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2020 Rides Region 1 NATRC

Sadly, the Region 1 Board of Directors had to announce the cancellation of rides for the remainder of the ride season.

At the beginning of May, we sent out a poll asking riders and volunteers if they would be comfortable with attending the rides if they happened. Forty percent of respondents, including some of our judges, replied "NO".

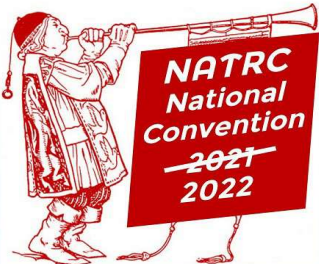
Most campgrounds are closed this summer, and even if they open later in the season, large groups probably won't be allowed.

As a result of venues being closed and many members not feeling safe to venture out yet, the options for ride managers to go ahead with any planning were not favorable or realistic. This has probably never happened in Region 1 history, but this has been a very unusual year.

Take this time to still enjoy and work with your horses. We'll see you on the trails next year.

We will continue to stay in touch and have some virtual dialogues about trails/horses and where we'll be headed in 2021. NATRC is presenting educational webinars and an online mileage and trail challenges that are open to all members. See www.natrc.org for details.

If you have questions, please contact any of the board of director members. The names and contact information are listed in *Leadline* and on the Region 1 website at www.natrcregion1.org



Convention News

With COVID-19 concerns causing so many uncertainties surrounding planning, the 2021 National Convention, originally scheduled in Omaha, NE, will be postponed until 2022.

Awards News

With so few rides this season, requirements for many national year-end awards cannot be met, or will be available to only a few. In order to not diminish the integrity of our prestigious awards, the national board approved the recommendations of an ad hoc committee to not award the: President's Cup, Jim Menefee Combined Horse and Horsemanship, high average awards (Bev Tibbitts, Polly Bridges, Junior and CP Grand Champions, Junior and CP high averages), High Point Horse and High Point Horsemanship (Open and CP) for the 2020 ride year.

Mileage, National Championships, and regional Team awards will be offered. Regional awards can be awarded and presented at regional mini-conventions.

Chair's Column. . .

Message from the Chair

We're fighting back against the Covid-19 virus! I hope you've noticed the *NATRC Corona Virus Response Challenges* on the [National website](#). There are two challenges, Mileage and Obstacle. For the Mileage, you submit GPS info for your rides, and (you've probably guessed) the highest mile participants win prizes. And I should point out that, so far, there are only NINE (9!) Region 1 riders competing. C'mon people!

The Obstacle Challenge has a list of five obstacles each month. You video yourself doing the obstacle and submit the videos to judges who score and comment on your effort.

It seems like both these challenges are likely to keep our heads in the game: successful NATRC riders have fit and well-mannered horses and, in the absence of actual NATRC rides, these seem like activities to keep us focused. Hmm. I think Sunny and I might have to try that Mileage Challenge. . .

We've actually been out quite a lot - we haven't been doing long rides, but we've been doing lots of rides. The horse community here is united in feeling like riding a horse will ensure that you keep social distancing AND it's okay to be outside in order to "exercise your pets." And, if you know me, you know that I'm a pet owner, not a horsewoman! We've really gotten conservative about our pace on virtually all of our trails because there are so many people on them, which is wonderful. I love seeing entire families out hiking; we spend quite a bit of our time letting the kids pet the horses - many of them have never seen a horse in person (so to speak) before.

I hope you are all having the same opportunities, both to ride and to introduce people to horses. It may not pay off immediately, but at least a couple of those kids (girls, I bet) will remember and ultimately become part of our cadre.

So, stay healthy. Keep riding. I hope to see you in ride camp in . . . 8 months? I'm guessing we'll still be in masks, but we should be used to it by then!

Donna Stidolph
R1 BOD Chair



NATRC 2020 Webinars

NATRC invites you to join our Webinar Series
(Membership Required)
<https://natrc.org/virtual-challenges-1>

PREVIOUS WEBINARS Available to watch:

Using GPS
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National NATRC Board of Directors Report

Held via Zoom videoconference

11 July 2020

We used the Zoom webinar format for the July NBOD meeting. The board members were panelists who could discuss freely; five others attended as guests. We've been having monthly Zoom meetings, and that's helped smooth out details of several things. Reports are submitted before the board meetings, and that also contributes to efficiency. The recent meeting convened and closed in 4 hours which saved all of us a lot of money and some of us a lot of time.

