight is to load your trailer the way you usually do for a camping trip, including horses, and take it to a scale.



For this modest 22-foot stock trailer, the hitch weight from the scales is 1,820 pounds.

All of those figures add up to 2,765 pounds of weight resting on the truck's frame, which makes this truck overloaded by 681 pounds. This may not seem like much, and people continually tell me that a ¾ ton truck is all

you need to haul a horse trailer. I'm sorry, but the numbers don't lie.

Choose Who to Listen To

The "I do it, and it's fine" crowd of self-appointed experts found on social media, or the trailer salesman, or the truck dealer, aren't the people that are going to pay the fine when you get caught with an overloaded truck. Cops are trained to spot the signs of an overloaded vehicle. If they suspect you're driving one, they can pull you over and weigh you with a roadside scale. If your weight exceeds your truck's weight ratings, they can ticket you or, in extreme cases, impound your rig on the spot. Furthermore, exceeding your weight ratings can invalidate your insurance, push liability in your direction in the event of a crash, and even lead to charges of negligence.

It's all avoidable. When in doubt, visit a scale and see what your vehicle weighs fully loaded down for a camping trip.

For more information regarding trail riding and horse camping, as well as the world's largest and only accurate guide to horse camps, visit me at www.TrailMeister.com. You can also find more of my ponderings in my book—The ABCs of Trail Riding and Camping with Horses.

Membership Committee Update

By John Zeliff, Membership Chair

New Committee Member

Susan Johnson is the new membership chair for R3. Welcome Susan!

Membership Renewals

By now, you should have contacted any individuals in your region who have not renewed their membership for this year. If you haven't completed that process, it is not too late. If you have anyone who may be thinking of not renewing their competing membership, be sure to remind them of our non-competing memberships that would allow them to keep up to date with NATRC. Identifying, and relaying back to the membership chair, any reason(s) for anyone's non-renewal is always very helpful.

Updated Riders Manual

Please remember to continue to promote the updated Rider's Manual. It is an excellent resource and one of our best NATRC membership benefits. Encourage the members in your region to download this manual to all their devices. It is also a great "feature and benefit" of NATRC membership as you are visiting with those individuals who used their free membership last year and might need a little encouragement to renew.

USEF Fan Membership

What are your thoughts on pursuing a free fan membership to USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) for competing NATRC memberships? I got this idea from the Kansas Horse Council who does this as one of their benefits for everyone who becomes a member of the [Kansas Horse Council](#). My hope is that it could be one more member benefit we can use to promote NATRC memberships. I do not anticipate it would cost us anything as USEF is trying to get as many fan memberships as they can.

NATRC Virtual Mileage and Obstacle Challenges

We are up to 81 members in this year's mileage challenge. It is definitely not too late to sign up and join in on the fun. There will be an E-News in a couple of weeks with the information for this year's obstacle challenge. Both challenges are excellent ways to generate interest in our sport and are great recruiting tools as we reach out to potential new members. For those who do not live close to where we currently have rides, the challenges offer a chance to learn more about NATRC and have fun at the same time!

Memberships in More Than One Region

I am still curious about the response in each region to members being able to join more than one region this year. How many individuals utilized this new rule change in your region? I am aware of two individuals. One person from R4 who added R6 as their second region for sure and a second person from R6 who was possibly going to add R4 as their second region.

Two Clinics in Each Region in 2022

Clinics have been added since I last mentioned this, but we are still short of having two in each region. We currently have one clinic in Regions 1, 3, and 5 and three clinics in Region 6 (with a fourth clinic in the planning) on our NATRC ride schedule. Clinics are an excellent way to introduce new riders to our sport and to increase our memberships. Not just for brand new riders, clinics can also provide an excellent opportunity for any rider to improve their skills from some of the best riders in NATRC. If you include an LeD ride the same weekend of your clinic, your new riders can immediately apply what they learned. It is not too late to add clinics to any of our regions for this ride year. Two clinics per region will be reimbursed \$100 for insurance costs determined by the first clinics to apply for sanction and request the \$100 reimbursement.

Share Marketing and Promotional Items for Membership Recruitment

Be sure to share any marketing and promotional items that you are using in your region to our shared Dropbox folder. The more items we can add to our shared Dropbox folder, the better for all of us.

Recognizing years of NATRC membership

Another thought I have is figuring out a way to recognize years of NATRC membership for each of our members. I am hoping there would be an easy way to calculate this or if not, we could find a way. We have members who have been NATRC members for lots of years. *(Continued on page 18)*



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Why not recognize them? Perhaps it can even become a motivational tool for continued membership. Your thoughts?

2022 NATRC National Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee Goals

I did not receive any feedback on our 2022 goals. I will just go with the draft I sent you in March for this year. Feel free to share your thoughts at any time.

1. The membership chair will establish regular communication with the regional membership coordinators through quarterly updates.
2. Regional committee coordinators will keep their NATRC membership informed through two or more updates during each ride season. These regional updates will also be shared on our Dropbox shared folder.
3. The membership committee will encourage regional membership recruitment and retention annually through the following activities:
 - a. The promotion of NATRC membership benefits.
 - b. The identification and communication of what NATRC is for.
 - c. Follow-up with members who do not renew their membership and identify their reasons.

- d. The sharing of regional mentoring programs and other membership resources and activities.
4. Double the number of NATRC fan memberships nationally.
 5. The membership committee will provide updates in each edition of the *Hoof Print* as another means to keep membership informed.

What's next?

- Finish following up any membership non-renewals if you have not already.
- Share any resources you have that you think might be helpful to the other regions to our shared Dropbox folder.
- Report the number of dual memberships in your region.
- Share your thoughts regarding a free fan membership to USEF for competing NATRC memberships as a member benefit.
- Share your thoughts regarding the recognition of years of NATRC membership.

Thank you for everything that you do for NATRC, especially when it comes to increasing our memberships! Your efforts at the regional level really pay dividends when it comes to increasing our numbers.

Keep pushing!

NATRC Student Loan & Scholarship Program

Student loans and scholarships are available according to the budgeted amount, at the discretion of the National Board of Directors. Preference will be given to a full-time student who has been a member of NATRC or whose family has been an active member for at least 3 years. Consideration will also be given to a student or a student's family who has been an active member for less than 3 years but more than 6 months.

Priority will be given first to a student enrolled in an accredited School of Veterinary Medicine; second in studies leading to a degree in Animal Science, Nutrition, Health and/or other related equine field; third in other related equine studies; fourth to a college student in his/her senior year, then junior year, sophomore year, freshman year. For a student loan, consideration may also be given to a student enrolled in other studies.

Other considerations include financial need, scholastic achievement, and character of the applicant as determined by the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

For an application, contact the NATRC Executive Director at natrc@natrc.org, or download the [Student Loan Application](#) or the [Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarship Application](#).

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Waiting and Timing and Being a Good Sport

NATRC competitions are based on a measured distance within a window of time.

Rule Book Section 5 J. 9. tells us:

“Official Delays: If horses are delayed by ride chair, trailmaster, or judges, the time lost will be credited to the rider’s **maximum** ride time. The minimum time is unaffected.”

Usually there is a designated person (judge’s secretary, for example) to keep track of the time riders are held up, and that time can be credited to the competitor’s maximum time allotment at the end of the ride if necessary. If a competitor has to wait to do an obstacle, s/he can get the time back. As a rider, be sure to communicate with the designated person.

Once a competitor (Rider A) completes an obstacle, if s/he waits for the riding buddy (Rider B) to complete it, Rider A is practicing good safety, courtesy and sportsmanship. However, Rider A does not get back the time spent waiting for Rider B. Being a good sport often involves a measure of sacrifice, and in this case, the sacrifice is one’s own ride time. Rider B might get a 10-minute available time credit for waiting to do an obstacle, but Rider A does not get the time credit for waiting for Rider B.

