



British Columbia
Competitive Trail Riders Association

Rule Book

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A Note to all BCCTRA Members...

The whole point of the competition is to win fairly and in accordance with the rules that govern the activity and judging of our Rides.

It is the responsibility of each and every member to become completely familiar with the B.C.C.T.R.A. Rules and adhere to them at all competitions. Ride Managers take on an enormous task when they put on a Ride for our enjoyment. It is their responsibility to see that all competitors abide by the Rules and take action when they do not. By knowing the Rules and abiding by them, you will minimize disagreements the Ride Managers are obliged to resolve.

Please cooperate in this vital part of Competitive Trail Riding and make life just a little easier for our Ride Managers. For without them, we would not have competitive trail rides to attend.

Happy Trails!

BCCTRA Rulebook

Vision

BCCTRA is a leader in promoting long distance riding opportunities for recreational and competitive equestrian trail riders in western Canada.

Mission

Our mission is to promote and enhance the sport of competitive trail riding within British Columbia by providing education, training and competition for all levels of equestrians.

Principles that the BCCTRA abides by are:

1. Safety – rider and horse safety are priorities for BCCTRA;
2. Fun – BCCTRA provides opportunities for horse folks to get together, learn and create shared experiences through competitive trail riding;
3. Education – BCCTRA actively provides education on long distance riding to members and the public at large
4. Horsemanship– BCCTRA provides avenues that strengthen horsemanship skills;
5. Horsecare – BCCTRA educates and promotes care in the health and fitness of long distance horses;
6. Sportsmanship – BCCTRA believes that every riders experience is important;
7. Access and stewardship – BCCTRA members use, create access and care for trails throughout BC;
8. Complementary use – BCCTRA promotes the practice of proper trail etiquette with other users;
9. Partnership – BCCTRA works with other horse clubs to enhance the opportunities for trail riding in BC;
10. Fitness – BCCTRA believes that long distance riding opportunities are beneficial to health of horses and humans;

Goals

1. To provide **education** on competitive trail riding to members and non members in BC;
2. To provide venues and **opportunities for training and competition** for all levels of riders in different regions of BC;
3. To work in **partnership** with other horse organizations to **create access and enhance long distance riding** opportunities throughout BC;
4. To promote **safety and care of horses** and riders at all events;
5. To provide **social opportunities** for members that build connection to the sport, the club and other riders;
6. To maintain **strong governance** and make the club more **financially stable**;
7. To **grow membership** in the club and **expand into new regions** to become more sustainable.

The main objective of Competitive Trail Riding is to work all of the horses over an identical trail in the same length of time, thereby having a basis of fair comparison for determining the horse's soundness, behavior and attitude. While this is not a race, judgment in timing and pacing is important; the winner usually being the one who rode his or her horse at a consistent pace throughout the ride, rather than 'hurrying up and waiting'.

Judging is based upon each horse starting the ride with 300 points and evaluated as follows: Soundness 60%, Condition 30%, Behavior and Attitude 10%.

Membership structure

BCCTRA Membership is for the calendar year. Membership must be processed prior to competition for the points and mileage to accrue to the member for that calendar year. Membership consists of senior rider, junior rider, family, and senior + rider (65 years and over).

BCCTRA definition of Family

Minimum of 3 people with at least one junior rider (16 and under as of January 1st of the year joining). Open to husband/wife, and the children of either/both parents who are still juniors. "Wife" or "Husband" may include a) those who are co-habiting but not married by law, b) those who are married but do not use the same surname, and c) legal guardian.

Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting and election of officers is held in the fall, usually in mid October.

BCCTRA Insurance

BCCTRA is insured under Capri Insurance, which insures the club, its Directors and it's members of liabilities during BCCTRA sanctioned events only.

SECTION 1

COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDES

The term "Sanctioned Ride" means a ride officially sanctioned by the BCCTRA. Competitors, Ride Managers and judges must comply with all the Rules outlined herein in order that standard rules prevail on all sanctioned rides. Ride Rules must be strictly enforced. Sanctioning can be lifted if Rules and procedures are not followed.

