



British Columbia Competitive Trail Riders Association

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

For the 2010 Canadian Competitive Trail Riding Championships

The 2010 Canadian Championship will be held June 30 to July 5, 2010. Hosted by OCTRA, the event will be held at Coates Creek Farm, New Lowell, Ontario. This is a bi-annual competition bringing together provincial teams from across Canada for long distance riding events. Provincial riding teams are made up of 3 horses, their riders and the team captain or Chef D'equipe. The preliminary schedule includes:



Saturday, July 3rd, 2010 - First day CTR and one day CTR
Sunday, July 4th, 2010 - Second day CTR & Closing Ceremonies

BCCTRA is seeking applications from members to represent British Columbia in the Nationals competition. This document outlines the selection process for those interested in competition.

GENERAL SELECTION PROCESS:

1) Any person who wishes to ride as part of the B.C. Team must be a BCCTRA member for the year of the National Ride and also the preceding years of 2008 and 2009.

Rationale- Team members should be ongoing members of the BCCTRA, which indicates their interest and dedication to the association and the sport. In addition, they will be familiar with the rules and objectives.

2) A rider nominates a horse for the short list. Ranking on the short list will be based only on the horse's performance.

3) A rider may nominate a second horse who has demonstrated fine performance in CTR.

Rationale- if a rider's first horse has an accident, he/she could choose to ride the second horse. Also, if a rider cannot compete, another rider could be substituted.

4) It is assumed that the person who nominates the horse is the person who wishes to ride that horse in the Nationals. However, rider substitution must be made in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe.¹

Rationale- a rider could become injured and is unable to ride a short-listed horse. By substituting another rider, the qualified horse can still go on to compete for the team.

¹ The Chef d'Equipe is the "captain" of the National Team and oversees the competition, team members and performance of the BC Team.

5) BCCTRA will only send a team if there are enough horse and riders (minimum 3) qualified to meet the Team Selection Criteria. Teams can be comprised of up to four horses.

- Minimum qualifications, horses must show evidence that they are competing in level 3 CTR's (this can include completed 50 mile Endurance rides). All this being equal, multi-day CTRs will take preference.

Rationale- the BCCTRA is only interested in selecting the top level CTR horse and riders to represent the association at the Nationals. There will be no "send whoever wants to go" attitude during selection.

6) Riders must submit an application to the team selection committee chairperson highlighting the competitive trail rides that they and their horse have successfully completed in 2008 and 2009 (with a non refundable nomination fee of \$50.00). Team selection will be based on the overall past performance of the horses based on vet scores, level of competition and mileage. All else being equal with horses vet scores, preference will go towards the riders and their horses that have successfully completed the most Level 3 CTRs in 2008 and 2009. For each competition, riders must list the level entered, mileage completed, and their horse's vet score.

Due date for applications: February 15, 2010.

Rationale- riders and their horses are nominating themselves to represent the BCCTRA at a two-day Level Three (type) National Competitive Trail Riding Championships. Completion of Level One and Level Two CTRs would not be sufficient enough training for the National Championships. The \$50.00 fee covers cost incurred by the Team Selection Committee for processing, applications, i.e. conference calls and meetings additionally, it is thought the nomination fee will demonstrate sincere commitment from the applicant.

Note: Applicants can only apply to the BCCTRA National team. Applicants cannot concurrently apply to the National Endurance Team and/or Ride and Tie. Successful BCCTRA National Team members are only permitted to participate in the CTR at the National competition.

8) Riders are welcomed to attach copies of their Vet Cards with their application.

Rationale- Vet Cards give more details regarding the horse's health during a competition.

9) Riders must be a current member of CaLRA to compete in the Nationals. Riders must familiarize themselves with the new CaLRA rules and regulations.

BCCTRA TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA:

INITIAL SELECTION OF THE BCCTRA TEAM:

1) The Team Selection Committee will choose the BCCTRA Shortlisted Team (of 3 horses and riders) to compete in the Nationals by **March 15, 2010**. In addition, and if possible, 2 alternate horses and riders will also be selected and considered part of the team up to the start of the National Event.

Rationale – Better team morale, alternates know they are the backup support and will either be riding on the BC Team or in the Open Division. In addition this builds a stronger team with the best horse(s) and riders representing BCCTRA and a built in pool of riders and horses in case of injury or accident prior to the National Championships.

