



Competitive Trail Event

Sanctioning Procedure and Form

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

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

Responsibilities:

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

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 NWHHA 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 NWAH 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: NWHHA sanctions trail rides for the sole purpose of allowing NWHHA Trail Points to be doubled on sanctioned rides. NWHHA 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

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