1.1 Ride Classification

- A.) Level I ~ Consists of 12 to 20 miles at a maximum average speed of 5.0 mph.
- B.) Level II ~ Consists of 20 to 30 miles at a maximum average speed of 6.5 mph.
- C.) Level III ~ Consists of 30 to 50 miles at a maximum average speed of 7.0 mph.
- D.) Level III Two Day Ride ~ Consists of a maximum of 50 miles per day for each day at a maximum average speed of 7.0 mph.

1.2 Scheduling of Rides

The BCCTRA Secretary will notify Ride Managers if selected Ride dates are scheduled within 2 weeks of one another.

1.3 Sanction Fees

In order to become a BCCTRA Sanctioned Ride, certain criteria must be met: At least six weeks prior to the selected Ride date a fee of \$25.00 must be paid to the BCCTRA Secretary. This fee will accompany the completed Ride Sanction Form, list of the Property Owners whose land will be used for the camp and the ride. Mandatory compliance with the BCCTRA Rule Book, the Ride Managers Manual and the Judges Manual is essential. Within 14 days following a Ride, the sanction fees of \$5.00 per rider must be submitted to BCCTRA, as well as the Ride Report Form, Ride result form and Volunteer Participation Form. Copies of the reports are to be sent to the Awards Chairperson. Failure to observe this criteria could affect Horse Council Insurance for the Ride and/or a loss of points for all riders participating at the Ride.

SECTION 2

RIDE OFFICIALS

2.1 Ride Manager

This person should be thoroughly familiar with the Ride Rules. He/she shall interpret the BCCTRA Rules to Ride Officials and process any complaints or protests. The Ride Manager has the overall responsibility for staging the Ride and enforcing the Rules.

2.2 Judges

A sanctioned ride must have at least one judge, who must be a veterinarian experienced with horses or Long Distance Riding. (It should be noted that the treatment of ailing horses on the ride is not the responsibility of the veterinary judge. Ride Management should pre-arrange for a stand-by veterinarian for such purposes whenever possible). If it is anticipated that there will be more than 25 entries in a given Ride, it is recommended that 2 or more veterinarians participate in the judging. The judges acting together shall have the final decision as to: 1) whether a horse may start a ride, 2) when a horse must be withdrawn from competition and 3) penalties and disqualifications.

If a "Best Conditioned Horse" Award is to be given, the veterinary judges shall decide on this award placement.

If a judge disqualifies a horse during a Ride, the rider must follow the judge's instructions concerning treatment for the horse. Failure to do so will result in the rider being disqualified from further competition for the balance of the year.

2.3 Official Timers

Each Sanctioned Ride will provide timers who will have the responsibility to record the time of each horse during competition. The records kept by the timers will be turned over to the Ride Secretary at the conclusion of the Ride.

2.4 Judge's Recording Secretary

It is the duty of the secretary to accurately record the findings of the judge.

2.5 Safety Riders

Two or more safety (drag) riders will follow the competitors to assist any horse or rider in an emergency. Whenever possible, these riders should be knowledgeable horsemen/women with some First Aid knowledge.

2.6 Farrier

A farrier should be available at the ride.

2.7 Pulse & Respiration Teams

Ride Management will ensure that adequate P&R Teams are in place, one team per 5 riders is recommended.

2.8 Trailmaster

Ensures that the trail is well marked, timed, and safe. Each level of the Ride must be ridden and timed by the Trail Manager or designate, on horseback, to meet the guidelines as set out in Section 1.1 Ride Classification.

SECTION 3

STABLING, HANDLING & CARE

3.1 Stabling

All horses are to be kept in the area designated as the camp site for the duration of the event, except when being ridden or exercised. All stallions must be double tied when the rider is not in attendance.

3.2 Handling

Riders who abuse their horses or engage in conduct unbecoming to a competitor will be asked to leave the Ride and will be dismissed from further consideration in judging.

3.3 Care

a.) 1 Day Ride: No medication, ice, drugs, brace, or leg wraps of any kind may be administered to any horse except under the direction of the veterinary judge. Other judges must be informed of any such treatment. Salt packs and support bandages are also forbidden. Salt supplements, electrolytes, vitamins and fly repellents are permitted.

b.) 2 Day Ride: Starting after the Final Vet Check of the first day of competition; ice, water and leg wraps or bandages only may be used overnight and on subsequent nights after the Final Vet Check of each day.

