



**Distance Horse National Championships Ride Flyer**  
**AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA & ASR**  
**AERC/AHA Owl Hoot Spook Open Rides**  
**October 25-27, 2019**  
**The Franks Ranch (430799 E. 220 Rd.) in Vinita, OK**

**UPDATED/NEW FOR 2019**

**LD CHALLENGE**

This Challenge will be open to any rider/horse combination that plans to ride all 3 days (25 miles a day) in the Open LD rides. The rider must pay the \$20 entry fee for the LD Challenge before the start of the first day. This is in addition to the entry fee for each individual open ride. Because we encourage the very best care of our horses, all LD riders must reach a **60** for pulse down criteria and will have a CRI in the final Vet Check for each day. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the entries in the LD Challenge will have a final Vet Check score. The placings for the 3 days will be converted into a point's score which will be added to the point score for the final Vet Check to determine the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> winners. All rules are available on the AHA Distance National Webpage under Exhibitor Information which can be found at [www.arabianhorses.org/DNL](http://www.arabianhorses.org/DNL).

**ASR 50 MILE NATIONAL ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP**

The American Saddlebred Registry has joined our list of partnered organizations and is introducing their first 50 Mile National Championship Ride. Their Championship will run on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with all other breed National Championship.

**ApHC CTR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Appaloosa Horse Club is introducing the ANCCTR which is their first Competitive Trail Ride National Championship. This ride will run in conjunction with the AHA CTR National Championship and will follow AHA CTR Rules which can be found in Chapter 13 of the AHA Handbook.

**AMHA 25 MILE LD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The American Morgan Horse Association has added a 25 Mile LD National Championship Ride which is their first Limited Distance National Championship. This ride will run on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Open AERC/AHA Owl Hoot Spook 25 Mile LD.

**PShR 25 MILE LD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry has added a 25 Mile LD National Championship Ride which is their first Limited Distance National Championship. This ride will run on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Open AERC/AHA Owl Hoot Spook 25 Mile LD.

**AMHA SPECIAL AWARDS**

The American Morgan Horse Association will award items for the Top Ten Morgan horses entered/finishing in the Open CTR and the LD Challenge event.

**EASTERN CRABBIT ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY AWARDS**

AHA is hosting The Eastern Crabbit Arabian Horse Society (ECAHS) awards for the Highest placing Purebred Crabbit-related horse and the Highest placing Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian horse entered/finishing in the Competitive Trail Ride, 50 Mile Championship and 100 Mile Championship. In order to be entered for this award you must be pre-registered and your horse must be ECAHS certified to be 25% or greater Crabbit bloodlines before the entry deadline. To certify your horse with ECAHS please see the certification form located on the DNL Webpage under Exhibitor Information.

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

**ENTRY SUBMISSIONS**

Entries must be submitted on a 2019 Distance Horse National Championships Official Entry Form. One rider per entry form. All Championship entrants are entered and must pay the fees for the corresponding Open ride. All participants must sign the AHA/ApHC/PFHA/PShR/AMHA/ATAA/ASR Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement to participate in the event.

**AHA National Championship Entries** must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Proof of qualifying rides.**
- **Copies of AHA Competition Level Membership Cards.**
- A photocopy of the **Certificate of Registration** showing current recorded ownership.

**ANCER Entries** must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** on the entry form agreeing to the ApHC Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. In the case of a rider under 18, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry blank on the minor's behalf. If the owner and rider are the same, the owner must sign both spaces.
- **Proof of qualifying rides.**

**PFHA Entries** must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** must be on the entry form. Both must agree to the PFHA Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. If the rider is a junior, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry form. If the owner and rider are the same, that person must sign in both places.
- **Proof of qualifying rides** (this should be a print out of both the horse's and the rider's AERC record of the qualifying rides; the entire AERC record does NOT need to be submitted, only the page(s) with the pertinent rides.)

