

RULE CHANGES FOR 2009 and 2010

1. Page 1-1 Section 1 A 1.b. Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
Page 4-3 Section 4 B.3.a. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.
2. Page 3-1 Section 3B6.
Rules Interpreter:
 - a. The Rules Interpreter will not be a family member of the ride chairman or judges. (Section 4 D1b) This person must be a member in good standing, approved by NATRC and thoroughly familiar with the NATRC rules.
 - 1) Ride Management may use separate individuals for each division. Ride Management should introduce the Rules Interpreter at all ride briefings.
 - 2) Ride Management should avoid using the Rules Interpreter to perform other duties (for example, secretary, timer, etc.).
 - b. Upon request by a rider or ride official, the Rules Interpreter shall interpret the NATRC rules to management and judges and process any disputes concerning rule interpretations.
 - 1) In the event of a dispute, the Rules Interpreter will confer with both judges and ride management to enable them to arrive at a prompt decision.
 - 2) If agreement between judges and management is not forthcoming, then the Rules Interpreter, on behalf of NATRC, is authorized to make a ruling in order to settle the questions.
 - 3) Any such ruling must be reported in writing to NATRC.
 - c. If a Rules Interpreter sees a rule infraction in process, he or she must notify management and judges so corrective steps can be taken.
 - d. The Rules Interpreter will complete an efficiency report and mail it to the NATRC office within 72 hours.
3. Page 3-2 Section 3 B7. Safety Riders: One or more safety riders will follow competitors on the trail to assist any horse or rider in event of emergency.
Safety riders must be 18 years of age or over.
4. Page 4-1 Section 4A.1b (2) Mileage in this division shall be a minimum of 15 miles on any one day.
In steep and rugged terrain these distances may be shortened.
5. Page 4-4 Section 4C.6b. The DO team will receive the standard mileage allotments for each day ridden.
If the rider chooses to ride the second day, but does not complete that day, then no mileage will be awarded for either day.
6. Page 5.B. Stabling (***Replaces*** existing Stabling section)
 1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
 2. The Stabling Options used are at the discretion or requirements of CTR management and/or the CTR facility.
 3. The Stabling Options used by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors.
 4. Stabling Options ***Not Allowed*** during competition as primary containment:
 - a. Hobbling of any kind.
 - b. Portable pens/corrals.
 - c. Staking out in any manner.
 5. Stallions: Stallions must be double tied whenever tied. The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot.
 - a. Stallion double tying requirements are: The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the secondary restraint method must be secured around the stallion's neck and tied in the normal manner. If a rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline and run through the halter.
 - b. Other secondary restraint methods may be acceptable (check with horsemanship judge). Two halters are unacceptable.
 - c. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 4 E 2 d)
7. Page 5-2 Section 5. C. 9. Stallions must have a yellow ribbon attached to their tail at all times.
8. Page 6-4 Section 6. G. "Completion Only":
 1. A horse and rider, for the purpose of "completion only", are considered a team. "Completion only" for one automatically constitutes "completion only" of the other.
9. Page 8-2 Section 8 D.6. The decision may be appealed by any affected party. The appeal shall be in writing, signed by the person initiating the appeal, be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 (cash, certified check or money order), and be mailed (postmarked) to the NATRC Executive Administrator not later than ten days after receipt of the Protest Committee's decision. The National Board of Directors shall hear the appeal. The decision of the Board is final. If the appeal is allowed, the \$50.00 shall be returned to the party making the appeal. If the appeal is disallowed, the \$50.00 shall be retained by NATRC. The fee for an appeal, which has been filed, processed but then withdrawn, will not be refunded.