A competitor (horse & rider) will be disqualified and barred from the competition if said horse has been administered, in any manner, a stimulant, depressant, general pain killer,

tranquilizer, drugs or local anesthetic which could affect the performance or well being of said horse.

Drug testing may be carried out any time between the start of the Pre-Ride Vet Check of the horse to be tested up to the conclusion of the official elimination or Post Ride Vet Check of the horse to be tested. The examination will be deemed to be started when the horse is presented for examination and concluded when the veterinary judge has signed the scoresheet. Refusal to grant permission will result in disqualification.

c.) Under emergency circumstances where the welfare of the horse is in jeopardy, a rider, under the supervision of a veterinarian may attend to a horse during the restricted hours. Restricted hours are 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m.

d.) From arrival to departure of the competition site, all riders and horse handlers must abide by Rule 3.2 Handling.

SECTION 4

RIDE EXAMINATION AND BRIEFING

4.1 Riders and horses shall check in at the prescribed time before the start of the Ride for Pre-Ride Vet Check by the judges.

4.2 A Pre-Ride Briefing should be done on the evening before the first day's Ride following the Pre-Ride Vet Checks, and a Ride Briefing for the second day's Ride should be done the evening before the second day's Ride.

SECTION 5

ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

Not eligible are:

5.1 Ride Management may ride (au concur) in their own competition providing that they have a competent replacement to work their position on the day of the event. However, their points will not count for that particular Ride (i.e.: not eligible for prizes, ribbons or awards), but will count toward Year-End totals.

5.2 No immediate member of the judge's family, nor any horse owned by said family may compete in a division of that ride for which said person is acting in an official capacity.

SECTION 6

ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

All horses entered in Level I must be a minimum of 4 years of age. All horse entered in Level II & III must be a minimum of 5 years of age; the actual age to be determined by birth date on registration papers or: on unregistered horses, if they have a 'full mouth' as determined by a veterinary judge.

SECTION 7

DIVISIONS

7.1 Lightweight Division

Rider and tack (everything the horse carries) weighing at least 140 lbs. and less than 180 lbs. Riders are responsible to supply additional weight to bring their weight to the minimum requirement.

7.2 Heavyweight Division

Rider and tack weighing 180 lbs. or more. Weight requirements must be maintained throughout the ride.

Lightweight and Heavyweight contestants must be weighed in with tack prior to the start of the Ride.

If a rider's weight is subject to question after the start of the Ride, the rider will be required to re-weigh in with tack after the final 10 minute post-ride PR check. If the weight difference between pre-ride weigh in is greater than normal weight loss of 4% during competition, then the rider will not receive a placing, but will receive mileage. Additional weight to be carried should not consist of consumables: i.e. water or food.

7.3 Junior Division

Junior is to age 16 as of January 1st. Juniors may compete in Lightweight or Heavyweight Divisions providing weight requirements are met. Juniors are not permitted to ride stallions. Juniors 10 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or senior supervisor for the duration of the ride. Juniors choosing to compete in senior divisions may not revert to Junior competition.

Note: For supervised Juniors or handicapped riders – If for any reason, the rider or supervisor is pulled or held over, an alternate supervisor may be assigned to accompany the Junior or handicapped rider back to camp. An additional consent form will have to be signed by the Junior/handicapped rider's parent/guardian prior to this occurrence.

SECTION 8

TRAIL SUPERVISION AND CONDUCT

8.1 Adequate trail supervision must be provided, by vehicle and/or horseback, for the safety of horses and riders.

8.2 The course must be natural and native to the local terrain. The use of artificial obstacles is prohibited.

8.3 Trail markings must be distinct and obvious to riders. **Mileage markers must be placed every 5 miles.** The use of survey ribbon and lime are commonly used.

8.4 Arrangements must be made for the transportation of judges so that they can observe all the horses.

8.5 The horse and rider may go at their own pace unless instructed otherwise by Ride Management or judges.

8.6 No forward motion on trail is allowed unless rider is mounted. In case of hazardous areas or obstacles, it is at Ride Management's discretion to advise you of such, and whether or not you may lead your horse over/through the obstacle.

8.7 From a properly identified point (use sign), exactly 2 miles from the finish, riders must maintain forward motion and not stop or dismount from this point to the Finish Line. Forward motion must be via the most direct route following the marked trail. Horses observed zigzagging, circling, back tracking or stopping within the final 2 miles will be disqualified. Riders should pace their horses so as not to arrive at this point excessively ahead of schedule.