To recap:

- All of the proposed rule changes passed. We had discussion about eligibility for Novice and will probably clarify some things in the future.
- Rides in all regions have been canceled due to COVID-19. R1 has had no rides; R2 has had one, will possibly have one more. Many R3 rides will probably be LeD only. R4 still has five rides on the calendar. R5 has had three rides; will hopefully have three more. R6 rides will be LeD only. Income from rider fees and membership dues are understandably down, but expenses are also down, so we're still financially OK at this point.
- The mileage and obstacle challenges have been a big hit and have helped the bottom line financially. Membership is required. See www.natrc.org for more details.
- Kris Gray, Marketing Chair, has encouraged us to promote what we are FOR. We should be promoting what we CAN do rather than try to defend what we can't. Angie pointed out that many of our rules and guidelines are intended to help us have fun safely. Take a look at the "Picky or Practical" article in the summer *Hoof Print* for a good example.
- Speaking of *Hoof Print*, we've had several discussions but no decision about continuing to mail out print versions. The subscription fee does not cover the cost. Sarah is looking into other options to reduce printing costs, but we're probably going to have to make some tough decisions.
- The NBOD approved recommendations from the Judges Committee to waive requirements for 2020 for annual renewal and for apprentices/provisionals in the pipeline.
- Ice boots. A recent question had to do with compression. We seem to understand that compression isn't allowed, but it's not specifically stated. The Drug Rule Appendices address ice boots, and the Rule Book addresses leg protection. A simple solution would be to add "compression" in the Drug Rule Appendices under F. Prohibited Treatments:
 9. Devices that circulate ice water, cool below 0 degrees Celsius, or provide compression.
- The "Let's Ride" Seminar series has webinars scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of every month through October. Check the NATRC website, www.natrc.org, for details. Membership is required to attend the live webinars.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Dieterich



RESUME
Nomination for Alternate NATRC National
Board of Directors

RESUMÉ

FOR NOMINATION for ALTERNATE to NATRC NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Three-Year Term – Region 1

In order to select a slate of nominees for this year's ballot, we need a resumé of your qualifications. Please answer the following, sign the pledge and return this form to the address at the bottom by **October 1, 2020**.

NAME _____ REGION _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN AN NATRC MEMBER? _____
INTEREST IN NATRC (RIDER, MANAGER, JUDGE) _____

Please make a statement regarding your interest, qualifications, related interests and what you would like to do for NATRC. Be brief and please limit it to 200 words or less. The information will be used on our ballots to acquaint the voters with you. Use the back of this page for your statement or attach an additional page and return to the Nomination Committee Chair.

Results of the election will be presented at the fall meeting of the National Board of Directors. The 3-year term begins January 1.

As a member of the NATRC Board of Directors, you will be expected to attend the National Board meetings held three times a year. As a dual director serving also on the Region 1 Board of Directors, you will be expected to attend four meetings a year. Expenses related to the National Board meetings are largely borne by the Region, but you will have out-of-pocket expenses.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the BOD of NATRC.

PLEDGE:

If I am elected to the North American Trail Ride Conference Board of Directors, I agree to be present at all board meetings, if possible, and to accept the equitable financial responsibility as voted by the board on which I serve.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

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A Fire Evacuation By Nancy Kasovich

My first experience with a wild fire was in 1964. My husband, Bob Smith and I had a boarding/training stable in east Santa Rosa and were almost at capacity with 60 horses, a few ponies and everyones favorite, Pedro the donkey. About 6 pm the wind came up and I saw what looked like smoke off in the distance. I was taking a 7 o'clock class at the JC across town so I checked with the Forestry Dept who assured me it was a small fire northeast of us, in Calistoga, under control, worse scenario 24 hrs before it could get to us. The class took a break at 9pm and when I went outside east Santa Rosa was on fire. No cell phones in those days so no way of knowing what was happening.

Our road was barricaded, only letting traffic out. It was two hours before I was able to get in and it was a nightmare. Bob and the two fellows who worked for us had taken thirty horses to the fairgrounds, and we managed to get the rest out. The last load were youngsters, some had never been loaded but we got them in but had no room for the two ponies and Pedro who followed us braying until out of sight. We were able to get back in two days later and there were the ponies and Pedro standing in the driveway. I never expected to see them alive again. The fire had gone over and around us but everything was still standing. I would never forget the velocity of the wind that night.

