

YOSEMITE GOLD CUP ENTRY FORM & RELEASE

Rider # _____

Trailer / Rig Length _____ feet

Rider Name _____ WEIGHT DIV: F _____ L _____ M _____ H _____
(Featherweight 160 lbs or less, Lightweight 161-185 lbs, Middleweight 186-210 lbs, Heavyweight >211 lbs)

AERC Junior?: _____ FEI Young Rider? _____ Age? _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Sponsor Name _____

AERC # _____ USEF # _____ FEI # _____

FEI Non US Citizen? Country and Federation # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ email _____ @ _____

Horse Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Color _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ AERC# _____ USEF# _____ FEI# _____ AHA# _____

Horse Owner, if not the rider _____ AERC# _____

RIDES ENTERED & FEES

<i>FUN RIDE</i> _____	LIMITED TO 15 RIDERS	\$ 65	\$ _____
<i>AERC 25</i> _____		\$115	\$ _____
<i>AERC 50</i> _____	<i>FEI 50</i> _____	\$135	\$ _____
<i>AERC 75</i> _____	<i>FEI 75</i> _____	\$175	\$ _____
<i>AERC 100</i> _____	<i>FEI 100</i> _____	\$200	\$ _____

******* FEI ENTRY FEES *******

<i>USEF HI PERFORMANCE/FEI DRUG FEE-All FEI distances</i>	\$ 63	\$ _____
<i>FEI Entry Fee-all FEI distances</i>	\$350	\$ _____
<i>FEI YR Discount- \$50</i>		\$ _____(_____)_____ minus
<i>Non AERC Member ADD</i>	\$ 15	\$ _____
<i>CA Drug Test Fee-all entries</i>	\$ 5	\$ _____ 5.00

Extra **FRIDAY** Banquet (included in entry fee for rider)

	\$ 22	# _____	<i>Vegetarian #</i> _____	\$ _____
SATURDAY Dinner	\$ 15	# _____	<i>Vegetarian #</i> _____	\$ _____
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY Breakfast	\$ 10	# _____		\$ _____
<i>Ride Manager in 2012? - Discount \$25</i>				\$ _____(_____)_____ minus
<i>AERC Junior/FEI YR - Discount \$25</i>				\$ _____(_____)_____ minus
<i>Late Fee per entry (After 04/10/12)</i>	\$ 50			\$ _____
<i>Camping/stabling Fee: 1-7 days inclusive, PER RIG</i>	\$ 25			\$ _____
<i>Bunk rental in Cabin excluding bedding \$46/night</i>			<i>Nights #</i> _____	\$ _____
<i>PayPal credit card processing fee</i>	\$ 15			\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **Alexandra North**, and mail with entries to: **7567 Hamilton Station Loop, Groveland, CA 95321**

REFUNDS: Cancellations before 04/10/12 will receive full refund. Cancellations after 04/10/12 will receive a refund minus a \$30 administration fee. **NO REFUNDS FOR NO SHOWS.** If your horse fails the initial vet check, refund equals full amount less \$30 administration fee. No entries will be accepted after midnight on 4/19/12. **This is a rain, snow, or shine ride. NO REFUNDS will be issued if you choose not to ride in bad weather.**

Rider Declaration of FEI Eligibility (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

I, _____, am entering the (choose one) 1* (80 km)___, 2* (120 km)___, or 3*** (160 km)___ at the (Name of Competition) _____

I understand that I and my horse(s) must meet the qualifications as stated in article 816 of the FEI Rules for Endurance Events 7th Edition, effective 1st January, 2009 as well as the Transitional Procedures for Endurance 2008-2009 posted on the USEF website <http://www.usef.org>. I hereby declare that I am qualified to enter the above competition and distance and I provide the following list of AERC and/or FEI competitions as proof. If you were entered in the FEI division check "Y".