8.8 The same horse and rider must pass all control points and stay on the marked trail. Should the rider become lost, he/she must return via horseback to that point at which he/she left the marked trail and then complete the trail as indicated.

8.9 Riders not competing or not part of the Management or judging staff, shall not be allowed to ride the trail during competition; non-competing parent or guardian supervising Juniors under 10 years or handicapped riders excepted.

8.10 First Aid kits must be available at all vet checks.

SECTION 9

PROVISION OF FEED FOR HORSES

9.1 The use and choice of feed is at the discretion of the rider.

9.2 The Ride notice should state whether or not feed will be available for purchase at the Ride Site.

SECTION 10

TIMING AND PENALTY POINTS

10.1 Start

Horses will be timed out at the start of each day in 30 to 60 second intervals, or two competitors at a time in 2 minute intervals, at the discretion of Ride Management. An accurate start time will be recorded for each horse by the official timer.

10.2 Ride Time

A grace period of 10 minutes either side of Optimum Ride Time (total of 20 minutes between minimum and maximum) will be allowed without competitors incurring penalties. If a rider finishes the day's Ride more than 10 minutes before optimum time two (2) penalty points for each minute early will be deducted. If a rider finishes the day's Ride more than 10 minutes after optimum time one (1) penalty point per minute late will be deducted from the final score. Horses finishing the day's Ride more than 30 minutes early or late (to a total of 40 minutes either side of the Optimum Ride Time) will be disqualified. Mileage will be allowed.

It is the riders' responsibility to ride according to the official time clock and for the rider to make the official timer aware of any unavoidable delays at Vet Checks, PR stops, etc. Once the Optimum Ride Time has been established for each Level and barring any unplanned changes by nature, landowners or veterinarians, than the Ride Time is set. Once riders leave the Start Line for their Level, the Ride Time cannot be changed other than by an emergency situation (i.e. bridge out, flooded trail, heavy winds etc.) and then only Ride Management can guarantee that every ride volunteer has been informed.

10.3 Lunch Stop

If the Ride is more than 35 miles in length there will be mandatory total of one hour rest time during the day's Ride. It may be a one hour rest stop or two half hour rest stops. Time allowance for each PR stop and go will be 15 minutes. Rest stops on Rides of less than 35 miles will be at Ride Manager's discretion.

SECTION 11

SHOEING AND TACK

11.1 Horse shoeing is at the rider's discretion, and is usually recommended.

Horse shoeing is at the rider's discretion and is usually recommended. Hoof boots can be worn throughout the ride and if worn, riders must pre and post vet without them on to allow vets to record rubbing or chaffing marks. Hoof boots may be replaced for the trot out when vetting.

11.2 Type of tack and riding equipment is at the discretion of the rider. Saddles must be worn. Running martingales are accepted. No other form of tie-down is allowed.

SECTION 12

GENERAL RULES

12.1 Heart monitors are not allowed in competition.

12.2 Bright visible ribbons must be tied in the manes and tails of all stallions. Bright visible ribbons must be tied in the tails of horses that may kick at other horses or people.

12.3 ASTM approved protective head gear is mandatory for all riders while mounted or they will be disqualified.

12.4 Veterinarian and farrier expenses incurred by competitors are the responsibility of the competitor and not Ride Management.

12.5 Requesting a trot in to PR check points is at the discretion of Ride Management.

SECTION 13

PULSE AND RESPIRATION CHECKS

13.1 Horses arriving at a PR check point will be timed in to the stop, given 10 minutes recovery time, and a PR recovery rate taken and recorded. Riders are responsible for presenting their horses to the PR crews on time. If a rider is purposely late or inadvertently late for the 10 minute PR check (other than a delay due to line-up) they will be assessed a 10 point penalty.

13.2 If a horse's pulse and or respiration fails to meet the prescribed hold criteria, the horse will be held a further 10 minutes and another PR check taken. If the horse has recovered to

the prescribed parameters he may continue. The extra time held (over and above the initial 10 minutes) will be added to the competitors overall Ride Time. A horse that does not pass the original PR criteria will be assessed a 10 point penalty.