Fifty three years later, it was a different story.

After the '64 fire I thought about all the paperwork, documents, etc that we might have lost and how difficult it would have been to replace them, so I bought a metal box, big enough to hold what was necessary but light enough to grab and run. I put everything of importance in it and updated it from time to time.

Fast forward to Sunday October 7, 2017. I was going to judge a ride the following weekend and spent the morning going through my camper checking supplies, clothing, water levels, etc.

About 4pm a very strong hot wind came up. Everything was so dry and conditions so similar to the 1964 fire that I decided to get ready in case I had to get out. I fed the animals early, took a shower, put on clean clothes, had something to eat and laid down to rest, hoping I was wrong. I got a call at 10pm that a fire had started in Calistoga. That was enough for me - I grabbed my metal box, put the dogs in the truck, loaded the horses and headed for the fairgrounds. There wasn't much traffic so it took me 20 minutes. I got the horses unloaded, shut the two dogs in my horse trailer and a friend drove me home to get my car and the last dog that I couldn't fit in the first trip. By this time the fire had reached the house across the field. Now the roads were clogged with vehicles and it took two hrs to get back to the fairgrounds which was in utter chaos.

I did lose my house, barn and fencing but was able to rebuild everything and moved back in my new house on November 7th 2019 exactly two years after the fire. Many of my friends and neighbors are still in the process of rebuilding and some have moved away.



THINGS I LEARNED

Have a Plan-

1- Be ready to go

Have a "To Go" box with original documents, certificates of Birth, Marriage, Death, Divorce, Passports, Deeds, Pink Slips, Registration papers, Insurance, Wills, Trusts, check books, extra cash, etc. I have these in a metal box, light enough to carry in one hand. During the Tubbs fire many banks were closed for weeks with no access to safe deposit boxes. It's good to scan the above but often originals make the process of restart move quicker. When the fire was over FEMA had locations where one could apply for duplicates of the above, but the lines were so long and the process took forever.

I keep a bag that has prescription/non prescription drugs (duplicate from my everyday supply) and other essentials with my To Go box, easy to grab together. It was impossible to refill prescription drugs as pharmacies were closed as were hospitals

I keep extra clothes/shoes in my camper otherwise pack enough for a few days. A small pocket size radio with extra batteries is a must. Two flashlights. I prefer maglights.

A Fire Evacuation By Nancy Kasovich

2-Things that can be loaded ahead of fire season:

Pet food - I have 20 lbs in my truck for my two dogs. water/food dishes, ways to contain them. Collars with your name, cell phone# (truck battery charger a must). When the Tubbs fire started there were dogs, cats, goats, horses, ponies, etc. arriving at the fairgrounds, all needing food and water. What they got was what their owner brought. Once the volunteers and Emergency Services arrived hay was provided. Few stores were still open and supplies very limited.

Horse feed-whatever you can carry. I keep a bale of hay in a bale bag, secured under my feed bags in my horse trailer plus enough for two days in black plastic bags in my trailer tack-room. That way I don't have to open the bale bag unless it's necessary.

Basics - buckets, extra halter & rope - the things you would carry routinely to go to a ride or horse camping.

Evacuation-

Have a preplanned destination - Prior to fire season, check to be sure your fairgrounds, rodeo grounds, etc will be open for evacuations, check with friends or facilities out of the area for a back up plan just in case. Know the best routes to access major roads. I learned that shortcuts can be bottlenecks.

Leave as soon as possible. Be sure your horses load quickly in any trailer. Two of my neighbors had to leave theirs behind which was heart breaking.

Know how to open the garage door manually - when the power goes out the automatic garage door does not work. If possible leave your rig hitched up at all times – otherwise in lose proximity with enough fuel for at least two weeks or more. Stations either closed because of location or ran out of fuel.



About Nancy Kasovich - By Kris Skoog

Nancy Kasovich is one of the original members of NATRC. She was there in the beginning, on the first rides and meetings when it was founded at Mt. Diablo in 1961. She has also been a horsemanship judge for almost that long too. In the 90's she was the National President of NATRC and was instrumental in starting the Competitive Pleasure Division.

When she judges, riders get very detailed explanations of what she saw at an obstacle or as they went down the trail. I know, I've secretaried for her often!



I remember the 1964 fire well; my father had been called by a good friend to go up to Rieble Road and help save his house. The fire was halted just behind Community Hospital in Santa Rosa.