Rider Name: _____ **Rider FEI #** _____

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Horse Name: _____ **Horse FEI#:** _____

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

Horse Name: _____ **Horse FEI#:** _____

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Ride: _____ Date: _____ Distance: ___ Time: _____ FEI:___ (Y)

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If this information is inaccurate, I understand that I may be responsible for fines imposed by the FEI and/or lose my classification in the event.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

THIS IS A RELEASE. IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

I, _____, in consideration of the acceptance of this entry hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride. I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride. I am aware that participating in these events involves the risk of injury to my person and property, involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate, that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I voluntarily accept all risk of personal injury (including death), and property damage arising from my attendance and participation in these events. As lawful consideration for being permitted to participate in these events, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns will not make a claim against or sue the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride, its employees, officers, directors, members, agents, or affiliated entities for any injury or damage arising from the negligence of other acts, however caused, of the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride, its employees, officers, directors, members, agents, contractors, guests, invitees, and affiliated entities from all actions, claims or demands, that from my participating in the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride. I agree that this release includes injury or damage caused in whole or in part by negligence, active or passive, of the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride and its member, employees, landowners, agents, and contracting parties. I have carefully read this agreement. I understand that it is a complete release of liability and promise not to sue or make a claim. I am aware that it is a contract between me and the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride.

Date: _____ Signature _____
(If a minor, under the age of 18, parent(s) must sign below)

Initial ____****I hereby certify that all applicable AERC, USEF, and FEI horse and rider memberships are up to date and correct. I understand that if any of the afore mentioned records are not correct, or up to date, or if the horse, or rider is not eligible for the competition entered, Ride Management, **is not** responsible in any manner and that the horse or rider may be disqualified and may not receive credit for completion. I understand I will not receive a refund for my entry fees if disqualification occurs.

Initial ____ I have read Rule 12 and Rule 13 and understand them.

Junior Indemnity Agreement and Release

I, _____ am the parent or legal guardian of the following minor(s) who will be participating in the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride: _____. I am aware that participating in these events involves the risk of injury (or death) to person or property of these minors. I agree to maintain adequate insurance coverage for them. As Lawful Consideration for the participation of these minors in this event, I hereby agree that I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride, and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, guests, invites, and contracting parties from any claim, demand, complaint or cause of action asserted by or on behalf of any of the minors for personal injury or property damage, however caused. This agreement extends to injuries to the minor caused in whole or in part by the negligence, active or passive of the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride, and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, guests, invitees, or contracting parties. All juniors under the age of 16 must be sponsored and stay with their sponsors due to insurance and the hazardous nature of the trail. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Date: _____ Signature _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Sponsor's Name _____ I have carefully read this agreement. I understand that it is a binding contract between the Yosemite Gold Cup FEI Endurance Ride, and me, and that it requires me to indemnify these entities against claims for injuries to the minor(s) listed above.

Date: _____ Signature _____
(Sponsor)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Numbers () _____ () _____

Federation Entry Agreement

(FEI Riders Only)

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulteur or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of Yosemite Gold Cup. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:

I AGREE that "the Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulteur, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").

I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and, if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank.

Rider/Driver/Handler/Exhibitor	Owner/Agent	Trainer	Coach
Vaulteur/Longeur (mandatory)	(mandatory)	(mandatory)	(if applicable)
Signature: _____	Signature: _____	Signature: _____	Signature: _____

Print Name: _____	Print Name: _____	Print Name: _____	Print Name: _____
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Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur a U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Yosemite Gold Cup
Fun Ride, 25, 50, 75, 100 Mile Ride
April 21, 2012
Ride Rules