**Performance Shagya-Arabian (PShR) Entries** must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** must be on the entry form. Both must agree to the PShR Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. If the rider is a junior, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry form. If the owner and rider are the same, that person must sign in both places.
- **Proof of qualifying rides**

**AMHA Entries** must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** must be on the entry form. Both must agree to the AMHA Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. If the rider is a junior, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry form. If the owner and rider are the same, that person must sign in both places.
- **Proof of qualifying rides**

**ATAA Entries** must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** must be on the entry form. Both must agree to the ATAA Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. If the rider is a junior, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry form. If the owner and rider are the same, that person must sign in both places.
- **Proof of qualifying rides**

**ASR Entries** must be submitted with:

- **Total registration fees.**
- **Copy of front and back of Certificate of Registration** or **Official Statement of Registration** showing current ownership.
- **Signatures of the owner and rider** must be on the entry form. Both must agree to the ASR Terms and Conditions for Entry & Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. If the rider is a junior, his/her parent or guardian must also sign the entry form. If the owner and rider are the same, that person must sign in both places.
- **Proof of qualifying rides.**

### **OPEN ENTRIES- OWL HOOT SPOOK RIDES**

**All equines are welcome to enter the Open Rides.** Competitors who participate in any of the Open rides must follow the rules/procedures outlined in this document in addition to AERC and AHA Rules, and will follow the direction of Ride Management, Judges and the AHA Steward. Riders who are not members of AHA with Competition Level Membership are encouraged to carry personal excess liability insurance, but it is not required. Entries for Open competitors must be filled out as completely as possible on the Entry Form. If the horse is registered with AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA or ASR please indicate correct Registry(s) and Registration Number(s); otherwise at a minimum the name and breed of the horse must be provided on the Entry Form. The Ride Secretary will assign numbers based on order in which the entries are received. The Open Rides are sanctioned by AHA (Arabian Horse Association) and AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference.)

### **PAYMENTS**

Payments must be submitted in full at the time of entry and can be made by check or credit card. Please make checks payable to AHA. Entry fee includes award dinner the day the participant is competing.

### **CLOSE OF ENTRIES**

- Close of the Early Bird Drawing is **October 1, 2019**.
- Entries received in the AHA office between **October 2 and October 12, 2019** will be accepted. However these entries will not be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing. Entries will also be accepted at the ride site.

- Please keep a copy of your entry form (and all supporting documents) for your own records and bring it with you to the ride.

### **Entries can be mailed, faxed or emailed.**

Mail to:  
AHA Distance Nationals  
10805 E. Bethany Dr. in Aurora, CO 80014

Fax to:  
303-696-4599  
Attn: Paige

Email to:  
paige.lockard@arabianhorses.org

### **POST ENTRIES**

After October 12<sup>th</sup> all entries must be hand carried to the event. Proof of qualifying rides' if required, must be brought with the entry at time of Check-In. Entries are accepted up to Vet Check-In for each ride. Please keep a copy of your entry form and all supporting documents for your own records and bring it with you to the ride.

### **REFUNDS**

Entry fees less a \$25.00 office fee will be refunded only for illness or injury of horse or rider, provided an acceptable explanation of the circumstances is delivered to Ride Management prior to start of the ride. Ride Management will review all other requests for a refund. All refunds will be processed after the event and will be sent by mail or refunded directly to the credit card provided at time of entry.

### **REFUSALS**

Ride Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel any entries of any exhibitor as stated in the current AHA Handbook.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

A horse/rider may be substituted if the following conditions are met:

- The substitute horse meets all eligibility and qualification requirements.
- Veterinarian/Doctor certificate attesting to illness or injury of the horse/rider is received prior to or at Check-In.
- A new entry form is filled out for the substitute.

### **OPEN & LD CHALLENGE MEMBERSHIP**

Open Ride participants are not required to hold membership with the Arabian Horse Association, the Appaloosa Horse Club, the Paso Fino Horse Association, the Shagya-Arabian Registry, the American Morgan Horse Association, Akhal-Teke Association of America or the American Saddlebred Registry. Riders who are competing in the Open Rides for AHA program benefits must hold a current AHA Competition Level Membership Card. Please see "Open Entries" for further rules regarding Open Ride participants.