On October 7, 2017, we were already under a red-flag warning. I was watching TV that evening when the announcer came on to tell us that a fire had started in Calistoga. By the 11 o'clock news, the fire had gone more than 8 miles to the corner of Mark West Springs Road. and Rieble Road. Nancy lives about a half mile down Wallace Rd. from Rieble Rd.

This is what she learned from the 1964 fire and had readied in case it ever happened again, which it did in the Tubbs Fire. I'll tell you; she had all her paperwork together including the original plans to her house! AND, she was out of there before she was told to go.

Even though she's been in the house since November of 2019 with a temporary occupancy, she finally received her final from the building department on July 20, 2020....nearly 32 months later.



Unexpected Stuff - Jackson 2019

By Angie Meroshnekoff

Someone suggested I post the "unexpected stuff" that happened during the 2019 Jackson ride. First of all, I had some trail issues before the ride, so on Friday I had about 12 miles of trail still to mark. Becky Rogers, our horsemanship judge from Region 4, offered to go with me. We had a wonderful time, as she said she "got an eco tour". However at about mile 9 we discovered a tree down that my truck could not go over or around (the chain saw was in camp), so it was tricky backing up the narrow road until we could turn around and go back. I dropped Becky off in camp and finished the rest from the other side.

We found ourselves short of a judge's driver so we begged the mom of one of the Juniors (thanks Rachel!) to take that job and she offered her own 4 wheel drive Suburban to give the judges plenty of leg room. She was given a map and some basic directions, and off everyone went on Saturday morning. Apparently the morning half of the ride went very well; I was back in camp with the Leisure riders.

The second half of Saturday started out OK, --all riders got in to lunch and back out again, volunteers fed and all back on the road. Remember that I said Rachel had been given basic directions? The judges made it to the P&R but wanted to see the riders before the forward motion, so they continued past the other vehicles to find a good spot. Rachel finally said she was worried that the trail was getting too narrow, so Joe, our Rules Interpreter, went forward on foot to take a look. He came back and said the trail ahead was a steep downhill, so Rachel said wasn't going any further. Later on when I heard this story I told them it was good that they stopped, because had they gone down that hill the only thing that could have pulled them out of there would have been a Chinook helicopter! Undaunted, they waited there for the riders to come past. And waited, and waited, and waited.....and well after the horses had all left the P&R and I was heading downhill to get ahead of the Leisure riders, they drove up. Apparently they had parked far enough past the single track trail that they never did see the riders coming up. So off they rushed to get ahead of the riders again; the next spot was the river crossing. I finished my Leisure observation and headed back to watch the riders cross the highway to the river. To my great surprise there was a sheriff's patrol car parked at the crossing! It turns out someone locked the door to Rachel's Suburban with her keys still inside. With no cell service in the area they had to flag down a passing deputy to call for a tow truck unlock. That turned out to be quite pricey!! Once everything was under control I headed back to camp. As I pulled in I'm greeted with the information that our P&R captain, Lee, had locked the keys in my truck that he'd been driving. Everyone was in a panic, -- not one more lockout! Fortunately, I have spare keys, so the truck was unlocked before Steve got back to camp and that kept the stress level from escalating.

The next day I was competing and we left camp before dawn so I didn't see the drivers leave, but things went fine -- at first. The judges were able to get ahead of the riders and sent up an observation around mile 3, but it didn't go well from there. The riders were a bit more spread out than planned and because of a locked gate (already known about) they had to retrace their path down a slow road and Rachel used her incredible driving skills to fly along the next couple of logging roads to try and get to the P&R in time. They didn't make it. Open riders were out of the P&R, flying down the road in Open fashion, and here is the Suburban skidding to a stop on the hill. Dr Ormond jumps out to start checking horses and Rachel notices she has a front tire going flat! I told them there were lots of helpful volunteers (Steve and Bill) at the P&R, at a flat and safe location, only ½ mile ahead. Rachel limped the car up for a tire change and they were back in service. The judges did manage to make the last P&R in plenty of time to get set up and see the horses in a more relaxed, non-rushing manner, and then even beat the riders back to camp.

The final "unexpected" of the ride was the safety rider coming into camp to say that there were two riders possibly needing assistance back before the highway crossing due to a horse in trouble. Several of us jumped into trucks and some headed on foot across the river to help. The riders were able to complete the ride on their own, and Dr. Ormond started immediate treatment on the horse. All was well in the end, we finished with all the riders and horses that started, and I think everyone had a good time. Even Rachel,...who, by the way, got the cost of her expensive truck unlocking event covered by generous riders and volunteers.