1. This ride should be FUN. Please enjoy, the camp, the food, the trail and riding with your friends.
2. All Dogs **MUST** be on a Leash **AT ALL TIMES**, attached to a responsible adult, and are **NOT** Allowed in the Vetting Area, or on Tuolumne Trails property. This includes volunteers, staff and vets. **NO EXCEPTIONS. \$50 FINE FOR LOOSE DOGS.** This rule will be enforced.
3. For AERC only, on the day of the event, horses must be at least 48 months old for the 25 miler and at least five (5) years old for the 50, 75 AND 100 milers. For FEI only, on the day of the event, horses must be at least 72 months old for the 50 and 75 miler, and at least 84 months for the 100 miler. The mandatory rest period for FEI horses will be enforced.
4. Mares in foal will not be permitted.
5. All horses **must** be shod, or use hoof protection. No exceptions.
6. Abuse of the horse and the use of stimulants, or pain killers are prohibited. ALL horses are subject to urine and/or blood tests.
7. JUNIOR RULING: A JUNIOR is a rider under the age of 16 as of December 1st, 2011, and **MUST** be accompanied by a competent adult sponsor and finish within ONE MINUTE of that sponsor. A Junior **MUST** wear an approved EQUESTRIAN riding helmet. (Bicycle helmets **DO NOT QUALIFY**).
8. The same horse and rider must pass all control points and stay on the marked trail. If entered in the FEI portion of the ride, you must be mounted at the start and the finish of the ride.
9. **THERE WILL BE NO TIES.**
10. Horses must stand all Vet Inspections, and the opinions of the Veterinarians are final.
11. Failure to start at the designated time will disqualify the horse and rider. You must start your ride no later than 15 minutes after the trail is open.
12. The ride must be completed in: 4.5 hours for the Fun Ride, 6 hours for the 25 miler, 12 hours for the 50 miler, 18 hours for the 75 miler, 24 hours for the 100 miler. **CUTOFF TIMES WILL BE IN PLACE FOR THE 100 MILER. THE 100 MILE TRAIL IS DESIGNED FOR RIDERS TO MOVE OUT. DUE TO CLIMATE AND OTHER FOREST CONDITIONS DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR, IF YOU ARE A "FINISH IS TO WIN" RIDER AND LIKE TO BE OUT ON THE TRAIL FOR MOST OF A 24 HOUR PERIOD, WE APPLAUD YOU, BUT THIS IS PROBABLY NOT THE 100 MILE RIDE FOR YOU. PLEASE CONSIDER A SHORTER DISTANCE, OR A DIFFERENT 100 MILE RIDE.**
13. **THIS IS A NO SMOKING RIDE. DUE TO THE LACK OF RAIN AND EXTREME FIRE DANGER. SMOKING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ANYWHERE** EXCEPT INSIDE YOUR RIG, OR STANDING ON A PAVED ROAD. THIS INCLUDES RIDE CAMP, ALL VET CHECKS, THE TRAIL AND THE TUOLUMNE TRAILS PROPERTY. This rule will be enforced by the ride officials and the U.S. Forest Service. IF A RIDER, OR FAMILY AND CREW ARE SEEN SMOKING IN AN AREA NOT SPECIFICALLY ALLOWED, THE RIDER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY.
14. The maximum recovery pulse at all vet checks/gates is 64 beats per minute, EXCEPT the FUN RIDE and the LD (25 mile ride) which are 60 beats per minute at each vet check/gate. The maximum time to meet the **final** pulse rate criterion after an equine crosses the finish line shall be 30 minutes in all divisions/distances. If the equine fails to meet criterion in 30 minutes after crossing the finish line, it will be disqualified.

15. Each rider must have a record of their IN and OUT times at all control points. The responsibility for recording IN and OUT times rests with the rider.
16. Horses MUST be kept under control at all times. Any horse endangering horses, riders, or anyone along the trail is subject to immediate disqualification. Please put a red ribbon in the horse's tail if it is known to kick.
17. All horses, with the entered rider, must finish the ride at the designated finish line and present their horse for post ride examination in order to receive an award.
18. UNSPORTSMANLIKE conduct to either riders, or horses, or ride personnel will result in disqualification.
19. All decisions made by Ride Management are FINAL.
20. AERC will record points and mileage for AERC members as described in the current rule book.
21. ONLY Competing horses will be allowed on the trail during the ride. (i.e. NO Pace Horses)
22. In the Limited Distance ride (25 Miler) A Horse Excellence Award will be awarded. **Remember the LD (25 mile) horses complete the ride when they meet the AERC finishing criteria of 60 heart beats per minute, not in the order they cross the finish line.** So don't race your horses into the finish. The fun ride will be conducted under the same AERC rules as the LD with the exception of the total tie allowed to complete the Fun Ride.
23. Ride check-in will be in one of the buildings at the Tuolumne Trails Camp. Please do not bring your horse with you to the check- in area.
24. **FEI vetting will start at 9:00 am Friday morning. ALL FEI HORSES MUST BE VETTED BY NOON ON FRIDAY.** AERC vetting starts at 1:00 on Friday and needs to be completed by 4 pm on Friday.
25. All FEI entries must be in our hands by 4/17/12 to give us time to check your paperwork. No FEI entries after 4/17/12.
26. **For the 75 and 100 mile riders, your packets will contain two red glow sticks that we request you attach to the breast collar of your horse for this ride. You will be asked to snap/activate those glow sticks when leaving a vet check at dusk.**
27. A violation of any of the rules may subject the horse and rider to immediate disqualification.