To help avoid possible time penalties, ride in small groups and take turns who goes first at obstacles. Know where you can make up some time by going faster on the trail.

At a P&R stop, if Horse A meets “go” criteria at 10 minutes, but Horse B does not, Horse B (and rider) is held and has 10 minutes added to their **minimum and maximum** time. If Team A waits for Team B, Team A is being a good sport, but Team A does not get the extra 10 minutes.

Being a good sport often involves a measure of sacrifice.

What about a rider who stops to help an injured rider (or horse) on the trail and comes in late? Because we recognized that extenuating circumstances can create all kinds of “what if” scenarios, a good Samaritan clause was added to the Rule Book, Section 5 J.10:

“In the case of an emergency/extenuating circumstance where a competitor’s assistance **is required**, ride management and/or judges may agree to credit part or all of time lost to the assisting competitor’s maximum time.”

If we only had three rules, they might be

- Be safe
- Be considerate
- Be on time



Any amount of time the CP rider, in the foreground, spends waiting for her Novice riding buddy to negotiate this obstacle is not added to her maximum overall ride time.

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Being Considerate

From Tamarack Hill Farm Facebook page written by Denny Emerson, the only equestrian to have won both an international gold medal in eventing and a Tevis Cup buckle in endurance. He is a strong advocate of competitive trail riding.

Denny writes:

I’ve told this story before, but on the morning of a big competition’s cross country day, it bears repeating.

Many years ago, when Lana DuPont Wright was chairman of the big three day event at Fair Hill, she introduced me to an older lady, her cousin. When the cousin left, Lana said something like, “I don’t think we could run this event without her support. She has been our biggest underwriter.”

On the afternoon of cross country, after the last rider had finished safely, there’s general high spirits, relief, even euphoria if all went well. I saw a group of young women who’d ridden, all talking excitedly and laughing in a group, and then I saw Lana’s cousin walk up to them and ask, “How did it go today, girls?”

One of them turned toward her and said, “It was great,” then turned back to her friends, essentially closing the circle and shutting the elderly lady out.

Lana’s cousin quietly walked away.

I thought three things---how rude, how unkind, and how appallingly stupid. Their joy that day had been made possible by what probably seemed to them as an insignificant little gray haired lady.

Be kind.

Denny on Cat at his first Advanced Event in 1971 at Dunham, Quebec, Canada.

Photo from Wikipedia



NATRC National BOD Minutes February 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER by President John Zelif, 8:16 a.m. February 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich via Zoom, Bob Insko, Lory Walls, Cathy Cumberworth via Zoom, Bill Wingle, Fran Muench, Cara Liebman, R4 Alternate, Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray via Zoom, Marla Stucky, John Zelif and Sarah J. Smith, Executive Director. Guests Sanction Co-Chair Patsy Conner attended via Zoom and Mary Anna Wood joined in person.

MINUTES. November 13, 2021.

Motion by Walls, second by Muench to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Zelif welcomed our board members to our first in person board meeting in quite some time! He has been trying to communicate with everyone by sending board and membership updates each month to push information and hopes it is appreciated. Has reached out to most of the committee chairs and felt we have a lot of great people and volunteers! Zelif encourages the use of our partner, Trailmeister, for posting our rides and ride locations. Wingle stated if we can get the Trailmeister location link, we can add that to the event page on our website for each ride.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Smith. Renewed our partnership with Equine Land and Conservation Resource group. The early renewal incentive drawings in November, December and January were successful and put renewals (246) ahead of where we normally are this time of year. We are continuing to pick up members from states (VA, OR, OH, PA, NY, NH, UT, MD, MT, ID, WY) without active competitions most likely due to the virtual challenges.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Gray. Membership drive early helped, and we didn't have to dip into savings to cover expenses. Need to be cognizant of expenses however. Anniversary ad sales were decent. National award income and expense were noted. We

actually came out ahead in 2021 by a little due to the early renewals.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Wingle. We are revising language today on rule proposals for final voting in July. Out of the normal order, one proposal has been added today coming out of the sanction committee.

Rule Proposal #1 – Change the end of the ride year to last Sunday in November. **Motion by Walls to carry forward, second by Meroshnekoff. Motion carried.**

Rule Proposal #2 – Combine division weight classes into adult classes (temporary one-year action). Muench questioned what appeared to be duplicated language. Dieterich stated it isn't extraneous and that it is there for clarification as there was confusion in the past. Insko stated in the Region 1A section the wording regarding juniors aging up needed the word "weight" stricken from the proposal. **Motion by Wingle to carry forward, second by Muench. Motion carried.**

Rule Proposal #3 – Novice and Leisure Adult Eligibility Consistency. Meroshnekoff suggested retitling it Consistency in Novice Division and Leisure Adult Class Limitations. Question regarding past judges being able to compete in Leisure Adult, but it was agreed that they should be required to ride Experienced. **Motion by Walls to carry forward, second by Meroshnekoff. Motion carried.**

Rule Proposal #4A – Lower Age of All Junior Competitors to 8. **Motion by Wingle to carry forward, second by Stucky. Motion carried.**

Rule Proposal #4B – Lower Age of Leisure Division Junior Competitors to 8. Adjustment of language under Section D, Eligibility of Riders. Only considered it if #4A fails in July. **Motion by Wingle to carry forward, second by Stucky. Motion carried.**

Rule Proposal #5 – Junior Leisure Class Eligibility. It was determined this proposal is not necessary as it is already addressed. **Motion by Wingle**

to eliminate this proposal, second by Diaguila. Motion carried.

Rule Proposal #6 – Junior Competitors Supervision. Discussion about safety with other junior riders supervising juniors. Meroshnekoff stated by the time a junior has 250 miles they have a pretty good handle on things and can do the job. If we limit it to where only adults can sponsor, we will limit riders. Adjusted language to 13 and older with 250 miles or more if acting as a junior sponsor. **Motion by Wingle to carry forward as revised, second by Meroshnekoff. Motion carried.**

Rule Proposal #7 – Title of Trail Ability/Manners to Maneuvering Trail/Behavior. Recommendations from the Judging Task Force. Preference from more than one board member for Trail Ability and Behavior versus Maneuvering. (Concerned maneuvering is confusing. Walls suggested flipping the order to Trail Behavior and Ability.) Recommended to table voting on the language until the April meeting. Dieterich will take it back to the committee.

Rule Proposal #8 – Sanction Language. This will be reviewed for the April meeting.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES. Dieterich. Added the Dog Policy which the board had approved 11-13-21. Working on the sanction revocation policy and the Dangerous Horse policy which will be addressed.

PROTEST. Stucky. One protest was filed; however, it was determined that it was not a rule violation so it was rolled into a formal complaint for the Judges Committee.

PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING. Elaine Swiss and Kim Cowart. There is no report; however, both members are willing to stay on the committee and will plan to work on options going forward.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN. Conner. Working to make a complete inventory. Most of it is done and it has been very helpful. *(Continued on page 21)*

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RIDE SANCTIONS. Conner. Report filed. Conner and Cumberworth are working well on reviewing and sanctioning rides. Wingle is assisting on the technical side and keeping the events up to date on the website.

CLINIC SANCTIONS. Linda Clayton. Several clinics on the board so far and more in the works. Zelif would really like to see two per region to encourage new ridership.

RIDE MANAGEMENT. Elaine Swiss and Diaguila. Focus on increasing our numbers and reestablishing what the committee needs to do to build up management and increase ride attendance. Increasing our presence on YouTube was suggested.

RULES INTERPRETER and SAFETY. Wingle. Four rides so far. One ride has led to some policy changes being discussed. Several safety incidents, most non-injury. One injury accident with EMS care but no hospital transport. Maximum individual wait time was 14 minutes; maximum combined wait time was 20 minutes. Wait times mainly due to bunching.

