Competitive Trail Event
Sanctioning Procedure and Form

**Purpose:** This procedure provides guidance for the National Walking Horse Association (NWHA) to sanction competitive trail challenges.

**Scope:** This procedure applies to any NWHA member(s) who wish to sanction a Competitive Trail Competition or endurance ride.

**Responsibilities:**

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<td>Director</td>
<td>Directors assure that the rules for the trail competitions are in place and meet the needs of the membership and the ride hosts.</td>
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<td>Dir of Operations</td>
<td>Provides a venue for formal recognition of the rides. Provides forms, maintains and files copies. Assures that information is provided on the website.</td>
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<td>Trail Committee</td>
<td>Solicits trail competition hosts. Provides information to NWHA membership about ride opportunities and promotes ride opportunities.</td>
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**Procedure:**

1. The competitive trail event organizer will complete a “Sanctioned Competitive Trail Recognition Form” and submit it to the corporate office either electronically or on paper (mail, fax) along with the current fee noted on the application.

2. The Director of Operations will affirm that the form is received.

3. The Director of Operations will add the event date, time and location to the NWHA calendar so that it appears on the website.

4. If the event organizer wishes, they may write a short course description to be posted on the web site along with the date and time.

**Rules:**

1. Competitive Trail Competitions covering a set mileage must be a minimum of three miles and contain a minimum of three obstacles

2. Endurance rides must be a minimum of 25 miles.
3. Stadium obstacle courses and trail obstacle classes at horse shows must have at least 6 obstacles.
4. Contact information for the ride coordinator must be included in the horse’s log book.

Sanctioned Competitive Trail Event Recognition Form

Trail Ride Name:___________________________ Date:________________________
Location:________________________________________________________________
Organizer:________________________________________________________________
Contact Information:
Host:______________________________________________________________________
Host phone number:_______________________ Email:__________________________
Back up ride host:__________________________________________________________
Back up ride host phone number______________ Email:________________________
Organizer Email:__________________________________________________________

Enclose $25 sanctioning fee with this form or complete via the NWHA shop at www.nwha.com

Brief description of trail ride for web site (Maximum 100 words):
Ride Host affirms that the below requirements for sanctioning are complete, planned for, compliant or will be provided the day of the event:

1. Ride must be in compliance with the Equine Activities Liability Law of the state in which the ride occurs.

2. Reliable emergency communication should be available

3. A first aid kit will be available on the trails

4. Minor children require an adult accompaniment

5. Minor children will wear ASTM F1163-04a/SEI certified riding helmets

6. Ride hosts or trail boss will be familiar with the ride location and will have conducted a safety inspection prior to start of ride.

7. Any ride flyers or websites will have this statement added to it: NWHA sanctions trail rides for the sole purpose of allowing NWHA Trail Points to be doubled on sanctioned rides. NWHA is not responsible for specific activities, risks or accidents that may occur as a result of equine related activities.

Submit form and fees to:

National Walking Horse Association
P.O. Box 7111
Jacksonville, NC 28540