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Yosemite Gold Cup

Fun Ride, 25, 50, 75, 100 Mile Ride

April 21, 2012

About the ride: This ride is being produced in conjunction with Southern California Equestrian Sports, www.scesports.org, a 501c(3) public charity. As in... Not For Profit. Proceeds from the raffle and ride go to support international equestrians. Our goal for this event is to promote Agri-tourism in our area, introduce some exciting new ideas to our sport, see some beautiful country from the back of your horse, and for everyone to have as much fun as possible. Riders new to the sport will be able to rub shoulders with some of the veteran international riders that they all read about in Endurance News and on the internet. Take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions and learn.

An Asgard Arabian gelding started at the Clinton Anderson Academy is being raffled off to support the ride. There will be a second and third raffle prize as well. See the Raffle tab on the ride website, www.yosemitgoldcup.com. A minimum of 75 tickets must be sold, otherwise, ticket money will be refunded. The winning tickets will be drawn during the April 20, 2012, Friday evening banquet. We urge you to stay overnight on Saturday, since the camping fee is the same regardless if you stay one night, or seven. Showers are available to everyone in the cabin area of Tuolumne Trails. Bunks are available to rent in the community style cabins for \$46 per night. There are eight bunks per cabin, a toilet and sink. You will need to bring your own bedding and showers are located in a separate building.

Dinners/Breakfast: The Main banquet/party will be **FRIDAY NIGHT**, starting at 5:00 pm. It will be a nice sit-down steak meal, (vegetarian available upon request) in the main dining hall of Tuolumne Trails Camp. There will be a no host bar available and dinner tickets will be supplied for all ENTERED riders. Additional banquet tickets are available for purchase in advance for \$22. Dinner tickets at the door will cost \$32. **SATURDAY NIGHT:** Dinner will be something interesting like Elk stew and start being served at 6:00 pm with awards for the Fun Ride, 25 and 50 mile events to follow. Dinner tickets are available for purchase in advance for \$15. Dinner tickets at the door will cost \$25.

Breakfast: Will be available Friday-Sunday morning being served from 8-10:30 am EXCEPT Saturday morning (ride day), when it will be available from 5 am to 8 am. Breakfast tickets are available for purchase in advance for \$10 or \$15 at the door.

Camp Information: Camping and stabling for horses is located in the vacant lot, 100 yards away from the entrance to Tuolumne Trails Camp, (22988 Ferretti Road, Groveland, CA, 95321) across Ferretti Road. The vet in area is about 1/8 of a mile away on the Tuolumne Trails camp property. Parking will be tight so high ties and SMALL portable pens are the order of the day. The camping fee is \$25 PER RIG. If you arrive with a separate motor home from your truck and trailer, there will be a \$25 fee for that rig. There will not be enough space for 1/2 acre electric tape pens. There will be designated AERC and FEI areas and there will be a volunteer to direct you to a parking slot. Please do not set up camp without receiving instructions as you may be asked to move. We encourage you to take advantage of the inexpensive camping fee and to arrive early to take time to visit Yosemite National Park and the historic towns of Columbia and Jamestown with your family. If you intend to arrive before Thursday, please let us know. Ridecamp is approximately 20 miles from the Big Oak Flat entrance to Yosemite. It can get cold at night, heck it can even snow. We advise you to bring a blanket for your horse.

There are a very limited number of stalls (6) available to rent at the Yosemite Rose Bed and Breakfast next door to the base camp. You **must** stay at the bed and breakfast in order to be able to rent a stall. Do not try to talk them into just renting you a stall. To check availability at the bed and breakfast visit their website at www.yosemiterose.com. Diesel is available within 8-10 miles of camp. The grocery store in Groveland is 7.2 miles from camp.