2021 RULE CHANGES APPROVED – July 11, 2020

2021 RULE CHANGES APPROVED – July 11, 2020 – *Changes in Bold* REVERT MEMBERSHIP BACK TO CALENDAR YEAR

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

A. Membership

2. ~~Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of 12 months. Membership fees are due on the individual membership renewal date each year.~~ Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of 12 months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.

Rationale:

The rolling renewal date led to confusion, extra work to track current members at events, and missed renewals. The calendar year membership is easier for both members and NATRC to use and remember.

CHANGE LIMITS FROM PLACINGS TO POINTS FOR COMPETING IN NOVICE

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

2. Novice

e. Limitations

- (1) Any horse and adult rider combination having ~~won five firsts earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation,~~ in horse (regardless of ~~division or~~ class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division. Four-year-old horses are exempt from this rule. A horse and rider combination that attains ~~five firsts 250 points~~ in horse during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horse awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horse Division for the remainder of that ride year.
- (2) Any horse and junior rider combination having ~~won five firsts and 225 points earned 250 points,~~ lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of ~~division or~~ class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) and rider having reached age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division. Four-year-old horses are exempt from this rule. An age eligible horse and rider combination that attains ~~five firsts and 225 250 points~~ in horse during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horse awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horse Division for the remainder of that ride year.
- (3) Any adult rider having ~~won five firsts earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation,~~ in horsemanship (regardless of horse, ~~division,~~ or class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division. A rider ~~that who~~ attains ~~five firsts 250 points~~ in horsemanship during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horsemanship awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horsemanship Division for the remainder of that ride year.
- Any junior rider having ~~won five firsts and 225 points earned 250 points,~~ lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, ~~division,~~ or class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) and having reached the age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division. A rider ~~that who~~ reaches age 14, attains ~~five firsts and 225 250 points~~ in horsemanship during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horsemanship awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horsemanship Division for the remainder of that ride year.
- ~~(5) A rider or horse and rider combination with five firsts may compete for awards in the Competitive Pleasure Division.~~
- ~~(6) (5) Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in any previous year are ineligible to compete in the Novice Division except by participating Distance Only.~~

Rationale:

With low ridership, it's possible for first-time competitors to place 1st in horsemanship when they are the only competitor in their class. Thus riders are ribboning out of Novice too soon. Limitations based on point accumulation would be a better solution.

ADD EXPERIENCED CLASS TO LEISURE DIVISION

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

4. Leisure

e. Classes

- (1) This division will offer **Experienced**, Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B, **with the exception that Experienced teams are defined as:**
 - (a) Any NATRC judge (Veterinary, Horsemanship, Leisure).
 - (b) Any NATRC rider with more than 250 points of any combination of Leisure Division Team and Open, Competitive Pleasure, Novice Horsemanship at the beginning of the ride year.
 - (c) Any NATRC rider who has won a national award in a Competitive Pleasure or Open Division.
- (2) Horse and rider will compete as a team, with their combined scores used to determine placing recognition.
- (3) A Junior may compete in the Adult or Experienced Class.**
- (4) Any adult may compete in the Experienced Class.**

Rationale:

Leisure is meant to be a home for riders new to NATRC and experienced NATRC riders who for whatever reason do not want to compete in a Novice, CP, or Open Division ride. The skill levels here are generally very different. We want to welcome both groups, but they shouldn't be competing against each other.

2021 RULE CHANGES APPROVED – July 11, 2020 Continued

CHANGE TWO MILE POINT TO FORWARD MOTION POINT

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

I. Trail Conduct

5. ~~Two-Mile Forward Motion~~ Point

- a. From a properly identified **forward motion** point (posted sign) ~~approximately 2 miles from the finish each day~~, riders must maintain forward motion and not stop or dismount from this point to the finish line except in extenuating circumstances dictated by good horsemanship and/or sportsmanship. Forward motion must be via the most direct route, without stopping, following the marked trail. Any deviation may result in penalty assessment or disqualification unless dictated by good horsemanship and/or sportsmanship.
- b. No one shall interfere with the rider's forward progress and/or pacing except when necessary for the safety of the horse/rider.
- c. **For Novice, Competitive Pleasure, and Open Divisions, the forward motion point should be approximately two (2) miles from the finish each day.**
- d. **For the Leisure Division, the forward motion point should be approximately one (1) mile from the finish.**

Rationale:

Because the Leisure Division can be as short as 8 miles, requiring that one quarter of the ride be forward motion does not seem reasonable. This limits judging opportunities, trail access, and P&R location to a very limited portion of the trail. Shortening the Leisure Division point of forward motion keeps the ratio to total ride distance similar to other divisions.