MARKETING/PUBLICITY/E-NEWS. Gray/LeeAnn Dreadfulwater/Jonni Jewell. Continuing to do free advertising and trying to maximize social media. Murphy shared an update on E-News. Believes we are seeing a good response from the correspondence.

VIRTUAL CHALLENGES. Zelif. Top Trail and the mileage challenge is going really well. Troy Lynn, the Top Trail organizer, is doing a great job and has been very helpful and responsive. Kim Murphy and Hannah Clark have been added to the committee and will help develop a new obstacle challenge for the summer.

SPONSORSHIPS. Shari Parys. No report. Zelif talked to Parys and Muench about sponsorships. This area needs some attention and there will be catch up work to do.

HOOF PRINT ADVISORY. Dieterich and Muench. Deadline for the next HP is rapidly approaching. Zelif complimented Dieterich on the anniversary edition of the HP.

JUNIORS. Meroshnekoff. Contact 4-H clubs, pony clubs, college rodeo clubs or other sports groups. Meroshnekoff suggested Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts as contact options for informational talks or visits. Invite them out to your farms or rides for an activity. Ask around and get contact information.

FOUNDATION. Conner. Foundation meeting of senior BOD members to follow board meeting.

NATIONAL DRUG TESTING. Murphy. No report.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Dr. Tamara Gull. No report.

TRAIL ADVOCACY AND GRANTS. Insko. Newly appointed chair. No grant applications at this time.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. We need to identify and promote what we are so it is clear what we are not. We have an image of being too picky and we need to overcome that. We've been looking for consistency amongst our judges for a very long time, and it is a whole organizational process that doesn't only apply to judges.

MEMBERSHIP. Zelif. Renewal incentive was very successful. Decals were sent to each region for distribution to new members. Each region will determine how to best hand those out. The new rack cards were added to the shared Dropbox file for the membership chairs in each region. The committee works on different ways to bring up numbers. Encourage people to sign up for rides early as it really helps ride management, and if you can't make it to a ride, make a donation to the ride.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Walls. **Motion by Meroshnekoff second by Diaguila to approve the Judges Committee appointments. Motion carried.** Veterinary judges: Keri Riddick, DVM, Co-Chair, Carrie Porter, DVM, and Kay Gunckel, DVM. Horsemanship judges: Lory Walls, Co-Chair, Priscilla Lindsey, Esther Diaguila. Rider reps: Jonni Jewell, Shari Parys, Angie Meroshnekoff.

HALL OF FAME. Smith. Recipient being awarded at this convention:

Desert Reinbeau owned and ridden by Angie Meroshnekoff.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. Vacant. Need a new chair for this committee.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIASONS. Stucky. Sent out emails to all of our partnering breed organizations about year-end awards and did not hear back from many. Remind members to be members of their respective breed associations so they can qualify for year-end breed awards. They must be members of both NATRC and the breed association.

A.H.A. Insko. No report. Needs to get a list of programs available for NATRC members plus an article.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Mesimer. Report filed. Issues with deadlines in 2021 for submissions. The 2022 Honorary and Appreciation write-ups (in Word) due to Ruth Mesimer at RuthM9496@gmail.com by 10pm CST, Sunday, November 20, 2022.

TECHNOLOGY/WEBSITE. Smith. Primarily updating and refreshing the website. There are still issues with uploading ride results.

WEBINARS. Wingle. Needs help getting people together to do presentations.

CONVENTION & NATIONAL AWARDS. Zelif. It is so nice to be together! R6 has worked their tails off and gone above and beyond to make this happen. Numbers are down, which hurts the bottom line. Thank you to Region 4 as a Diamond sponsor and our board members who sponsored.

REGIONAL REPORTS. R1. Meroshnekoff 4 rides, 1 clinic. R2. Insko. Hoping for 5 rides this year. 4 A/B and 1 LeD. R3 – Wingle. 8 rides and 1 clinic; may get one more. There are some members at the Rocky Mountain Expo this weekend with an NATRC booth. R4. Muench. Goal is 9 rides but 7 are confirmed. Regional awards are March 5. R5. Diaguila 11 A/B rides. 5 stand-alone LeD. R6. Convention. 7 A/B rides and 4 LeD. Several new ride managers this year.

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SHARED BOARD – \$394.54

OLD BUSINESS.

1. Dangerous Horse Policy – getting close but there are still a few questions. One of the primary questions is obtaining a rider’s signature acknowledging the report before leaving camp.
2. NATRC Store – recommended offering a monthly item for sale rather than multiple items to see if that does better. Post a menu that shows what is offered each month. Zeliff shared an option called Printful, which offers an on-demand store option. It may be a smaller profit margin but it would offer ready options with no inventory and no volunteer output.

3. Judging Consistency Task Force – Membership Information Webinar – waiting on this until likely fall.
4. Develop a Video for Judges – a videographer has been found. The video will be in progress.
5. 2022 Virtual Obstacle Challenge – discussed previously.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Schedule of Future National Conventions – posted in Drop-box.
 - a. 2023 - Region 1
 - b. 2024 - Region 5
 - c. 2025 - Region 3
 - d. 2026 - Region 2
 - e. 2027 - Region 4

f. 2028 - Region 6

2. Increase pool of Judges – discussion of judge recruitment and of the allowance of vet techs.
3. Clean-up of Policy and Procedures (revoking sanctions). Wingle reviewed suggested policy changes.
4. Encourage two plus clinics per region in 2022
5. Focus on increasing number of riders and rides

Next monthly meeting will be April 5, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Walls to adjourn, second by Diaguila. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Trail Tip - Homemade Electrolyte Cookies

A few riders are DIYers and cook up electrolyte cookie treats for their four-legged partners. Here’s one recipe courtesy of Dr. Nancy Loving, DVM.

(When selecting the electrolyte powder, be sure it con-

tains sodium, potassium, chloride, and a little calcium and magnesium. Avoid ones with sugar (glucose) high on the ingredients list and those that contain bicarbonate. Learn more about electrolytes starting on page 47 of the NATRC Rider’s Manual on our website.)

Mix all dry ingredients. Add molasses and syrup and mix. Add hot water and mix. Batter should be sticky and somewhat stiff. You can make 24 large cookies or 48 smaller ones by forming the dough into flattened balls and placing them on a non-stick cookie sheet.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for about 30 minutes. They are done when firm to the touch. Assuming you mix the ingredients extremely well, each large cookie should have 1 ounce of electrolytes in it, while a small cookie has ½ ounce.



Ingredients:

- 1 c any sweet feed
- 2 c quick cooking rolled oats
- 1 c barley
- 3 c bran
- 2/3 c molasses or apple-sauce
- 1/3 c pure maple syrup
- 1 ½ c very hot water
- 24 1-oz scoops of powdered electrolyte

2023 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES – April 5, 2022 – Changes in Bold

#1: CHANGE THE END OF THE RIDE YEAR

SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

- A. Rides
1. Sanctioning
 - d. Ride year ~~will end the second Sunday in November~~ ends the last Sunday in November.

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

- B. Annual Awards
1. General
 - e. Ride year ~~will end the second Sunday in November~~ ends the last Sunday in November.

Rationale: Currently, the ride year ends the second Sunday in November. The NBOD meeting is held the second full weekend in November. Most of the time, the end of the ride year and the NBOD meeting are on the same weekend. But if the month starts on Sunday, the ride year would end November 8, and the NBOD meeting would be November 14 (as happened in 2020). Using the last Sunday in November would avoid that conflict and confusion. Currently, only one ride is being held between mid-November and December 1, so there would minimal impact as far as getting ride results in for year-end audits.