### **AHA MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION**

To compete in the AHA National Championship Rides, Competition Level Membership is required for the **rider and current recorded owner** of the horse. A Base Membership does not make you eligible to compete. For Post-Entries at the ride, you must bring AHA Competition Cards and a copy of the horses Registration papers with you to the ride. If you are not a current member, you may sign up online at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org), call the Membership & Registration Department at (303) 696-4500 option #2, or complete a Membership application at the ride. The horse must also be registered with the Arabian Horse Association as either Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian either through the U.S. or Canadian Registry. If you have questions regarding Registration or who is currently listed as the current recorded owner, you may contact the Membership & Registration Department at (303) 696-4500 option #2.

### **ApHC MEMBERSHIP**

To compete in the Appaloosa National Championship Endurance Ride the Rider and Owner must be a current ApHC member and in good standing. For more information regarding membership or joining the ApHC Distance Program you may go online to [www.appaloosa.com](http://www.appaloosa.com), phone the office at 208-882-5578, or mail questions to:

Appaloosa Horse Club  
2720 W Pullman Rd  
Moscow, ID 83843

### **PFHA MEMBERSHIP**

In order to compete in the PFHA National Distance Championship Ride both the horse owner and rider (including junior riders) must be current PFHA members in good standing. To inquire about obtaining membership, please contact PFHA at [www.pfha.org](http://www.pfha.org).

### **Performance Shagya-Arabian (PShR) MEMBERSHIP**

In order to compete in the Performance Shagya-Arabian (PShR) National Distance Championship Ride(s) both the horse owner and rider (including junior riders) must be current members, in good standing of an ISG recognized registry, including PShR and/or NASS. To inquire about obtaining membership, please contact PShR at <http://performanceshagyaregistry.org/join-us.html> or NASS at <http://www.shagya.net>.

### **AMHA MEMBERSHIP**

In order to compete in the Morgan National Distance Championship Ride(s), both the horse owner and rider (including youth riders) must be current AMHA members in good standing. To inquire about obtaining membership, please contact AMHA at [www.morganhorse.com](http://www.morganhorse.com).

## **ATAA MEMBERSHIP**

In order to compete in the Akhal-Teke National Distance Championship Ride, both the horse owner and rider (including youth riders) must be current ATAA members in good standing. To inquire about obtaining membership, please contact ATAA at [www.Akhal-Teke.org](http://www.Akhal-Teke.org).

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **AHA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RIDES**

HORSE must:

- Be owned by an AHA member with Competition Level Membership and be registered with the Arabian Horse Association, the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Register and a copy of registration papers filed with ride management prior to start of the ride.
- Be at least 5 years of actual age (60 months) by registration papers, with the exception of the 100-mile entries which must be 6 years of actual age (72 months).
- Not be currently owned, managed, or trained by the judge or ride steward.
- Have qualifying miles in which one or more riders may have ridden the qualifying miles for that horse and a single rider may qualify more than one horse.

### **COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE**

- Horses must have completed 100 **lifetime** miles.
- 50 of those miles must be completed in an AHA recognized competitive trail ride or an AHA approved competitive trail ride organization.
- Ride distances must be no less than 25 miles.

### **50 MILE ENDURANCE**

- Horses must have a minimum of 200 **lifetime** miles.
- Each distance must be a minimum of 50 miles and completed within the maximum time allowed.

### **100 MILE ENDURANCE**

- Horses must have 300 **lifetime** miles.
- 100 of these miles must have been completed consecutively. (i.e.: a one day 100 mile or two 50 mile rides back to back in two days.)
- Each distance must be a minimum of 50 miles and completed within the maximum time allowed.