Course: The ride is on Stanislaus National Forest Road, old Logging trails and private property sections that usually no one gets to ride on. A lot of effort has gone into making this a nice trail and gathering private property owners together for permission to cross their land. Please be respectful of the land and do not go cross country if you have missed a turn in the marked trail. Go back to where you made your mistake. If you have ridden the Buck Meadows Boogie ride prior to 2011, this IS NOT the same trail. If you rode the ride on 4/9/2011, specifically, then parts of the trail will be familiar. Stay on the trail at all times as there are sections that have old wire fencing along side. This is a MULTI USE FOREST so there may be ATV's, or other vehicles using the roads. This is a moderate, rolling course with areas of flat trail to move out. Footing is good with areas of rock. Depending on rainfall, or lack thereof, there will be several stream crossings. Make sure your horse will cross water. There are two OUT Vet Check locations that the longer distances may pass through several times. Distances less than 75 miles will have ONE Out Vet check. Hay, carrots and horse water will be provided at vet checks. Ride management will provide a trailer to haul crew bags to the out vet checks. Longer distance riders will be asked to label their crew bags for particular check points. All out vet checks are located in a "holler" (if you're from the south) and hollow/valley for the rest of us, so bring a sheet, or cooler to keep your horse warm. Ride Start is 5:30 am for the 75's and 100's, 6:30 am for the 50's, 7am for the 25's, and 10 am for the Fun Ride. This is subject to change due to climate, other forest conditions, or ride management couldn't get out of bed that morning. There will be water troughs on the trail for horses; the Forest Service has asked us not to water in Moore Creek except where the trail crosses it. There will be hay and carrots at the Vet check. Spotters may be at some turns in the trail. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE RIDER MEETING AT 5 pm FRIDAY FOR LAST MINUTE COURSE DETAILS!!!! There are several road/pavement crossings across Hwy 120 and Ferretti Road.

Awards: Awards for the Fun Ride, the 25 and 50 mile distances will be presented during the Saturday night dinner. Awards for the 75 and 100 mile distances will be presented Sunday morning during breakfast. Best Condition judging for the 75 and 100 mile distances will start at 7:00 am on Sunday. **Every rider who completes their ride will receive a completion award.** There will be an award for Best Condition in the 50, 75 and 100 mile distances. A Horse Excellence award will be given to one horse that the vets determine meets that criteria in the Fun Ride and 25 mile ride.

CASH PRIZES IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE AWARDS: There will be cash prizes awarded in a similar format to barrel racing called a "D" format. Barrel racing works like this: In a 3D or 4D barrel race, the racing associations split the times of all the clean runs into divisions. The winner of the First Division, or the 1D, is the rider with the fastest time. The winner of the Second Division, or the 2D, is the rider who ran a 1/2 second slower than the fastest rider's time. The winner of the Third Division, or the 3D, is the rider who ran one second slower than the fastest rider's time, while the winner of the Fourth Division, or the 4D, is the rider whose time was two seconds slower than the fastest rider's time. You can either win money by luck or skill. It's luck when you know you don't have the fastest time, but place in the 2D, 3D or 4D. It's skill when you're one of the fastest riders in the race and place in the First Division. When you fall in the "crack," that means you fell out of the pot of money or out of the paid placings. Most barrel races, depending on their size, only pay out a certain number of places in each Division. You might have the fifth-fastest time at the barrel race, but if they are only paying out four places in each division, you'll fall in the "cracks." Since you won't know what the fastest time will be at a race until all the riders have taken their turn, you're encouraged to run your best every time.

How this format will be applied to the Yosemite Gold Cup Ride:

1. We will be running a 3D, with a 3 placings format, for this ride for each distance excluding the Fun Ride, which will have a 3D with single placings. That means there are NINE opportunities to win money in each distance excluding the Fun Ride (total of 3 cash awards for the Fun Ride).
2. Since our endurance events are much longer than barrel racing, we will be adding Minutes, not seconds to the first place rider to come up with the winning times for 2D and 3D divisions.
3. The number of minutes we decide to add to the first place rider's time will be announced at the start of each event.
4. There must be at least 15 entries in a distance in order for 3 divisions (nine payouts) to be paid out. For distances with less than 15 entries, 3 places will be paid based on the formula listed above.

Unless you're in the top three for your distance entered, or you have a cell phone that actually works in this area so you can call ahead to find out the winning time ahead of you, skill and LUCK will somewhat play a role in whether or not you fall into the 2D or 3D divisions for cash payouts. With this system, the last three horses that come in a particular distance could conceivably get a cash award. The system is designed to reward the first place horses while making money available for the middle of the pack horses.