#2: COMBINE DIVISION WEIGHT CLASSES INTO ADULT CLASS

(A TEMPORARY ONE-YEAR ACTION)

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Divisions
1. Open
 - d. Classes
 - (1) This division will offer ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~ and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.
 2. Novice
 - d. Classes
 - (1) This division will offer ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~ and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.
 3. Competitive Pleasure
 - d. Classes
 - (1) This division will offer ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~ and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.
- B. Classes
1. ~~Heavyweight: Rider and tack (everything the horse carries) weighing 190 pounds or more. The Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are being combined into the an Adult class on a temporary basis for the 2023 ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.~~
 2. ~~Lightweight: Rider and tack (everything the horse carries) weighing a minimum of 100 pounds and less than 190 pounds. Riders 18 or older at the beginning of the ride year must compete in the Adult class.~~
 3. Junior
 - b. Juniors may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division ~~Heavyweight or Lightweight Adult~~ Classes if weight requirements are met.
 - d. ~~No weight requirements apply if competing in Junior Class.~~
 5. ~~Weigh In~~
 - a. ~~Lightweight and heavyweight competitors must be weighed in with their own tack prior to the start of the ride.~~

- b. ~~Individual regions may issue rider weight cards. At subsequent rides in the same year, a copy of this weight card may be sent with the ride entry or be shown to the ride secretary when picking up their rider packet.~~
- c. ~~Rider weight classification must be maintained throughout the ride. Management may re-weigh any rider at any time during the ride to verify weight class. A deviation of +/- 5 pounds is allowed for reweigh only.~~
- d. ~~Failure to maintain weight classification will result in completion points only for both horse and rider.~~
- e. ~~The minimum weight must be made up with dead weight, pound for pound, if the rider and tack weigh less than 100 pounds (lightweight) or less than 190 pounds (heavyweight).~~
- f. ~~No disposable items will be used to make weight. This includes, but is not limited to, food (horse and rider), water, fly spray, etc.~~

Rule Change Standing Schedule	
NBOD Meeting	Activity
Prior to November	Accept submitted rule changes
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide changes to carry forward • Publish for comment - <i>Hoof Print</i> and website
February/March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize wording • Publish for comment - <i>Hoof Print</i> and website
July	Vote on changes
After July	Update Rule Book

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

- A. Divisions
1. A sanctioned ride having an Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Division will offer ~~Lightweight, Heavyweight, Adult~~ and Junior Classes in horse and horsemanship.
 2. National Awards
 - i. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In ~~the~~ Open Division ~~in the~~ ~~Heavyweight and Lightweight Adult~~ Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year.
 - k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division ~~in the~~ ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight, Adult~~ and Junior Classes, a horse shall be *(Continued on page 24)*

declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year.

- l. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Open Class, (i.e., ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~, Junior), first through sixth place.
- m. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Class, (i.e., ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~, Junior), first through sixth place.
- n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Competitive Pleasure Class (i.e., ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~, Junior), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count.
- o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Competitive Pleasure Class (i.e., ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~, Junior), first through sixth place.
- q. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~, Junior), first through sixth place.
- r. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~, Junior), first through sixth place.

SECTION 10 – REGION 1A AWARDS

B. Annual/Year-end Awards

2. National Awards

- a. National Championship: In Open Division in ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~ and Junior Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any consecutive three-year period in which rides are held.
 - (1) Awarded one first place. ~~for the class in which the horse is entered at the ride(s).~~
 - (2) Accumulated 36 points.
 - b) ~~When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Heavyweight or Lightweight) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one weight class cannot be combined with those earned in a different weight class during any given 3-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points earned as a Junior during the applicable 3-year period can be applied to the new aAdult weight class.~~
- b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Division in ~~Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult~~ and Junior Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any consecutive three-year period in which rides are held.
 - (2) Accumulated 36 points.
 - b) ~~When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Heavyweight or Lightweight) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one class cannot be combined with those earned in a different 10-2 Revised 10/2020 class during any given 3-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points acquired as a Junior during the applicable 3-year period can be applied to the new aAdult class.~~

Rationale: In light of decreased ridership caused by external forces such as significantly increased costs to get to rides, reduction in riders' disposable incomes and free time, sluggish economy and, most recently, the pandemic, our weight classes are most often nearly empty and sometimes non-existent. The temporary change to combine division weight classes into adult classes will make the divisions more competitive and ride management simpler.

#3: CONSISTENCY IN LIMITATIONS FOR NOVICE DIVISION AND LEISURE ADULT CLASS

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

2. Novice

e. Limitations

- (1) Any horse and adult rider combination having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of class in Open, Competitive Pleasure, ~~and Novice~~) ~~or in Leisure Team~~, shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division.
- (2) Any horse and junior rider combination having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of class in Open, Competitive Pleasure, ~~and Novice~~) ~~or in Leisure Team~~, and rider having reached age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division.
- (3) Any adult rider having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, or class in Open, Competitive Pleasure ~~and Novice~~) ~~or in Leisure Team~~, shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division.
- (4) Any junior rider having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, or class in Open, Competitive Pleasure ~~and Novice~~) ~~or in Leisure Team~~, and having reached the age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division.
- (5) Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in Open or Competitive Pleasure in any previous year are ineligible to compete in the Novice Division ~~except by participating Distance Only.~~
- (6) No accredited ~~past or present~~ NATRC horsemanship, ~~or~~ veterinary or ~~leisure~~ judge shall compete for horse or horsemanship awards in the Novice Division.

4. Leisure

e. Classes

- (1) This division will offer Experienced, Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B, with the exception that Experienced teams are defined as:
 - (a) Any ~~past or present~~ NATRC judge (Veterinary, Horsemanship, Leisure).
 - ~~(e) Any NATRC rider who has won a national award in a Competitive Pleasure or Open Division. Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in Open or Competitive Pleasure in any previous year.~~
 - (d) Any NATRC rider having attained 1,500 miles in competition or having won one or more National Championships, President's Cup, Jim Mene- (Continued on page 25)

Reminder

Please submit proposed rule changes for the 2024 ride year to your region's national board representative by **October 15, 2022**. Please submit in the format as it would appear in the Rule Book, including the appropriate section number(s).

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fee Combined Horse and Horsemanship, Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion High Average Horse, or Polly Bridges High Average Horsemanship in any class in any previous year. **is ineligible to compete in Leisure Adult.**

Rationale: Currently Novice and LeD Adult have different eligibility requirements. For example, LeD Adult has no mileage limitation; a rider could have 5,000 miles and be eligible to compete as LeD Adult (vs Experienced). LeD lifetime points includes Leisure points; Novice does not, so we have two point structures. This proposal would make the limitations for Novice and Leisure Adult consistent.

#4a: LOWER AGE OF ALL JUNIOR COMPETITORS

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

3. Junior

- a. Age **40 8** through 17. The rider must be **40 8** years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year, and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.
- b. Juniors may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division **[Heavyweight or Lightweight] [OR Adult]** Classes if weight requirements are met. **Juniors may compete in Leisure Division Adult or Experienced Classes.**

D. Eligibility of Riders

1. All persons **40 years of age of minimum competitive age** or older are eligible to compete in NATRC, except:

Rationale: We have received consistent requests to lower our eligible age. NATRC could be the best introduction of junior riders to distance riding will allow them to participate while keeping them to a shorter, slower paced event and one that does not judge the stabling of the horse thereby allowing for more assistance from the adult sponsor without altering the level playing field. Children of this age are developmentally able to ride and care for horses. Often an adult competitor requires minimal assistance due to limited range of motion or recovery from a recent injury or surgery, so there are similar expectations for young riders.