### **ApHC 50 MILE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURANCE RIDE**

- The horse must be registered with the ApHC. If non-characteristic, must be CPO or Performance Permit-enrolled
- Horse must be at least five (5) years of age on date of ride
- The horse must be currently enrolled in the ApHC Distance Program
- Both the horse and rider must have completed 100 lifetime distance miles. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse/rider team entering. The 100 distance miles can be accumulated from Endurance and/or Competitive Trail rides of 25 miles or longer. However, 50 of those miles must have been earned on a successfully completed 50-mile endurance ride. Documentation of this mileage will be requested but does not have to be a part of the ApHC Distance Program.
- Horses and riders must be qualified just prior to the ride
- Riders age 16 & under are not required to qualify, but must ride a qualified horse with an adult sponsor.

### **ApHC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE**

- The horse must be registered with the ApHC. If non-characteristic, must be CPO or Performance Permit-enrolled
- Horse must be at least five (5) years of age on date of ride
- The horse must be currently enrolled in the ApHC Distance Program
- Both the horse and rider must have completed 100 lifetime distance miles. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse/rider team entering. The 100 distance miles can be accumulated from Endurance and/or Competitive Trail rides of 25 miles or longer. However, 50 of those miles must have been earned on 2 successfully completed 25 Mile or longer Competitive Trail Rides. Documentation of this mileage will be requested but does not have to be a part of the ApHC Distance Program.
- Horses and riders must be qualified just prior to the ride

### **PFHA NATIONAL 50 MILE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE**

- The horse must be registered with PFHA.
- The horse must be at least 5 years old on the day of the ride.
- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 50 or more miles in a day prior to the start of the Championship. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **Performance Shagya-Arabian (PShR) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RIDES**

- The horse must be registered with an ISG recognized registry, including PShR and/or NASS.
- The horse must be at least 6 years of actual age (72 months) on the day of the ride with the exception of the 100 Mile entries which must be 7 years of actual age (84) months) and the 25 Mile LD entries which must be 5 years of actual age (60 months).

### **PShR 50 MILE ENDURANCE**

- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed a minimum of 200 lifetime miles including at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 50 or more miles in a day prior to the start of the Championship. The additional 100 distance miles can be accumulated from endurance and/or competitive trail rides of 25 miles or longer.
- Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **PShR 100 MILE ENDURANCE**

- Both the horse and rider must have successfully completed a minimum of 300 lifetime miles.
- Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **PShR 25 MILE ENDURANCE**

- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 25 or one (1) 50 Mile ride in a day prior to the start of the Championship.
- Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **AMHA 50 MILE NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE**

- The horse must be registered with AMHA.
- The horse must be at least 5 years old on the day of the ride.
- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 50 or more miles in a day prior to the start of the Championship. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **AMHA 25 MILE LD NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE**

- The horse must be registered with AMHA.
- The horse must be at least 5 years old on the day of the ride.
- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 25 or one (1) 50 Mile ride in a day prior to the start of the Championship. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **ATAA 50 MILE NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE**

- The horse must be registered with ATAA.
- The horse must be at least 5 years old on the day of the ride.
- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 50 or more miles in a day prior to the start of the Championship. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **ASR 50 MILE NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE**

- The horse must be registered with the American Saddlebred Registry or with the Half American Saddlebred Registry of America.
- The horse must be at least 5 years old on the day of the ride.
- Both horse and rider must have successfully completed at least two (2) AERC endurance rides of 50 or more miles in a day prior to the start of the Championship. Mileage does not have to be earned by the same horse and rider team entering the Championship.

### **OPEN OWL HOOT SPOOK RIDES**

The Open Endurance rides are recognized AHA Open Rides and have also been sanctioned with the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC). **If you are part of the AHA Achievement Award program or AHA Distance Horse Award program you may NOT submit an Open Ride Reporting Form for the Open Ride(s) as the ride is already recorded through AHA.** The Rulebook for AERC may be found at [https://aerc.org/static/Rules\\_Current.pdf](https://aerc.org/static/Rules_Current.pdf). Open Competitive Trail rides will be run under the AHA CTR rules which can be found at <https://arabianhorses.org/.content/aha-handbooks/current-handbook/CHAPTER13.pdf> and is recognized by AHA alone.