FINAL SELECTION OF THE BCCTRA TEAM:

- 1) This will be done after the pre-vetting at the National ride.
- 2) The Chef d'Equipe will discuss impressions, observations and any concerns with the riders on the initial shortlisted team and seek their input, after the pre-vetting.
- 3) The Chef d'Equipe will then choose the final BCCTRA team of three horses and riders to compete in the Nationals based on the results of the pre-vetting and the initial selection team rankings.

Rationale – BCCTRA is interested in having its top horse and rider teams compete for the BC team. As horse performance can vary due to travel and training, the final team will be selected on site, after vetting to ensure that the most fit, sound and conditioned horses ride for the BC team. Horses that do not make the final team are still able to compete as independent competitors at Nationals and are expected to support the final BC team and endorse the decisions of the Chef d-Equipe.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAM MEMBERS:

- 1) To keep the Chef d'Equipe up-to-date on the results of competitions during the 2010 season prior to Nationals.

Rationale- the Chef d'Equipe needs a "full picture" of the horse's progress, strengths and weaknesses.

- 2) To keep the Chef d'Equipe informed of all health problems or issues for the horses on the team.
- 3) To keep the Chefd'Equipe fully informed of all medications and supplements used by horses prior and during the Nationals.

Rationale: Riders should be aware that there is random drug testing of horses at the Nationals.

- 4) Members of the 2010 Team must participate in Team Meetings and or organized training as decided by team members and the Chef d'Equipe. This could include, but is not limited to, conference calls, workshops or training sessions.

- 5) The National Team members are expected to exemplify the following attributes of sportsmanship:

- Following the rules of competition (CaLDRA rules apply)
- Demonstrating respect for all competitors, officials, team members, and members of the public (e.g., volunteers and on-lookers)
- Accepting attitude of the limitations, rulings or errors that may occur before or during a competition/ride reflecting calmness and maturity
- Demonstrating positive and enthusiastic support for their fellow members on the team
- Graciousness and humility regardless of final scores in competitions
- Striving for personal and team 'best efforts'
- Valuing the teams' best interests first and foremost

- 6) Team Members who fail to participate in organized activities or demonstrate unsportsman-like behaviour may be removed from the Team by the Chefd'Equipe and an alternate will take that place.

7) In the event that there is a complaint as noted in (6) above, the following process will be utilized:

- a. If a complaint is received by the Chef d'Equipe, they will advise the Team Selection Committee and the BCCTRA President within two calendar days.
- b. The Chef d'Equipe will organize and chair a Phase One meeting and/or conference call to review the complaint with the Team Selection Committee and the President of the BCCTRA (or the Vice President if the President is unavailable) within five calendar days.
- c. If warranted based on the Phase One meeting, The Chef d'Equipe will organize and chair a Phase Two meeting of the BCCTRA President, and the team member. This is a meeting to gain further information and provide a forum for clarification, and a venue for the team member to share their perspectives.
- d. After consultation with the BCCTRA President, the Chef d'Equipe will make the decision on any action including and up to removal of the member from the team. Communication to the team member of the outcome of the review will be provided within two days.

8) Mentor successive nominees for future nationals. Members of the team are expected to continue in their roles as members of the BC National Team until the following National Team is selected. In this role they will provide support and mentorship to the new National Team

Rational – with each successive team we can build on our learning's which will strengthen the team(s) in the future.

9) Team Members will participate in any active Fundraising for the National Team. Any sponsorship of either funds or gifts must be for the entire BC National Team and not one individual horse or rider.

Rationale: Team moral and support, all members of the team will contribute equally to the financial costs of the event.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

- ___ Have completed several Level 3 rides in the past two years
- ___ Hold current BCCTRA membership, and prior membership in 2008 and 2009
- ___ Be familiar with the CaLRA rules (available on their website)
- ___ Be familiar with the responsibilities and expectation of team members and commit to undertaking these on successful application
- ___ Complete the application form as found on the BCCTRA website and send them to the BCCTRA President Tammy Knutson.
- ___ Provide copies of Vet Checks with application (optional)
- ___ Submit \$50.00 cheque payable to the BCCTRA along with application by February 15, 2010