#4b: LOWER AGE OF LEISURE DIVISION JUNIOR COMPETITORS

(Only voted on if #4a fails)

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

4. Junior

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- c. Age ~~40~~ 8 through 17. The rider must be ~~40~~ 8 years old to enter competition **in the Leisure Division, and 10 years old for all other divisions**; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year, and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.
 - d. Juniors **age 10-17** may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division [**Heavyweight or Lightweight**] [**OR Adult**] Classes if weight requirements are met. **Juniors aged 8-17 may compete in Leisure Division Adult or Experienced Classes.**
- D. Eligibility of Riders
- 1. All persons **40 years of age of minimum competitive age** or older are eligible to compete in **the Leisure Division** in NATRC, **and all persons 10 years of age or older are eligible to compete in the Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice Divisions** in NATRC except:

Rationale: We have received consistent requests to lower our eligible age. NATRC could be the best introduction of junior riders to distance riding, and by restricting those age 8-9 to the Leisure Division will allow them to participate while keeping them to a shorter, slower paced event and one that does not judge the stabling of the horse thereby allowing for more assistance from the adult sponsor without altering the level playing field. Children of this age are developmentally able to ride and care for horses. Often an adult competitor requires minimal assistance due to limited range of motion or recovery from a recent injury or surgery, so there are similar expectations for young riders.

#5: JUNIOR COMPETITORS SUPERVISION

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

3. Junior

- a. Age 10 through 17. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year, and this age shall continue throughout that ride year. **Riders must be able to care for their horse with minimal assistance. Riders 12 and under must ride with an adult sponsor or a junior sponsor, 13 or older with more than 250 NATRC miles, with a limit of two per sponsor. The sponsor must also be a registered participant in an appropriate division. If the sponsor cannot continue, a sponsor on trail can be substituted with another appropriate competitor or DO rider.**

Rationale: Large groups of young riders can be a challenge to manage. Having adequate supervision is important for the safety of the junior riders. The sponsor must also be a competitor as ride management and safety must monitor and support these riders as well.


#6: SANCTION LANGUAGE

SECTION 2 – SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

A. Rides:

1. Sanctioning

- e. In order that rule standardization will prevail on all sanctioned rides, competitors, chairs and judges must comply with all rules as outlined herein.
- f. Rule violations may cause ~~denial or revocation of sanction of the ride with~~ loss of **placings, points, and mileage** to the competitors.
- g. Failure to comply with established NATRC sanctioning guidelines **may cause denial or revocation of sanction up to 14 days prior to the ride date may cause denial or revocation of sanction. Further failure to comply with sanctioning guidelines or rules will cause a review of the ride by the sanction chair, executive committee, and representative from the judges committee. The review committee will render a judgement on allowing placings, points, and mileage.**



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Rationale: At an early 2022 ride an issue came up where the ride became in violation of the sanction as it started. The vet judge got into an accident and could not perform judging duties. It was also noticed in the Policies and Procedures document that sanctions can only be revoked two weeks prior to the ride start. This language cleans up some contradictions between the Rule Book and the P&P and addresses the procedure to deal with significant sanction and rule violations once the ride is imminent or has started. Additional changes have been made to the P&P.



Statement FOR Combining Weight Classes

By Bev Roberts and Bill Wingle

How many rides have you gone to recently where you, or maybe you and one or two other riders, were the only ones in your weight class? Have you won your weight class at all the rides you rode and still could not accumulate enough points to earn a National Championship? Have you entered a ride only to find it cancelled for lack of entries? Has placing lost its luster because if you show up and complete the ride, you are guaranteed a placing? Are some riders with competitive goals, in addition to the fun ones, not riding because they know they can't achieve their goals without attending a huge number of rides (like 14)?

In the early years, classes were full, and waiting lists were the norm. That is no longer the case. Whether this is because our membership base is aging, people's lifestyles have changed and they have little time and disposable income for conditioning and competing,

or COVID, ride attendance is down significantly. NATRC recently added the Leisure Division to address some of these changes. That was a great move and is helping to revitalize our rides, but that hasn't solved all our multi-day A-ride problems.

Dropping weight classes now is not based on an argument over whether weight matters. That can be debated. This temporary, 1-year change (renewable) is being proposed to address the very small class sizes many rides have had in the last several years, particularly from 2019-2021.

In 2021 A-rides, the average Open Heavyweight class had only two competitors, and 69% of all Open adult classes had three or fewer competitors. For CP, 66% of all adult classes had three or fewer competitors. In Novice 76% of all adult classes had three or fewer competitors.

If weight classes were merged using 2021 (post-COVID with 29 rides) data, these small classes would have occurred far less often: O-21%, CP-0%, and N-28%. While not identical, 2019 (pre-COVID with 46 rides) and 2020 (COVID with 11 rides) showed similar statistics, but aggravating the situation was the average number of competitors per ride was down for 2019.

With these small class sizes, it is becoming difficult to argue we have a competitive sport. Many competitors are guaranteed a 1st or 2nd place at a ride, but points for year-end awards, particularly national championships, are very difficult to accrue, regardless of how good the horse and rider are.

Until ridership levels increase, a change to have no weight classes would increase competition, simplify ride management, reduce ride expenses, simplify record keeping, and hopefully motivate many riders to attend events.

Statement AGAINST Combining Weight Classes

By Esther Diaguila

The year was 1961 and a new sport was born, the North American Trail Ride Conference. Two regions were organized in 1966. A board was established, comprised of members from different regions. During the evolution of this sport, the NBOD grew and learned. Rules were changed and refined as members and board alike learned what worked and what didn't.

It wasn't so long ago (2018) that the Competitive Pleasure Division was finally divided into weight classes.

One of the primary premises of this sport is an even playing field for competitors. Combining weight classes would give an unfair advantage to the lightweight riders. Heavyweight riders put more stress on their horses' bodies than do the lightweight riders. As a result,

horses ridden by heavyweight riders are more likely to lose points on metabolics and soundness than their counterparts, the lightweight riders.

Is the number of competitors in each weight class declining? Yes, but to change the rules for ONE YEAR, with plans to revisit this each year would be confusing for riders and a nightmare for

ride managers and year-end awards / points. Our riders are already complaining about too many rules. Having a rule that has the potential to change every year would cause more issues that it solves.

Do not change rules to solve what is likely a temporary problem.



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Statement FOR Lowering the Age Limit of Junior Competitors

By Fran Muench

1) NATRC's mission is to "promote horsemanship and horse care as they apply to the sport of distance riding by offering a variety of challenging and educational experiences designed to strengthen horse and rider partnerships." We are about education, and there are many young riders that can benefit by being educated on horse care and horsemanship at a younger age than 10.

2) There is the possibility of increasing rider/volunteer pool as parents or guardians of youth may also come to participate.

3) Youth will ride with a sponsor at all times during competition.

4) Regions have lost competing families over this issue. NATRC loses young riders and their families to other riding venues that allow a lower starting age.

5) We have a unique opportunity to offer two versions of Junior rider education. Through LeD we can offer a slower paced, lower mileage competition for those who do not quite have the stamina for longer, faster distances. Through the Novice, CP, Open divisions we offer the opportunity to those who have a more established "horsey" aptitude AND the stamina for longer, faster distances.

Statement AGAINST Lowering the Age Limit of Junior Competitors

By Esther Diaguila

Children at 8 years old are at the cusp of a critical developmental phase of their life. At this age, children are given more complex responsibilities.

They are capable of saddling and taking care of their horse with minimal help, but the important question is, are they capable of coping with an unexpected and potentially dangerous situation on the trail? Are we putting too much stress on a child who, at this point, is in a critical stage of emotional, physical and mental development?

On the University of Illinois Extension website, the Agricultural Safety and Health page discusses the development stages of children and accident risk potential. The findings of a study¹ on that topic are adhered to today.

Christine M. Todd, Ph.D, Child Development Specialist, and Robert A. Aherin, Ph.D, Safety Specialist, state that for ages 7-9: "They also are beginning to ask to be included in the work done by adults. However, because they have little knowledge of the requirements of a task or their own physical and mental limitations, the risk of injury is very high. They do not recognize dangerous situations fast enough to avoid them, and once in an emergency situation, they do not have

the problem solving abilities to avoid injury. Unfortunately, these limitations in their thinking abilities are often not evident to many parents until their child experiences an accident."

