

Rules of participation RMHA/MPHA Sponsored Judge Trail Rides

Definitions

Kentucky Bred and Born horses.

A horse must meet both terms to be considered a "Kentucky Bred and Born" horse.

- 1) Horses sired by stallions standing at a site within the state borders of Kentucky at the time of the breeding of the horse. This definition includes shipped semen.
- 2) The birth of the horse took place at a site within the state borders of Kentucky.

The registries of the RMHA and MPHA will review the records of the horses in their registries and provide a list of horses that meet these criteria. That list will be published. Owners of horses not so listed will be permitted to submit additional information to the respective registries in an effort to obtain designation of "Kentucky Bred" the RMHA and MPHA will establish methods for this process.

Certified horses.

These are horses that have had a seal applied to their registration certificate indicating that they have passed the certification process of the registering breed organization. All RMHA registered horses participating must be certified.

Age of horse

This will be determined, in months, from the date of birth listed on the registration certificate.

Event management:

Eligibility for Events:

These events will be open to members of the RMHA and MPHA who are in good standing with their respective organizations. Since dual memberships and dual registrations of horses between the two

organization are not uncommon at the time initial registration an applicant with dual membership, or in the case of a horse with dual registration the owner, must elect to participate either for the RMHA or the MPHA, that designation will last for the entire competitive year.

Participants under the age of 18 years will be required to compete in the junior division and those over 62 years of age may elect to participate in the seniors division. All other applicants will compete in the general division.

Registration for events.

Registration may take place on the day of an even so long as the applicant presents his application to the registrar before the scheduled start of the event.

Documents required:

- 1) fully completed registration form.
- 2) original copy of the horses registration papers. A copy may have been submitted with the pre registration packet but the original still has to be shown to the registrar on the day of the event.
- 3) All horses competing for the RMHA points must be certified in order to participate.
- 4) The records must show that the horse has attained 36 months of age at the time of the event
- 5) current negative coggins test
- 6) current state health certificate indicating that the horse is free of disease.
- 7) A signed release for the rider and the horse. (see appendix)
- 8) A notarized affidavit indicating that the rider has permission to use a horse that he does not own, and further authorizing the rider to sign the release for the owner of the horse.

Payment of fees as established by the committee

Event management.

The committee will assign the following personnel to manage an

event.

Registrar.

This individual will either be the secretary of the committee or an individual trained by the secretary who is fully familiar with the rules of registration and the recording and compiling of scores. It will be the registrars responsibility to accept and record all registrations for the days event and give each applicant a map of the trail. They will issue the participants number and record it in the records of the ride along with the registration forms. At the completion of the event the registrar will collect the score sheets from each of the judges and record all data into a complete log and from this log calculate each participants score and determine the placement order of the highest 10 scoring participants. .

Timer

It will be the responsibility of the timer to assign the starting order of the participants, record the starting time for each participants on a score sheet and record the time of completion on the score sheet as each participant completes the course.

Trail Master

The trail master will be responsible for all aspects of the event on the trail. He will be responsible for laying out the trails with appropriate directions along the way. He will set up the trail obstacles to be judged and will set markers at __, __, and __ of the way along the trail so that the rider can asses their progress in time. The trail master will hold a meeting of all participants before the start of the ride to review the map of the ride , identify trail marks, announce the maximum and minimum times for completing for the ride, watering locations and review the safety regulation of the ride. The trail masters determinations are FINAL. All participants are required to fully comply with the trail masters instructions. If changes in the trail or the duration of the ride are needed he will set a place along the trail to make this announcement at the same point for all riders as they reach that point on the trail.

Safety riders

Approximately one safety rider for every ten participants will be

recruited. They will operate under the direction of the Trail Master. They may assist the participants for safety factors, accident, illness or injury to horse or rider so long as that assistance does not give the participant an unfair advantage.

Judges,

The judges will be recruited and trained by the Committee. Following each ride their activities will be reviewed and evaluated by the committee

The Judges will assess two scores, both on a scale of 0-10

1) The first score will be for the performance on the obstacle of the horse. It will be based on the ease, smoothness, and speed the obstacle is overcome.

2) The second score will be for the responsiveness of the horse to the rider's cues, the horse's overall temperament under pressure, and his gait coming to and from the obstacle.

At the completion of the competition at a given obstacle the judge will see that the score sheet for that obstacle is promptly transmitted to the registrar.

Rules of the ride.

Following registration the riders and their mounts will remain in the designated area. They may leave only to attend the pre ride meeting and when called to begin the ride. At the completion of the ride, following time in recording, they are free to leave

Horses in the assembly area must be tied at all times unless in motion either by lead or being ridden

Stallions when tied must be double tied.. The primary lead rope in the usual manner and a second rope tied around the neck, through the halter ring and then tied up in a normal manner.

Stallions must be identified with yellow ribbons tied in their bridles and around their tails.

Stallions must be ridden with bridle and bit, in all other horses the bit is optional.

Horses with a history of kicking must have a red ribbon tied in their tails.

Horses may be shod with simple keg shoes with modest amount of borium or bare foot.

No protective devices, ice boots, or wraps are allowed on the legs and feet.

Helmets are required for all junior riders on the trail and are strongly recommended to all other riders.

Saddles may be English or Western. A bare back saddle is also acceptable.

Rules On the trail:

A horse or rider missing any part of the trail will be disqualified.

The rider must be on the horse when in forward motion.

Rest stops are permitted but there must not be any forward motion without the rider in the saddle.

The horse and rider may proceed at any speed they desire keeping in mind the maximum and minimum times allotted to complete the course. When the rider approaches a designated obstacle they will await the judges signal to proceed. They will complete or bypass the obstacle as desired and then continue on down the trail.

Any questions about the safety or trail conditions must be given to the safety riders or the trail master before any deviation for the assigned route may be made, except in instances of extreme danger.

If a rider accidentally gets off of the trail they must return to the trail at the point they left the trail to return to the ride. No "accidental " shortcuts are permitted.

Following the ride the Registrar will tally the scores and announce the preliminary results. Should a tie occur at any level there may be a ride-off over a single obstacle with the winner receiving the contested position and the loser receiving the next lower rating. All participants below the level of the tie will be moved down in accordance with the resetting of the places.

Scores and places will be final only after review and final determination by the secretary of the committee.

At the completion of the years competition the secretary will calculate and disseminate total point accumulations for all competitors. The associations will arrange for the recognition of their participants,

It will be the secretaries responsibility to transmit, through the Chair All winners places and names with Association affiliation to the State agency responsible for the disbursement of prize money under the NRBF program. The total prize awarded to a single horse entered into the events will be distributed: as is determined by the individual organizations for their members.