For example: If you are held an extra 10 minutes, and your original Optimum Ride Time was 7 hours and 40 minutes, you would now have an Optimum Ride Time of 7 hours and 50 minutes. If a horse still has not recovered after this hold, he will be held another 10 minutes and checked. If the pulse has not recovered to the prescribed parameters at this time, the horse is eliminated from further competition. Maximum time at a PR check would be 30 minutes including the initial 10 minute recovery and 2 extra holds of 10 minutes each. Only the PR recordings resulting from the initial 10 minutes are used for scoring.

A rider may request and receive an immediate PR recount at a check point by a designated, qualified person. If there is more than a 2 point difference in the recount, the second count will be recorded.

13.3 Parameters for holding horses for the purposes of PR recovery can vary depending on weather conditions. These parameters will be set by the veterinary judge in conjunction with Ride Management. Common hold parameters are: pulse of 18 and respiration of 12 to 16, based on a 15 second count.

SECTION 14

JUDGING

14.1 Preliminary Judging

Whenever possible, the Pre-Ride Check will take place the evening before the Ride. At this time the riders are responsible for determining that the Scorecard accurately describes the horse being judged as to name, age, sex, color, breed and division of competition. Also, at that time the judges shall identify all marks and blemishes and make an evaluation of the horse's way of going. At this time, it is the riders responsibility to point out any existing marks or blemishes that the veterinarian judge may have overlooked. This is extremely important because any mark or blemish not recorded in the preliminary inspection can be scored against the horse if detected during the final judging.

Horses displaying evidence of any infectious disease will be excused from competition and asked to leave the area of the Ride.

All riders are required to care for their own mounts, except in the case of a sick horse or having your horse held during a rest break, with the exception of junior or handicapped riders.

14.2 Start of Competition

Horse and rider shall be considered in competition from the moment of presenting the horse for the Pre-Ride Vet Check through to the Post-Ride Vet Check following the Ride.

Note: Ride Management must be notified in writing prior to the competition of any assistance to be given to Junior or handicapped riders.

14.3 Final Inspection

From the riders official "time in" at the Ride Finish, he/she must present their horse to the veterinary judge in one hour for the Post-Ride Check. It is Ride Management's responsibility

to insure that all riders present to the vet in order of finish. The competitor must be made aware, by the veterinary judge, of any injuries, lameness and soreness at the Post-Ride Check. A "runner" may trot lame horses so that the rider may observe the horse's movement.

14.4 Evaluation Criteria

Soundness, Condition, Behavior & Attitude

Soundness 60%

A. Lameness & Stiffness

The judge will evaluate a horse's way of going during the Ride to determine changes in gait resulting from an inability to adapt to the stress placed on the tendons, muscles, ligaments, bones and joints.

A horse with a Grade 3 or greater lameness will not be allowed to start a BCCTRA Sanctioned Ride. Horses exhibiting a Grade 1 or 2 lameness will be allowed to compete at the discretion of the veterinary judge.

BCCTRA does not condone the riding of lame horses. Horses with any grade of lameness will be penalized according to point deduction structure on Scorecard, regardless of whether not they started the ride with a grade of lameness.

Note: Horses judged to have lameness greater than Grade 2 will not be eligible for placing. Mileage, if completed, will be recorded.

B. Heat & Swelling

The areas of the joints and tendons, which are of particular importance, indicate inflammation. Stocking and/or swelling associated with subcutaneous tissue, need not be considered detrimental when found after an overnight layover and which regresses shortly after resuming activity. However when stocking occurs during the course of the Ride or does not regress after resuming activity, it should be significant.

C. Muscle Soreness

With particular reference to the muscles of the back.

D. Saddle & Cinch Sores

Those which develop during the course of the ride or those previously present which progress in severity.

Condition 30%

A. Visual 13%

Evidence to carry on. This should include an evaluation of depression, desire to eat and drink, and diseases associated with exhaustion such as muscle spasm, azoturia, colic, abnormal heart sounds and dehydration.

B. Pulse & Respiration 17%

Rate of recovery of PR is a definite indication of the condition and performance of the horse. There should be a minimum of two 10 minute PR out readings taken during the day's Ride. Time at PR stops should be included in the total day's riding time. A 10 minute recovery period will be allowed before recovery PR rates are taken. Fifteen (15) second readings will

be taken and recorded. (Readings are not to be multiplied by four to give a per minute reading).