There is no doubt that under ordinary circumstances, children that have had years of exposure to horses have the ability to take care of their horse. Unfortunately, a ride venue causes stress for participants and horses alike. A well-known phrase in NATRC is, "The horse you have at home is not the same horse you unload at a ride." We have all experienced this and have to ask ourselves if an 8-year-old is mature enough to cope with this, and if we, as an organization that prizes safety, are willing to take that risk.

1. The [Developmental Stages of Children and Accident Risk Potential](#) paper, 1989 International Winter Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.



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Region 2

Frolicking Fools B1

4/2/2022 Region 2 AZ Total Riders: 13
Chair: Kim Johnson
Judge: LeD - Angie Meroshnekoff

Leisure Adult

- 1 Griffin / Evans, Carol
- 2 Trooper's Eliminator / Contreras, Reuben
- 3 Funnyface's Diamond / Liska, Sabrina
- 4 Buckaroo Buck / Dixon, Catherine
- 5 Whinney / Nelson, Victoria
- 6 Wajee / Covert, Kathy

Dunit in the Paint / Goss, Jo
Buster 5 / Rodriguez, Sandy
Shinny Skipper / Johnson, Kelli
Ill Be Smart N Move / Hill, Renea

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Duke of Shadow Canyon / Contreras, Kandace
 - 2 Gypsy Elite Willow / Noake, Sharon
- DO Wind River Rose / Pilgrim, Maria

Frolicking Fools B2

4/3/2022 Region 2 AZ Total Riders: 8
Chair: Kim Johnson
Judge: LeD - Angie Meroshnekoff

Leisure Adult

- 1 Dakota Jack / Nelson, Victoria
- 2 Gypsy Elite Willow / Noake, Sharon
- 3 Griffin / Goss, Jo
- 4 Shinny Skipper / Johnson, Kelli
- 5 Buckaroo Buck / Dixon, Catherine
- 6 Wajee / Covert, Kathy

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Duke of Shadow Canyon / Contreras, Kandace
- 2 Dunit in the Paint / Evans, Carol

Region 3

NAN Ranch A

4/23-24/2022 Region 3 NM Total Riders: 14
Chair: Victoria Dowd
Judges: Vet - Susan Dent; Hsp - Jerry Sims

Open Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 93 TA Kaiser+ / Prusak, Deanne
- 3 / 2 Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia
- 2 / 3 Echo Affirmed / Jarrett, Cheryl

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Copper's Comet / Cumberworth, Cathy
 - 2 / 2 Cheri's Gypsy Traveler / Westmoreland, Cheri
- DO/DO Jobeblue / Conne, Linda

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 1 SW - 98.5 Sugar Daddie / Smith, Terri

- DO/DO I've Been Framed / Moore, Cathy
DO/DO Okie Proud / Beyerle, Tammy
DO/DO Hershey 5 / Adair, Amelia

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 SW - 86 Mr. Cool / Edwards, Ashley

- DO/DO Senor Trapper / Streams, Margaret

Novice Lightweight

- DO/DO Cherry / Edwards, Nia
DO/DO Isaac 2 / Holdsworth, Betsy

NAN Ranch B1

4/23/22 Region 3 NM Total Riders: 1
Chair: Victoria Dowd
Judges: Vet - Susan Dent; Hsp - Jerry Sims

Novice Lightweight

1 / 1 SW - 95 Baxter 2 / O'Dell, Kylie

Region 4

7iL Scamper A

3/5-6/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 31
Chair: Cynthia Mettes
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Lin Ward

Open Heavyweight

- 1 / 3 Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle
- 2 / 2 Razmataz DBA+ / Bass, Carla Jo
- 3 / 4 MGA's Fuerte del Energia / Rosser, Erin
- 4 / 1 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrissy

Open Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 100 TA Kaiser+ / Prusak, Deanne
 - 2 / 4 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly
 - 3 / 3 Vaquero / Galliher, Teresa
 - 4 / 2 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
 - 5 / 5 Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna
- P / P Talyia / Murphy, Kimberly

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Joesie Skippa Zan / Lampley, Patty
 - 2 / 3 Gypsy 15 / Grotheer, Wendy
 - 3 / 2 Mishaal Nadir KFA / Fazzino, Kim
- P / P Flyingtranch Stormcloud / Perryman, Alice

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 2 SW - 100 Moonshadow 2 / Breland, Katie

- 2 / 1 Giacomo / Daniel, Doanna
- 3 / 3 RR Majik Knight / Swiss, Elaine
- 4 / 5 Sinan Mishaal Odyssey / Shaath, Teri
- 5 / 4 Charlie Daniels SMA / Liebman, Cara

Novice Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Buddy 18 / Miller, Jim J
 - 2 / 3 RR Jets Pistol Blue / Vess, Rebecca
 - 3 / 2 HF Ghaziz El-Luzion / Brandau, Jean
- P / P CSAFirstClassFancee / Casarez, Tracee

Novice Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 97 Aspen's Bejeweled / Fearing, Donna
 - 2 / 2 SA Jabari / Poust, Jessica
 - 3 / 4 HC Ablal el Khahir / Betts, Debbie
 - 4 / 3 Mageed Ibn Kamal Ma / Kelly, Mollie
 - 5 / 5 Top Spring Lottie / Price, Rita
 - 6 / 6 Vigilante AR / Hearn, Caroline
- P / P Amarula Dona / Roberts, Renae

Novice Junior

1 / 1 Hurricane / Draycott, Skylar

7iL Scamper B1

3/5/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 10
Chair: Cynthia Mettes
Judge: LeD - Betsy Zimmerman

Leisure Adult

- 1 TFR Khan El Bahrain / Marty, Janet
- 2 Levi 7 / Marty III, Claude
- 3 DK Quick-N-Silver / Dypwick, Ann
- 4 River In Motion / Dawson, Margaret
- 5 Banjo Joe / Moos, Brandy
- 6 PWF Texas Tornado / Kitzmiller, Ann

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Ibn Sashali / Perez, Jacqueline
 - 2 Sky 7 / Hollar, Kate
 - 3 Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary
- P Shah Riyaa / Black, Tracy

7iL Scamper B2

3/6/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 3
Chair: Cynthia Mettes
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Lin Ward;
LeD - Betsy Zimmerman

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 1 SW - 100 Jake's Trails and Trials / Stewart, Jan

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary
- P Flyingtranch Stormcloud / Perryman, Alice

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Region 4, continued

Louisiana Purchase A

3/19-20/2022 Region 4 LA Total Riders: 27

Chair: Jan Stewart

Judges: Vet - Natalie Goldberger;
 Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey

Open Heavyweight

- 1 / 4 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer
- 2 / 2 Razmataz DBA+ / Bass, Carla Jo
- 3 / 5 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrissy
- 4 / 3 Ravenwood Royal Flag / Jewell, Jonni
- 5 / 1 King's Charley R.E. / Wech, Kris

Open Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 99 TA Kaiser+ / Prusak, Deanne
- 2 / 3 Beau 11 / Garnes, Sherry
- 3 / 2 Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia
- 4 / 4 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly
- 5 / 5 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
- 6 / 6 Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 99 By the Grace of God / Whitehead, Victoria
- 2 / 2 Cuatro Beat Silverado / Dreadfulwater, LeeAnn
- 3 / 3 Mishaal Nadir KFA / Fazzino, Kim
- 4 / 5 Mtntop Never Say Never / Howard, Marsha

- 5 / 4 Joesie Skippa Zan / Lampley, Patty
- 6 / Sam's Houdini / Strohn, John
- / 6 Gypsy 15 / Grotheer, Wendy
- P / P Sparks on Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 1 Talyia / Murphy, Kimberly
- 2 / 2 Moonshadow 2 / Breland, Katie
- 3 / 3 Charlie Daniels SMA / Liebman, Cara
- 4 / 4 Sinan Mishaal Odyssey / Shaath, Teri

Novice Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Riddle's Danny Boy / Hudson, Julie
- P / P Guys Kasi on Fire / Taliaferro, Robyn