ALLOW LENIENCE IN LEISURE DIVISION TIME PENALTIES AT COMPLETION OF RIDE

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

J. Timing and Time Penalty Points

- Early Arrivals
 - a. A horse completing the day's ride in less than the minimum time and within 30 minutes prior to the minimum time shall be penalized one point per minute for each minute before the minimum time. Rider **or Leisure Division team** will also be faulted. **The number of penalty points for rider or Leisure Division team will be at the judge's discretion.**
- A horse **and rider team** arriving more than 30 minutes early shall be disqualified.
- Late Arrivals
 - a. A horse completing the day's ride exceeding the maximum time and within 30 minutes subsequent to the maximum time shall be penalized one point per minute for each minute exceeding the maximum time. Rider **or Leisure Division team** will also be faulted. **The number of penalty points for rider or Leisure Division team will be at the judge's discretion.**
 - b. A horse and rider team arriving more than 30 minutes after the maximum time will receive completion points and mileage only.

Rationale:

To allow some judgement is assigning time penalties to the Leisure Division.

LEISURE DIVISION - SOURCING JUDGES and EVALUATION OF OVERNIGHT STABLING

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

B. Stabling

- ~~4. Competitors in the Leisure Division are excluded from stabling judging.~~
- ~~5. 4.~~ Stabling options **not allowed** during competition as primary containment:
- ~~6. 5.~~ Stallions:

SECTION 6 – JUDGING

- D. Leisure Division. Horses will be evaluated on trail ability and manners. Riders will be evaluated on equitation and partnership with the horse. Safety may be scored.

- Judges **may must** be sourced from the approved Leisure Division Judges List ~~or the standard list~~. **An NATRC-approved veterinary judge may serve as the full judge for this division.**
- ~~This division is exempt from stabling evaluation.~~ **Overnight stabling will be evaluated for safety and must comply with NATRC stabling rules. This will not be scored.**

Rationale:

Our standard judges must go through additional training before judging the Leisure Division, so management must refer to the separate Leisure Division Judges List for all who have completed the appropriate requirements. Plus Equisure requires overnight stabling evaluation. Portion of Section 5 was removed since the difference in Leisure Division is better described in Section 6.

REVISE LEISURE DIVISION PLACINGS AND POINTS DISTRIBUTION

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

A. Ride Awards

3. Horse and horsemanship scores for Leisure Division will be added together to determine placing **of** teams for **Experienced**, Adult and Junior Classes. ~~First through tenth place teams in both classes will be recognized.~~ **Leisure Division will include first through sixth place in each class offered.**

C. Point Distribution

TYPE B RIDE – Leisure Division
Number of starters

PLACE	6	5	4	3	2	1
1st	6	5	4	3	2	1
2nd	5	4	3	2	1	
3rd	4	3	2	1		
4th	3	2	1			
5th	2	1				
6th	1					
C**	½	½	½	½	½	½

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Rationale:

Awarding six placings is consistent with the other divisions. Some feel it is demeaning to not make the top ten, so it is easier to only announce the top six and not draw attention to those placing well below.

• **ADD OUT-OF-REGION REQUIREMENT TO PRESIDENT'S CUP CRITERIA**

• **SECTION 9 - AWARDS**

B. Annual Awards

- National Awards
 - PRESIDENT'S CUP (National Sweepstakes Champion): This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse in the Open Division.
 - (2) The horse must be officially started in at least ~~four rides of any ride type made up of any combination of one~~ out-of-region ~~and or three~~ out-of-state rides **of any ride type**.

Rationale:

The President's Cup is truly a national award. It should be expected that the winner competes against horses other than those in its own region to win this prestigious award.