### **LD CHALLENGE**

No qualifications are required. Must be indicated as entered in the event on the entry form and pay the \$20 additional fee for the event (you may not designate as being in the Challenge following the first days ride.) The LD Challenge is sanctioned by the Arabian Horse Association and is open to all horses and breeds.

## **AWARDS**

### **AHA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

There are two divisions per National Championship Event: Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. Separate awards will be presented to each division as follows:

- **Champion:** Champion Silver Trophy, and Champion Ribbon
- **Reserve Champion:** Reserve Champion Bronze Trophy, and Reserve Champion Ribbon
- **Top Ten:** Top Ten Plaque, and Top Ten Ribbon will be given to the remaining Top Ten.
- **Completion:** Completion belt buckle. Riders have the option to trade out the buckle for a completion cuff (bracelet). Riders are encouraged to designate their preference on the entry form and pay the additional fee for a cuff in advance. Should a rider not complete, the fee will be refunded.

- **Best Condition:** A special award will be given to the Rider whose mount is determined to be the Best Conditioned horse in the Endurance divisions.
- **Junior Riders:** A special award will be given to the Junior Rider (age 18 and under) who is first to finish in each AHA National Championship Ride.
- **Miscellaneous:** Additional awards & prizes may be presented by ride sponsors.

#### **ApHC ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- The Appaloosa successfully completing the ride in the shortest time will be titled the ApHC National Champion and will receive a National Championship trophy and an Embroidered Award Jacket. There will not be separate weight divisions.
- The George Hatley Cup (a perpetual trophy) will be awarded to the horse, judged by the ride veterinarian, to be Best Condition at the end of the race. Only the first 10 Appaloosas will be considered for the Best Condition award and they must successfully complete the ride within 2 hours from the time the first Appaloosas crosses the finish line. Any horse that comes in after the 2 hour time limit will not be considered for the Best Condition award. The George Hatley Cup is a perpetual trophy that the award winner will keep for a one-year period. The name of the horse earning the award will be added to the trophy. The rider will receive a silver belt buckle.
- First Junior will receive a special award
- Championship Ribbons are awarded to the top ten finishers
- All competitors registering before October 11, 2019 will be given an ANCER t-shirt.

#### **ApHC COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- The Appaloosa in First Place in the Competitive Trail Ride will be titled the ApHC National Champion and will receive a National Championship trophy and an Embroidered Award Jacket. There will not be separate weight divisions.
- First Junior will receive a special award
- Championship Ribbons are awarded to the top ten finishers
- All competitors registering before October 11, 2019 will be given an ANCCTR t-shirt.

#### **PFHA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- The first Paso Fino Horse to successfully complete the Championship Ride will be awarded the title PFHA National Distance Champion and the Championship Trophy and Ribbon.
- The second Paso Fino Horse to successfully complete the Championship Ride will be awarded the title PFHA National Distance Reserve Champion and the Reserve Championship Trophy and Ribbon.
- Paso Fino Horses successfully completing the ride in third through tenth place will receive a Championship Ribbon. There will be no separate weight divisions.
- The Paso Fino Horse earning Best Condition on the ride will be awarded an embroidered PFHA National Distance Championship blanket (this will not be available at the ride since size and the horse's name will not be known) and a PFHA National Distance Championship Best Condition Plaque.
- The first junior rider to successfully complete the ride will receive a special award.

#### **Performance Shagya-Arabian (PShR) CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- **Champion:** Champion Trophy, and Champion Ribbon
- **Reserve Champion:** Reserve Champion Trophy, and Reserve Champion Ribbon
- **Top Ten:** Top Ten award, and Top Ten Ribbon will be given to the remaining Top Ten. There will be no separate weight divisions.
- **Completion:** Completion awards will be given to all finishers
- **Best Condition:** A special award will be given to the Rider whose mount is determined to be the Best Conditioned Shagya-Arabian in the Endurance divisions.