Novice Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 97 HC Abia el Khahir / Betts, Debbie
- 2 / 2 Rosie 4 / Evensen, Jana

Louisiana Purchase B1

3/19/2022 Region 4 LA Total Riders: 6

Chair: Jan Stewart

Judge: LeD - Debby Starr

Leisure Adult

- 1 Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie
- 2 Top Spring Lottie / Price, Rita
- 3 Banjo Joe / Moos, Brandy

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 2 Sundown / Orr, Joe
- 3 Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary

Louisiana Purchase B2

3/20/2022 Region 4 LA Total Riders: 4

Chair: Jan Stewart

Judge: LeD - Debby Starr

Leisure Adult

- 1 Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Sundown / Orr, Joe
- 2 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 3 Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary

Raising the Bar A

4/2-3/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 24

Chair: Alice Perryman

Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski;
 Hsp - Doanna Daniel

Open Heavyweight

- 1 / 2 Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle
- 2 / 1 Razmataz DBA+ / Bass, Carla Jo
- 3 / 3 MGA's Fuerte del Energia / Rosser, Erin

Open Lightweight

- 1 / 3 SW - 99 TA Kaiser+ / Prusak, Deanne
- 2 / 6 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
- 3 / 2 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly
- 4 / 5 Vaquero / Galliher, Teresa
- 5 / 1 Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia
- 6 / 4 Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Gypsy 15 / Grotheer, Wendy
- P / P Sparks on Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 99 Giacomo / Muench, Fran

- 2 / 5 Moonshadow 2 / Breland, Katie
- 3 / 4 Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly
- 4 / 2 Sinan Mishaal Odyssey / Shaath, Teri
- 5 / 3 Charlie Daniels SMA / Liebman, Cara

Novice Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 RR Jets Pistol Blue / Vess, Rebecca
- P / P Buddy 18 / Miller, Jim J

Novice Lightweight

- 1 / 4 SW - 96 OGR's Romeo / Record, Linda
- 2 / 2 SA Jabari / Poust, Jessica
- 3 / 3 Immortal General / Schwinn, Linda
- 4 / 1 Verveda / Jennings, Mikayla
- 5 / 5 Mageed Ibn Kamal Ma / Kelly, Mollie
- 6 / 6 Rondoe / Marek, Lisa

Raising the Bar B1

4/2/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 11

Chair: Alice Perryman

Judge: LeD - Betsy Zimmerman

Leisure Adult

- 1 Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie
- 2 Summer Nights / Herring, Jodi

- 3 All About Bravado / Garman, Maddie
- 4 Good Boy Scout / Mosley, Deb
- 5 Champ the Scamp / McFarland, Sharon
- 6 Amarosa Hisana / Waldrip, Anita

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Sundown / Orr, Joe
- 2 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 3 Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary
- 4 Ibn Sashali / Perez, Jacqueline

Leisure Junior

- 1 Augustus Waters / Herring, Natalie

Raising the Bar B2

4/3/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 8

Chair: Alice Perryman

Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Doanna Daniel; LeD - Betsy Zimmerman

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 SW - 99 Jake's Trails and Trials / Stewart, Jan

Leisure Adult

- 1 Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie
- 2 Champ the Scamp / McFarland, Sharon
- 3 Good Boy Scout / Mosley, Deb
- 4 Amarosa Hisana / Waldrip, Anita

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 2 Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary
- 3 Sundown / Orr, Joe

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Region 4, continued

Prague Lake Promenade B1

4/23/2022 Region 4 OK Total Riders: 16

Chair: LeeAnn Dreadfulwater

Judge: LeD - Alice Perryman

Leisure Adult

- 1 Blue Larkspur / Faulkenberry, Yvonne
- 2 Lady Bird / Holder, Danika

- 3 Pharrah Mareekh / Barker, Carol
- 4 Bigbird / Avritt, Lindsay
- 5 Mule / Knapp, Tim
- 6 Sunny 16 / Harris, Tammy
 Docs Starlight Remedy / Hall, Lauren
 Champ the Scamp / McFarland, Sharon
 Laredo / Harris, Bart

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Sparks on Blacktop / Shoehair, Leon
- 2 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 3 Sky 6 / Quirk, Karen
- 4 Sundown / Orr, Joe
- 5 Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary
- 6 Cuatro Beat Silverado / Starr, Debby
 Rosie 6 / Evensen, Jana

Region 5

Spring Into NATRC B1

3/12/2022 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 14

Chair: Victoria Whitehead

Judge: LeD - Sallie Kudra

Leisure Adult

- 1 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
- 2 DirectKatman / Meadows, Carlee
- 3 Graceful Empire / Piccini, Savannah
- 4 Slate / McCollum, Donya
- 5 Color Me Faithful / Moon, Kelly
- 6 StarLight's Macksimum Flex / Fuller, Nancy

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Floodwatch in Full Force / Ostrowski, Stephanie

Leisure Junior

- 1 Dec Docs Curious Pep / Lowe, Molly
- 2 Miss Deuces T / Samuels, Logan
- 3 Rocky 14 / McCollum, Asheton

- 4 By the Grace of God / Rhyne, Hannah
- 5 Gretel / Meyer, Virginia
- 6 Echo 6 / Morrow, Campbell
 StarLight's Coffee Break / Woods, Scarlett

Spring Into NATRC B2

3/13/2022 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 23

Chair: Victoria Whitehead

Judge: LeD - Sallie Kudra

Leisure Adult

- 1 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
- 2 Taz 3 / Henson, Lisa
- 3 Anna 2 / Drew, Hannah
- 4 Finley / Fuller, Nancy
- 5 JDG Hot Trip / Langkow, Hope
- 6 Clay Creek Pokie / Whatley, Heather
 Cant Catch Semper Fi / Plott, Margaret
 By the Grace of God / Schuh, Fredricka

- Jam / Owen, Sharon
 Sebastian 4 / Stanley, Taylor
 Slate / McCollum, Donya
 Clementine 3 / Stanley, Riley
 Luke 5 / Merchant, JoAnna
 Painted Dallas / Gosda, Renee
 Smooth Town Page / Broadhead, Jordan

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Floodwatch in Full Force / Ostrowski, Stephanie

Leisure Junior

- 1 Miss Deuces TE / Samuels, Logan
- 2 Rocky 14 / McCollum, Asheton
- 3 StarLight's Coffee Break / Woods, Scarlett
- 4 Gretel / Meyer, Virginia
- 5 Pocos Harry Blacky / Whatley, Hayden
- 6 Watermelon / Wood, Caroline
 Patty / Knight, Baylee

R5 Benefit A

3/26-27/2022 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 31

Chair: Cindy Keen

Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Kim Cowart

Open Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
- 2 / 2 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Open Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 100 Beau 11 / Garnes, Sherry
- 2 / 3 CCR Callico Lady / Hobson, Ellen Kay
- 3 / 2 SSA Sweet Rebelicious / Gilbert, Sally

P / P Lucky Sunday / Broughton, Regina

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 99 Okies Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
- 2 / 3 By the Grace of God / Barclay, Kathryn
- 3 / 4 Mtntop Never Say Never / Howard, Marsha
- 4 / 2 Dec Docs Curious Pep / Gragg, Shae
- 5 / 5 Sam's Houdini / Stroh, John

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 2 Mick Jagger / Patisaul, Sierra
- 2 / 3 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula
- 3 / 1 Kodak's Breezy Girl / Woodall, Courtney
- 4 / 4 Merribelle Mist MHF / Dukes, Mary

- 5 / 5 Hollywood / DeRosa, Charmaine
 DO/DO I'm Captain Morgan / Baldwin, Sara
 P / P Danamyte / Diaguila, Esther

Novice Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Jada Angel / Feist, Lael
 - 2 / 2 StarLight's Macksimum Flex / Fuller, Nancy
- P / P Avesum Ace / Fike, Connie
 P / P Harveys Southern Skillet / Moon, Tommy
 P / P Color Me Faithful / Moon, Kelly