• **RECOGNIZE OVERALL HIGH POINT NOVICE ON NATIONAL LEVEL**

• **SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY**

A. Divisions

2. Novice
 - a. Age of Horses: Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age. **(60 months for national awards)**
3. Competitive Pleasure
 - a. Age of horses: Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age. **(60 months for national awards)**

• **SECTION 9 - AWARDS**

B. Annual Awards

- National Awards
 - q. **HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE:** Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight, Junior), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

Age of Horses

 - (1) Horses competing for High Point Novice Horse awards must be at least 60 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.
 - r. **HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP:** Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight, Junior), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
 - s. **HIGH POINT NOVICE TEAM:** This award is presented to the Novice Division horse and rider combination having the highest number of total points for horse and horsemanship. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

Age of Horses

 - (1) Horses competing for High Point Novice Team award must be at least 60 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

Rationale:

We want to encourage Novice Division riders to compete and to attend the national conventions. Particularly on this last point, we need to give them some reason to come. Items "q" and "r" are 1st – 6th national placings. Item "s" would be the single best combined Novice Division horse and rider. Costs: For "q" and "r", 3 classes (junior, lightweight, heavyweight) per horse and rider x 6 ribbons (36 ribbons). For "s", one award per year.

• **RECOGNIZE OVERALL HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE TEAM**

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

B. Annual Awards

- National Awards
 - **HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE TEAM:** This award is presented to the Competitive Pleasure Division horse and rider combination having the highest number of total points for horse and horsemanship. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

Age of Horses

NATRC 2020 VIRTUAL CHALLENGES

<https://natrc.org/virtual-challenges>

North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC)

We told you we were rolling out something **BIG!** Introducing the 2020 NATRC Mileage Challenge and 2020 NATRC Obstacle Challenge! These are non-competitive miles and obstacles, since so many of us are under social-distancing orders right now. Have fun with your horse and earn points for prizes! To enter, write to natrc@natrc.org

Mileage Challenge: Log your miles on a gps May 1--Nov. 1; awards go to the top 6 mileages! \$25 one horse, \$10 for each additional horse ridden.

Obstacle Challenge: Enter monthly (\$10) or enter by April 30 to compete in all five months May, June, July, August, September (\$40). A new set of five obstacles will be issued each month. Video yourself and receive feedback/tips from five NATRC judges on EACH obstacle--what a deal! The judging panel will watch each submitted video and score it on a scale of 1-10 and provide feedback/tips. Top 6 points earners across five months will win awards!

All levels of membership can enter! More details on FaceBook North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) You must be a NATRC member to participate. Remember, we have free annual memberships for first-time members--visit www.natrc.org to join.

Encourage your riding companions to join NATRC and join in on the challenge, even Free Memberships can Participate!!

Take lots of pictures, post on social media and respond to others posts. Let's ride together!!!

NATRC Mileage Challenge Cumulative Statistics for R1 as of 7/31/20.

<https://natrc.org/mileage-challenge>

Rider Name/Horse Name	Cum Total by Horse	Cum Total by Person
Dunn, Jan / Casino Royale	253	253
Kennedy, Ellie / Gunner	98	98
Kennedy, Kimberly / Bojangles	87	87
Kruger, Monte / RMHA Case In Point	0	0
Radford, Kassie / Shadowhunter	0	0
Pimental, Joe / Marilyn the Mule	8	8
Pimental, Michelle / Kat Man D	8	8
Smart, Karen / Prime Time Lady	101	101
Vandersyde, Leslie / Miles	176	176
	732	732

The following video on **"Rattlesnake Bites: What to Do"**, was filmed by Loomis Basin Equine in Penryn, CA. Dr. Elizabeth Howard is the presenter. I hope that this short informative video provides useful information for anyone finding themselves in this type of situation. I live in Northern California and have encountered snakes while riding, hiking and walking local trails. We live in their home territory and need to be cautious. I would like to thank Loomis Basin Equine for allowing us to share this video. Loomis Basin is very community oriented, and before Covid quarantine, they held free educational talks during the spring and summer months. You can always check out their Facebook page for community events, hopefully starting up again next year. <https://youtu.be/wBzTeWlct3Y>

Thank You, Loomis Basin!

Linda Thomason

NATRC Region 1 Outreach

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- (1) Horses competing for High Point Competitive Pleasure Team award must be at least 60 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

Rationale:

We already have an overall high point Open team with the Jim Menefee Memorial award. If we add a High Point Novice Team, Competitive Pleasure would be the only standard division without this award. For consistency and fairness, if the Novice passes, we should also include Competitive Pleasure. We are encouraging the team aspect and should do so across the board.

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