#### **AMHA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- **Champion:** AMHA Champion Trophy, and Champion Ribbon
- **Reserve Champion:** AMHA Reserve Champion Trophy, and Reserve Champion Ribbon
- **Top Ten:** Top Ten finishers will also receive ribbons.
- **Completion:** Morgan horses successfully completing the ride will receive a certificate award.
- **Best Condition:** A special award will be given to the Rider whose mount is determined to be the Best Conditioned Morgan horse in the Endurance divisions.
- **Youth Rider:** The first youth rider to successfully complete the ride will receive an award. (AMHA Youth Riders are under the age of 22 as of January 1 of the membership year.)
- **CTR Highpoint:** any Morgan who enters and finishes the Open CTR will receive an award.
- **LD Challenge:** any Morgan who enters and finishes the LD Challenge will receive an award.

#### **ATAA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- **Champion:** ATAA Champion Cooler, and Champion Ribbon
- **Reserve Champion:** ATAA Reserve Champion Cooler, and Reserve Champion Ribbon
- **Top Ten:** Top Ten finishers will also receive ribbons.
- **Completion:** Akhal-Teke horses and Akhal-Teke sport horses successfully completing the ride will receive a certificate award.
- **Best Condition:** A special award will be given to the Rider whose mount is determined to be the Best Conditioned Akhal-Teke or Akhal-Teke sport horse in the Endurance divisions.



- **Youth Rider:** The first youth rider to successfully complete the ride will receive an award. (ATAA Youth Riders are under the age of 22 as of January 1 of the membership year.)

### **ASR CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- **Champion:** ASR Champion Plaque, and Champion Ribbon.
- **Reserve Champion:** ASR Reserve Champion Plaque, and Reserve Champion Ribbon.
- **Top Ten:** Top Ten finishers will also receive ribbons.
- **Completion:** Horses successfully completing the ride will receive a certificate award.
- **Best Condition:** A special award will be given to the Rider whose mount is determined to be the Best Conditioned American Saddlebred or Half Saddlebred horse in the Endurance divisions.
- **Junior Rider:** The first junior rider to successfully complete the ride will receive an award. (Junior Riders are under 18 on Dec. 1)
- **Turtle:** The last person to cross the finish line will receive an award.

### **OPEN OWL HOOT RIDE AWARDS**

The Open rides will receive appropriate awards for First to Finish (Endurance)/Highpoint (CTR); Top Ten (Endurance); Top Six (CTR); Completion; Best Condition (Endurance). Additional awards & prizes may be presented by ride sponsors.

### **LD CHALLENGE AWARDS**

The LD Challenge will award appropriate awards for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place and will award a completion award for all riders that complete the ride.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **OFFICIAL RIDE TIME**

The Official Timer records the official time using the time clock(s) placed in the timing area; the time called and/or written is the official time.

### **BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES**

The AHA National Distance Rides **ARE** eligible for Sweepstakes Prize Money. There is now \$1500 available for the National 50 Mile Endurance, \$1500 available for the National 100 Mile Endurance Ride, and \$1500 available for the National CTR. New in 2018 Prize Money now separates Arabians & Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians for each National Rides Sweepstakes payout. Payout does still go off of the 50% rule. For more information on the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Program please contact the AHA Competitions Department at 303-696-4500 (option #4) or you may go online to <https://arabianhorses.org/competition/prize-money-programs/breeders-sweeps/index.html>.

### **DRUG TESTING**

Ride Management reserves the right to require drug testing for any horse competing in the Event at any time during the event.

### **HELMETS**

***Ride Management strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI), securely fastened while mounted. All juniors are required to wear protective headgear (ATSM/SEI), securely fastened while mounted.***

### **INDEMNITY & NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES**

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Arabian Horse Association (AHA), AHA Region 9, the Ozark Country Endurance Riders (OCER), the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC), the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA), the Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR), the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA), the Akhal-Teke Association of America (ATAA), the American Saddlebred Registry (ASR), Duane & Sandra Pitts, Alanna & Gunnar Frank, Spur Ranch and their officers, officials, employees, and volunteers will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by him/her and shall indemnify the AHA, AHA Region 9, OCER, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA, ASR, the Pitts the Franks and Spur Ranch against any and all losses, damages, and liability thus occasioned, including but not limited to all legal costs, including attorney fees, which may be incurred. The submitting of any official entry form to the Ride Secretary shall constitute an acceptance of these provisions by each person signing the entry form.