Novice Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 98 Taz 3 / Henson, Lisa
- 2 / 3 Picaro de Presto / Little, Kim
- 3 / 2 Shez A Tiger Lily / Anderson, Tina
- 4 / 8 LW An-La-Rosa Silk / Hearne, Shannan
- 5 / 4 Jazmin / Butler, Kristen
- 6 / 6 Bolero / Wechsler, Frances
- / 5 StarLight's Masterpiec / Rader, Mackie
 Tymeless VF / Floyd, Kortnie

R5 Benefit B1

3/27/2022 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 7

Chair: Cindy Keen

Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Kim Cowart

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Stanley's Waylon / Tolbert, Wayne

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW - 100 MR Star Eyed San / Alonso, Heather
- 2 / 4 Luna Girl / Rogers, Cynthia
- 3 / 3 CMF Hallel / Hartness, Marilyn
- 4 / 2 Sunny Georgia / Lucas, Patty

Novice Lightweight

- DO/DO Rusty 13 / Cook, Crissi

Novice Junior

- 1 / 1 SW - 100 Timber Jac Joe / Lawrence, Anna

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Region 5, continued

H Cooper Black Ride in the Pines A

4/23-24/2022 Region 5 SC Total Riders: 18
 Chair: Angie Lindberg
 Judges: Vet - Keri Riddick; Hsp - Kim Cowart

Open Heavyweight

P / P Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1 / 2 SW - 98 Okies Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
 2 / 3 By the Grace of God / Whitehead, Victoria
 3 / 1 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
 4 / 4 Mtntop Never Say Never / Howard, Marsha

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 4 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula
 2 / 1 Danamyte / Diaguila, Esther
 3 / 2 DLC Roxies Peponita / Games, Sherry
 4 / 3 Mick Jagger / Patisaul, Sierra

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 Jada Angel / Feist, Lael
 P / P StarLight's Macksimum Flex / Fuller, Nancy

Novice Lightweight

1 / 1 SW - 93 Poetic License / Moore, Angela
 2 / 5 LW An-La-Rosa Silk / Hearne, Shannan
 3 / 4 Tymeless VF / Floyd, Kortnie
 4 / 2 PA Southern Komfort / Jenner, Wendy
 5 / 3 Dec Docs Curious Pep / McCollum, Donya

Novice Junior

1 / 2 Rocky 14 / McCollum, Asheton
 2 / 1 Timber Jac Joe / Lawrence, Anna

H Cooper Black Ride in the Pines B1

4/23/2022 Region 5 SC Total Riders: 9

Chair: Angie Lindberg

Judges: Vet - Keri Riddick; Hsp - Kim Cowart

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1 / 1 Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 2 SW - 97 Maverick 3 / Lent, Mary
 2 / 1 Cheyenne 12 / Robinson, Hilda

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 SOF Bomber's Duchess / Sullivan, Rebecca

Novice Lightweight

1 / 1 SW - 97 Great Scott / Sullenberger, Peggie
 2 / 3 Koweta Vicar / Hart, Julie
 3 / 2 Rush Take a Bow / Parker, Tracie
 4 / 4 Mr Perpetuation / Price, Beth

Novice Junior

1 / 1 Jalapeno Super Star / Price, David

H Cooper Black Ride in the Pines B2

4/24/2022 Region 5 SC Total Riders: 4

Chair: Angie Lindberg

Judges: Vet - Keri Riddick; Hsp - Kim Cowart

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 Penny 6 / Howen, Jenna
 2 / 2 Wielka Andrea X / Tyrone, Blythe
 3 / 3 Kamria X / Chagaris, Sarah

Novice Lightweight

1 / 1 SW - 92.5 Miss Remington / Averitt, Angilee

If we as judges set them up to succeed, if we think about what's better for the horse, if we think about how we can constructively help the rider learn something, if we judge according the basic precepts of the sport, if we communicate specifically what we are looking for, we'll have better riders, better horses, happier competitors, and a stronger sport.

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Region 5, continued

Garland Mt Gala B1

4/30/2022 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 22

Chair: Jenny DeFelice

Judge: LeD - Patty Lucas, Sara Baldwin (Provisional)

Leisure Adult

- 1 Cant Catch Semper Fi / Plott, Margaret
- 2 Doc 5 / Pechie, Sherraine
- 3 Suri / Barclay, Kathryn
- 4 Dante 2 / Ramsager, Amy
- 5 Bert 2 / Burns, Kylie
- 6 Good Golly Miss Dolly / Rabold, Amy
- Sensacion de Kapricho / Praser, Kiki

- Prince Charming SER / Guyer, Brenda
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 Tez / Dentice, Bonnie
 BCR Bustin-A-Move / Stewart, Karen
 Painted Dallas / Gosda, Renee

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Impressive Red Rebel / Woodall, Courtney
- 2 Hesatuffimpression / Murphree, Suzanne
- 3 Paloma's Starr Picasso / Gregg, Kimi

Leisure Junior

- 1 Echo 6 / Morrow, Campbell
- 2 Celestial's Wings of Destiny / Wix, Amberlynn
- 3 Gretel / Meyer, Virginia
- 4 By the Grace of God / Milton, Ki'Ana

Region 6

Branching Out B2

5/1/2022 Region 6 NE Total Riders: 10

Chair: Helen Smith

Judge: LeD - Diane Wingle

Leisure Adult

- 1 Decks Tru Grit / Vasa, Tammy
- 2 Luna 6 / Schindler, Ruth
- 3 Fiddler 2 / Rasmussen, Kim
- 4 BlackHawk / Gautier, Vickie
- 5 Dynamites Pine Stik / Bohling, Cheryl
- 6 Rosharon Ashes / McNiff, Sandra

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Silver Valley Tate / Hanson, Dwight
- 2 Focus Jessie / Smith, Sarah
- 3 How D Golden Gail / Zelif, John

Leisure Junior

- 1 Camilla PBJ / Rinne, Ruby





Which division is right for me?



		LEISURE	NOVICE	CP	OPEN
Number of Days		1	1 or 2	1 or 2	1, 2, or 3
Shortened 1-day Format		X			
Distance (miles)	1 day	8 - 12	15 - 24	15 - 24	25 - 35
	2 days		30 - 40	30 - 40	50 - 60
	3 days				80 - 90
Average Pace (mph)		3 - 4.5	3.5 - 5	3.5 - 5	4 - 6
Horse Minimum Age		4	4	4	5
Classes		Adult Junior Experienced	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior
Leg Protection Allowed		X			
Judging Observations		Up to 5	Varies	Varies	Varies
Number of Judges		1	2	2	2
Scorecards		1	2	2	2
Scoring Type		Positive	Negative	Negative	Negative
What is Scored	P&Rs/day, scored	1, X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X
	Trail Ability & Manners	X	X	X	X
	Equitation & Communication	X	X	X	X
	Safety & Courtesy	X	X	X	X
	Soundness	Go / No Go	X	X	X
	Condition	P&R Only	X	X	X
	Tack	Eval+ Safety	X	X	X
	Stabling	Eval Safety	X	X	X
	Grooming		X	X	X
Trail Care		X	X	X	
National Year-end Awards			X	X	X
Mileage Tracked & Awards		X	X	X	X

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Benefits					
Voting privileges	1	2		1	
Reduced ride entry fees	X	X	X		
Ride awards eligibility	X	X	X	♦♦	♦♦
Volunteer awards eligibility	X	X	X	X	X
Lifetime mileage tracking	X	X	X		
Mileage awards	X	X	X	♦♦♦	♦♦♦
Participation in virtual challenges	X	X	X	X	X
National year-end awards eligibility	X	X	X	♦♦♦	♦♦♦
Regional year-end awards eligibility	X	X	X	♦♦♦	♦♦♦
Sponsor discounts	X	X	X	X	
Can purchase excess liability ins.	X	X		X	
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