Penalty point scoring will be assessed according to the PR chart. See Appendix A on Page 12. Crews properly briefed and trained are used at the PR stops to quickly and efficiently handle the horses as they come through. Stethoscopes are mandatory when PR crews are taking the pulse.

Behavior & Attitude 10%

The horse should stand reasonably quiet for any examination the judge deems necessary. Unruly horses such as those too difficult to be examined or judged are subject to removal from competition. Any horse that presents a hazard to other riders on the trail shall be disqualified.

14.4 Examination Procedure

A. The examination and inspection procedures are at the discretion of the judges, with the exception of the use of mechanical hoof testers which are not allowed.

B. the minimum number of checks per level shall be:

Level I ~ Pre-Ride Vet Check, one 'out' Vet Check, one 'out' PR Check, PR at the Finish Line and a Post Ride Vet Check one hour after crossing the Finish Line.

Level II ~ Pre-Ride Vet Check, one 'out' Vet Check, one 'out' PR Check, PR at the Finish Line and a Post Ride Vet Check one hour after crossing the Finish Line.

Level III ~ Pre-Ride Vet Check, two 'out' Vet Checks, one 'out' PR Check, PR at the Finish Line and Post Ride Vet Check one hour after crossing the Finish Line.

When a rider arrives at a Vet Check, he/she is timed in and allowed 10 minutes to water and rest the horse. A PR crew will then take the horse's pulse and respiration and if the horse is within the parameters set by the judges, the horse must be presented to the judges. The veterinary judge will check and record the horse's hydration, capillary refill, mucous membranes, gut sounds, behavior and attitude. If the horse is within the parameters, the rider may allow the horse more time to rest or may proceed on the Ride.

C. On a Two-Day competition, horses will be soundness checked following the first day's Ride starting one hour after competition. Except for the provision of food and water, horses are to be left alone between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. A mounted or in-hand morning soundness check will be done before competitors are timed out for the second day's Ride. Horses will be presented for final Vet Check starting one hour after completion of the second day's Ride. A competitor is officially out of competition following this final inspection.

D. Judges should act together and discuss individual horses throughout the course of the Ride. All judges will evaluate all horses on soundness, condition, behavior and attitude. Final decisions should be reached jointly. Judges should not discriminate against any horse due to conformation or type.



SECTION 15

AWARDS

15.1 Trail Ride Awards

Each ride shall have awards for each Division and Level offered. i.e.: Lightweight, Heavyweight and Junior. Ribbons should be awarded to sixth place. Other awards, depending on the wishes of Ride Management **could include** any of the following:

- Grand Champion for the horse with the highest score.
Reserve Champion for the horse with the second highest score.
Best Conditioned for the horse best fit to continue.
High Point Breed Awards □ Purebred Arabian, Partbred Arabian, Quarter Horse, Morgan, Morab, Appaloosa, Gaited Horses, Grade Horse.
Others: Youngest Rider, Oldest Rider, Horsemanship, Hard Luck Awards

In order to break a tie in the placings, the closest optimal finish time will be used. Placings will not be extended beyond 6th place. Ties will eliminate placings, i.e., a tie for first place would eliminate second place.

In the event that an error in the Awards Presentation is discovered, the Ride Management must notify in writing all affected parties (those whose placings are affected) and the BCCTRA Secretary and Awards Chairperson. This notice must be postmarked no later than 5 days from the date of the Ride. No placings will be allowed to be changed after this period.

15.2 Annual Awards

All recipients of perpetual awards must sign for their awards and understand that they are responsible to return the award at the following year's AGM and that in the event that an award is lost, they are responsible to replace it.

A. High-Point Divisional

This award is sponsored by BCCTRA and is awarded to the high point rider in each of the Lightweight, Heavyweight and Junior Divisions (based on a maximum of the top four ride results only). Only BCCTRA Sanctioned Rides will count.

B. High-Point Overall

This award is presented based on the total scores of rides completed throughout the season. Only BCCTRA Sanctioned Rides will count.

