

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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