If you're a strategist, you might look at last year's results for the Buck Meadows Boogie ride on 4/9/11 ONLY, for the distance you're interested in to see the finishing times. Look at who is entered for this year and determine if you think they might win and what the time might be. You might even ask your projected winner what their ride time is going to be. They may or may not tell you, however. The number of Minutes that will be added to the first place rider for each distance will be announced at the start of each ride. Add that number to what your projected winner's time might be and that will be your ride time to come close to winning a pot in either the 2D or 3D division. Now you have something to calculate while you're in the saddle to figure where you need to come in, if not positions 1-3, in order to get "lucky" to place in one of the other divisions. EXAMPLE: The winning rider in the 50 mile distance crosses the finish line at 1:03 pm. We have announced that the added minutes for the 50 mile distance for the 2D is 68 minutes and for the 3D is 122 minutes. The winning rider in the 2D, 50 mile distance, will be the one that crosses the finish line at 2:11 pm. The next two horses across the finish line behind that horse will be 2nd and 3rd in the 2D pot. The winning rider in the 3D, 50 mile distance, will be the one that crosses the finish line at 3:05 pm. The next two horses across the finish line behind the winning 3D horse will be 2nd and 3rd in the 3D pot.

Depending on the number of entries, we will most likely award "added money" for the FEI riders placing 1-5 in each distance.

Now before you all flood me with emails about "how much will be in each pot," the answer is, that will depend on the number of entries, so ride the ride for the fun of it. Or.... "The AERC doesn't allow awarding cash prize money," the answer is, yes it does, read the rules.

Directions to Camp: Camp is located about 8 miles east of Groveland CA off Highway 120. From Oakdale take 120 east 26 miles. Turn Right at Yosemite Junction, following the signs to Yosemite until you reach the town of Groveland. From Groveland travel 7.2 miles on Hwy 120 towards Yosemite. Turn left on Ferretti Road. Travel 2.5 miles on Ferretti Road PAST the entrance to Tuolumne Trails Camp on the right, SLOW DOWN watch for the vacant land/lot on the left side of Ferretti Road. Turn left into the first opening in the fence. There will be a ONE WAY dirt track through the vacant lot. If you pass the entrance and have a large rig it will be difficult to get turned around.

Directions (cont.)

DO NOT enter the vacant lot from the second driveway if you missed your turn. You will need to turn around and enter the first driveway. There will be parking attendants and assigned spots based on rig size. Do not just pull in and set up camp. Camp will open on Thursday. If you are arriving sooner, please make arrangements with us for that.

Veterinary Inspection: The head veterinarian is Mike Tomlinson, DVM. The Foreign Veterinarian is Thomas Timmons, DVM. The associate veterinarians are Ann Stuart, DVM, Mike Foss, DVM, Henk Basson, DVM from South Africa, Gerhard Van Der Westhuizen, DVM from South Africa and Melissa Ribley, DVM. There will be several apprentice veterinarians working the ride to gain their FEI credentials. The treatment veterinarian will be Langdon Fielding, DVM. FEI: Veterinary inspection will be held at Ride Camp between 9am and Noon on Friday, April 20, 2012. Vetting for non-FEI horses will start at 1pm on Friday April 20, 2012 and will finish by 4pm. There will be a Pre-Ride Meeting starting sometime after dinner, (5 pm) is served in the Tuolumne Trails dining room. All Horses must satisfy the ride veterinarians as to soundness and condition before being allowed to continue at any time during the ride. PLEASE MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE ARRIVALS. If you arrive late, you will not be able to participate in the banquet that is included with your ride entry and you will miss the ride meeting which is mandatory.

Entry Fees: See ride application for fees. Credit cards are accepted and will only be processed through PayPal. To make your payment either send a check or click the "PayPal PAYMENTS" button located on our home page, in the lower left hand corner. NO SHOWS RECEIVE NO REFUND. The entry includes FRIDAY Dinner, Stanislaus Nat'l Forest Fee, and AERC ride fee. Bring Proof of AERC Membership. A \$30 fee will be retained if the horse does not pass veterinary inspection.

Complaints: These are not permitted! We are going to a lot of effort (time, money and serious lack of sleep) to put on a quality ride for you, but we are not perfect – so WHINING is not welcome. Especially, if DIMR (Distance Induced Mental Retardation) has set in, or you've never managed a ride. However, if you encounter a problem that can be resolved, we will ask you to please let us know what that problem is and your suggestion for resolution, or correction. We've had some very helpful suggestions in the past using this system.