

Competitive Trail Ride/Drive Disqualification/Ineligible to Compete List (10-20-11)

At any sanctioned SEDRA "**Competitive Trail**" event, it is mandatory for all riders, drivers and their passengers to wear an approved ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmet while mounted or in the driving vehicle. **Assigned numbers** must be visibly worn by contestants at all times, beginning with the pre-ride exam.

Definitions: The "**Competitive Trail Event**" is considered the dates established **on the ride entry on which the competition is being held.**

The "**Ride**" or "**Competition**" is considered, from the preliminary exam (your first vet-in) through the final exam (your last required visit with the vet) held during the Competitive Trail Event.

Ineligible to compete -

- ★ Equines younger than 48 months (4 years) for any distance and equines under 5 for ride's over 40 miles'.
- ★ All Driving equines under 11 hands (44 inches)
- ★ Equines showing evidence of contagious disease are ineligible to compete.
- ★ Nursing mares and equines that have been nerved are ineligible to compete. It is recommended that mares in last half of pregnancy not be entered
- ★ If, upon preliminary examination, it is the judges determination that a equine is UNSOUND OR UNFIT for the stress of the ride, or to allow the equine to start the ride would be inhumane or dangerous to equine or rider, the equine will not be allowed to start. A grade 3 or greater lameness shall prevent any equine from starting a ride or finishing a ride; milder degrees of lameness should be brought to the rider's attention by the judges at the start of the ride, and may prevent a equine from starting the ride at the discretion of the judges.

Care and Handling of Mounts - **Not Permitted** - The following will absolutely result in disqualification during the ride.

- ★ **No bareback pads or bareback riding.**
- ★ Driver Specific-The following will be immediately disqualified.
 - Removing bridle while an equine is attached to a driving vehicle.
 - An equine in harness and attached to a driving vehicle left tied and unattended.
- ★ Forward progress may be maintained only if the rider is mounted. **Any rider going off course, intentionally or otherwise, must return to the same point where he left the trail to continue, or such rider will be disqualified.** EXCEPTION: In the case of a lost shoe, a rider may dismount and walk an equine with a shoe missing to the nearest area where the farrier can reach him or riders/drivers may dismount to cross a dangerous/hazardous obstacle on the trail.
- ★ **Assistance in cleaning and grooming mounts during the ride is prohibited on the trail,** except in the case of a sick equine, or such assistance as may be desired in mounting or dismounting, or having their equines held during a rest break. Junior riders may receive assistance on the trail from their sponsor Exceptions for handicapped or medically impaired riders/drivers must be pre-approved by Ride Management.)
- ★ **Use of salt packs, external medications, salves, ointments, liniments, leg compresses and/or bandages.**
- ★ Any devices for protection of equine's legs (interference boots, bandages, etc), or any boot that covers the coronary band, except Mileage Only Division.
- ★ **The use of water hoses on equines during competition or water that has been artificially heated or cooled.**
- ★ **Abuse of equines, or un-sportsmanlike behavior by the rider and/or his crew or family.**
- ★ **Whips cannot be carried at the pre or post-ride exams.** No hazing!
- ★ **Riders may not have water or feed for mounts transported for them on the trail** except that which Ride Management may carry on a predestinated vehicle, if Ride Management feels there are enough volunteers so as not to interfere with the P&R hold. If management feels that this is not feasible, no equipment, feed, etc. may be used during the competition except that which is carried by the competing team of equine and rider.
- ★ **All equines are to be on ride grounds for the preliminary exam, as scheduled, and are to remain on ride grounds through the final exam.** This period is defined as during the ride (except if the equine is disqualified from competition).
- ★ **Use of any internal drug or medication** will automatically disqualify an equine
- ★ **Leaving a trail hold for whatever reason without proper clearance** will constitute an automatic disqualification from the ride.
- ★ **Missing a CRI will result in a disqualification**
- ★ **Lame equines will be examined and may be eliminated at P&R checkpoints, regardless of recovery. Grade 3,4 & 5 results in disqualification.**
- ★ **Failure to recover at P&R holds and the finish** can be justified as disqualification.
- ★ **Emergencies** - These are six common emergencies that the vet may encounter. All of the following conditions demand immediate removal of the equine from the competition for its own safety:
 1. **Serious wounds**
 2. **Serious lameness**
 3. **Colic**
 4. **Tying up/muscle cramps**
 5. **Thumps** are spasmodic contractions of the diaphragm with each heartbeat
 6. **Severe Dehydration**
- ★ **Overtime Disqualification** - More than one-half hour over the allotted time for 1 day ride. More than 45 minutes, total accumulated, over the allotted time for 2 day ride. More than 1 hour, total accumulated, over the allotted time for 3 day ride

This list is not complete, for more details on the above, please review our Rulebook for Competitive Trail Riding, you may print you a copy from our web site www.DistanceRiding.org. You, as a rider, are responsible for the following:

- ★ Know the rules of SEDRA and the ride/event you are participating in.
- ★ Attend the Ride Briefing, remember the information given.
- ★ Make sure you have properly cleared all holds during the course of the ride, including metabolics and defined hold times.