

AERC Policy on the ADA

Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") (42 U.S.C. §12101) prohibits private entities offering activities to the public, such as the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. AERC is committed to complying with its obligations under the ADA.

Endurance riding is a fundamentally hazardous, unpredictable sport and rides often take place in remote venues. The ADA mandates that, to the extent possible, individuals with disabilities be afforded reasonable accommodation to facilitate their participation in our sport. As such, AERC strives to ensure that ride venues and facilities at the ride venues are available and accessible to disabled individuals. Similarly, AERC will consider requests for reasonable accommodations that do not fundamentally alter the nature of the endurance riding activity.

AERC will allow service animals, as defined in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design and applicable state laws, in all areas where members of the public are allowed, to the extent the service animal's presence does not present a danger to other attendees or participants and the service animal remains under the control of the handler.

To assist in making ride activities, venues and facilities more accessible to disabled individuals, persons requesting accommodations must, within a reasonable time in advance of the ride date, advise the Executive Director of AERC of the need for an accommodation due to a disability, and state with specificity the accommodations requested.

Upon receipt of such request, the Executive Director will disseminate the information to the ride manager and others, as needed. The failure to timely request an accommodation may result in denial of the requested accommodation.

AERC together with the ride manager will make an individualized assessment of the accommodation request. Requests may be denied if they would result in a direct threat to the health and safety of other participants or would fundamentally change the nature of the sport. Please note that the ADA does not require personal services be provided to a disabled individual.