

2017 CHESHIRE TRAIL RIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Open to all equine at least FORTY EIGHT months of age.
 2. Use of blankets, grooming tools, etc. is permitted, but Salves, liniments, salt on back, compresses and bandages are forbidden. Hosing is not permitted and artificially heated or cooled water may not be used.
 3. POSITIVELY NO DRUGS, MEDICINES OR STIMULANTS MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY INJECTION OR INGESTION BEFORE AND DURING THE RIDE. If any traces of drugs are found on any horse, THAT HORSE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, for this horse's true physical condition could not be judged in fair competition. External medication may be used but only with judge's knowledge and permission.
 4. A veterinarian will be on call on the day of the ride. Any medication of horses by either the veterinarian on call or a local veterinarian will be at the owner's or rider's expense.
 5. We will attempt to have a farrier on call and on the grounds prior to the ride and during the P&R break. Any farrier work requested will be at owner's or rider's expense.
 6. Unshod horses may be entered but may be disqualified at judge's discretion. Pads and easy boots are permitted; however, bell boots and protective leg coverings are prohibited.
 7. No horses that are blind in both eyes may be entered.
 8. Horses showing evidence of contagious disease will be ineligible to compete and shall be removed immediately from the grounds.
 9. Vetting in of horses will be 4:00 PM to 7:00Pm Saturday Apr 29, 2017 and 5:30AM to 8:00AM Sunday Apr 30, 2017.
 10. All horses will be examined at the preliminary inspection. All faults, blemishes, or unsoundness noted by the judge or claimed by the contestant, allowed by the judge at this time shall be entered in the records of the recorders. It is to the rider's advantage to claim unsoundness or blemishes at the pre-ride inspection.
 11. Upon completion of pre-ride vet check, horses do not have to remain in the general area. Each rider may mount and warm up thirty minutes prior to his/her start time.
 12. Dogs must be tied or on a leash.
 13. Participants in all divisions must finish the 26 miles in a minimum of 4 hours 20 minutes and a maximum of 4 hours 50 minutes, including a mandatory 30 minute hold at the midpoint vet check. A penalty of one point per minute or fraction thereof over within 30 minutes over the maximum or within 30 minutes under the minimum will be made. Horses finishing more than one-half hour late or more than one-half hour early will be disqualified.
 14. Riders under the age of 14 MUST be accompanied continuously on the trail by an adult who will assume full responsibility.
 15. A red ribbon shall be worn on the tail of known kickers.
 16. Horses will be checked at several random points during the ride. The judges have the authority to withdraw any horse at the pre-ride check or if its well-being becomes endangered during the ride. All riders in sight of a vet check MUST proceed forward.
 17. Riders must remain in the saddle while horse is moving over the course, but may dismount and rest self or horse, provided he/she does not advance forward.
 18. Riders who leave the trail intentionally or otherwise must return to that same point to continue the ride.
 19. Mileage markers will be placed every five miles and every mile for the last five miles to assist the timing.
 20. NO SMOKING OR LITTERING ALLOWED ON THE TRAIL. ALL LITTER AND MANURE MUST BE REMOVED WHEN YOU LEAVE THE RIDE GROUNDS.
 21. Rider is responsible for knowledge of all rules. Judges and management have full power to decide on questions in connection with the ride. EXTRA rules will be enforced.
 22. At the completion of the ride, all riders are to sign up for and complete the final vet check to get a completion award.
- PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR IS REQUIRED BY EXTRA