C. Mileage Awards

An overall High Mileage award is sponsored by the BCCTRA and is based on the accumulated miles ridden (in one season) by members in BCCTRA sanctioned Competitive Trail Rides. Life time mileage awards are also sponsored by BCCTRA and are based on accumulated miles ridden by members in BCCTRA sanctioned Competitive Trail rides, and approved rides (e.g., schooling rides, pleasure rides). Life time mileage awards are presented for 100, 250, 500, 1000, and 1500 miles and continuing.

D. Annual Breed Awards

BCCTRA Breed Awards in the following breeds are awarded to the High Point horse in each breed category. Calculations are based the same formula used in the High Point Divisional. All horses (except Grade Horses) must be registered to be eligible.

Breeds: Purebred Arabian, Partbred Arabian (Note: must be a registered Half Arabian), Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Morgan, Morab (Note: Morab registered horses must choose between the the Annual Breed Award category of Morab or Partbred Arabian, horse is only eligible for one category and not both.) Gaited Breed (Peruvian Paso, Paso Fino, Tennessee Walker, Fjord, Icelandic, Missouri Fox Trotter) and Grade (any unregistered horse).

15.3 Eligibility

Competitors must be paid up members of BCCTRA. The Ride must be a BCCTRA Sanctioned Ride. Disqualified rides do not count (except where a competitor has completed, but been disqualified for time penalties, in which case mileage only will be recorded).

SECTION 16

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

In the event that a difference occurs between the Ride Management and one or more riders of that Ride regarding the interpretation, application, administration, or any alleged violation of rules, trail conduct, etc., the following procedure shall be applicable to settle the dispute.

16.1 STEP 1

The rider(s)/Ride Management concerned shall first seek to settle the difference in discussion amongst themselves.

16.2 STEP 2

If the difference is not resolved satisfactorily in STEP 1, then it becomes a grievance. The grievance shall then be reduced to writing by the grievor(s).

16.3 The written grievance shall contain the following:

- A. The nature of the grievance, date of occurrence and the circumstance(s) out of which it arose.
- B. The Rule or Rules claimed to have been infringed upon or violated.
- C. The remedy, or correction the Grievance Committee is required to take.
- D. A \$25.00 fee is to accompany the grievance, refundable if the grievance is upheld.

16.4 The written grievance shall be post marked no later than 72 hours from the alleged occurrence. The written grievance shall be mailed to the President of BCCTRA who will, upon receipt of the written grievance, form a Grievance Committee. The Committee shall consist of the President and 2 Zone Directors. None of the Grievance Committee members shall be either of or related to the grieving parties. In the event that the President is one of or related to one of the grieving parties, then the Vice-President shall assume the President's role.

If the written grievance is received post marked more than 72 hours after the date of the alleged occurrence, the written grievance becomes void, and will not be considered. The Grievance Committee shall make known it's decision in writing to the parties concerned

within seven (7) days upon receipt of the written grievance. A majority decision of the Grievance Committee will be binding on both parties.

SECTION 17

RISK MANAGEMENT

Rider is solely responsible to ensure the safe behavior of his or her horse. There will be no judging of a horse if the horse is presented or is behaving in an unsafe manner towards the judge or volunteers. Nor will the rider be permitted to continue in the event.

- Safety decisions rest solely with the Ride Manager unless there is a designated three person Risk Management Committee clearly identified on the day of the Ride.
- Every rider must sign the BCCTRA Code of Conduct declaration form at the time of submitting their Ride entry form.
- In the event that a competitor, spectator, volunteer, horse or horse owner behaves in an unsafe or publicly unacceptable manner, Ride Management, judges or BCCTRA officials have the right to ban the offender and/or their horse from present and future competitions.
- Upon this decision, Ride Management will complete a Safety Report or any Director may prepare a Safety Report on the prescribed form regarding the perceived unsafe actions of a Horse and/or Rider.
- This Safety Report will be presented to a Committee consisting of the President and 2 Area Directors not related to the grieving parties. The Committee will first determine if the Report warrants disciplinary action. Even if the behavior is determined not to require censure, the Report will be sent to the aggrieved party for comment.
- Once feedback is obtained from the aggrieved party, the Committee will make a decision regarding the censure and/or length of ban of rider or horse and shall promptly notify the aggrieved party of the results of the decision.
- Any person/s who is suing BCCTRA be temporarily suspended from entry into BCCTRA events until such times as the suit is resolved.

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