### **VET/JUDGES**

Control Vet/Judges are required to score and judge the ride in accordance with the AHA Competitive Trail Ride and Endurance Ride Rules printed in the current AHA Handbook and/or AERC Rulebook. AHA Score cards will be used. AHA reserves the right to substitute a Control Judge. **All decisions of the Control Judges are final.** Open Rides will be judged as defined in the AERC Rulebook and the AHA Handbook.

### **JUNIOR RIDERS**

A junior rider is an individual who has not reached his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (2018). Juniors **MUST** wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI). If the junior rider is found to be riding without the proper use of protective headgear, disciplinary action up to and including disqualification may occur. Juniors may participate in a ride only with the written consent of a parent or guardian on their entry form. Juniors are not allowed to ride stallions. For the Competitive Trail Ride National Championship, a junior under the age of 16 December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (2018) must ride with a sponsor. The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018) and must be duly entered as a competitor in the event and sponsorship must be documented on the junior's entry form, complete with the sponsor's signature. Junior and sponsor must ride together at all times. (See AHA Handbook for more information). For the Endurance National Championship Rides, AHA will also follow the rules outlined by AERC concerning junior riders.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

All competitors, volunteers, and attendees at the ride automatically grant AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA, ASR and the official ride photographer(s) permission to publish any photos taken at the event. No written release is required for AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA and ASR to publish these photos in promotional materials, including but not limited to magazines, flyers, brochures, websites and banners.

## **PROTESTS AND FORMAL LETTERS OF COMPLAINT**

Disagreements as to procedure and rules interpretation may be submitted to the Ride Steward for ruling. If there is a disagreement after the Stewards ruling, or if the Steward did not make a ruling, a Protest or Formal Letter of Complaint must be filed with AHA in accordance with the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook.

## **RIDE CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE**

The Arabian Horse Association reserves the right to change the ride dates and/or ride location or to cancel the ride altogether. In the event of cancellation, entry and meal fees will be refunded. Neither Ride Management nor AHA/ApHC/PFHA/PShR/AMHA/ATAA/ASR shall have any liability to any competitor, owner, or other person, firm or corporation by reason of any change or cancellation of the ride, except for the return of the aforementioned fees.

## **STALLIONS**

Junior Riders may not ride stallions. Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times.

## **HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

Oklahoma State Law requires a CVI within 30 days of entry plus negative Coggins papers dated within 12 months of the ride, to be presented for all equines in camp. Health papers dated within 30 days of the ride must be presented on all out of state equines.

## **MEALS**

A coupon will be provided for the exhibitor's award dinner(s) on the day(s) of competition (one coupon per ride). Additional meals can be purchased at the ride. Breakfast and lunch will be the responsibility of the competitor.

## **CAMPING**

Base camp is located on the Franks Ranch, 430799 E 220 Rd, Vinita, OK 74301. Camping arrangements and reservations **MUST be made in advance** through Alanna Frank, (281)-468-5881 or [ironviking@reagan.com](mailto:ironviking@reagan.com). *The Arabian Horse Association is not responsible for reservations.*

## **DOGS**

Dogs must be on leashes or otherwise restrained at all times. Dogs are not allowed in the dining area.

## **TERRAIN**

The terrain is gentle rolling hills and the trails run through private ranch, pastures and creeks and some dirt road. There will be creek crossings, deer, armadillos and possible a skunk or two at night. Ponds and streams on trail provide plenty of water. Low intensity flashlights/headlamps are recommended for riding at night, the trail will be marked with reflective signs and LED lights. All vet checks will be held in base camp with 1 check outside of base camp required for CTR.

## **WEATHER**

Weather in the fall is usually nice, but can be unpredictable. Please come prepared for all weather conditions. Average high is 83F and average low is 60F. Sunrise is around 7:30AM and sunset will be around 7:30PM.

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