

# BILTMORE™

Equestrian Center

## 27<sup>th</sup> Running of the Biltmore Challenge Endurance Ride

<http://www.BiltmoreEndurance.com>

Remembering Anne Ayala, October 16, 1940 – December 27, 2012

**Friday, September 18, 2020: 25, 50, 65**

**Saturday, September 19, 2020: 30, 50, 65, 75, and 100**

**AERC      SEDRA      SERA      USEF      FEI SR&YJ**  
**100 Mile, AHA Region 15 Championship Endurance Ride**

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**The Biltmore Equestrian Center** located on the grounds of George Vanderbilt's historic Estate in Asheville, NC, will host the twenty-seventh annual Biltmore Challenge Endurance Ride on September 18-19, 2020. Two days of competition will be offered: Friday with distances of 25, 50 and 65 miles; Saturday with distances of 30, 50, 65, 75, and 100 miles. All riders will be entered in the AERC Open or Limited Distance category. Optionally, a qualified rider and horse can also enter the FEI category (senior or Young Rider). Also, qualified riders can enter the AHA Region 15 100-mile Championship. In addition, we will have team competition in all distances.

Built in 1895, the Estate trails promise a challenging ride along the French Broad River and over rolling hills and low mountains. We recommend that all horses have hoof protection, and potentially pad at the 65, 75, and 100 mile distances. Breast collars/cruppers may be helpful. Each loop will circle back to a central judging area adjacent to the main camping area. Weather is somewhat unpredictable in early May, but it is usually humid with temperatures in the upper 70s to low 80s.

Once again, we will be using trails on the West Side of the French Broad with some excellent views of the House. At this time, we have over 40 miles of marked trail on the West Side that we exploit.

*Length of Stay Passes.* As part of the need for security on the Estate, and to provide a more official mode of access for attendees to the Estate grounds, entry will require a name pre-supplied to the gate guards. Entry fees for the ride automatically include the rider and one named crew member for the 'gate list'. Entry must be via the main gate. On the Estate, including at the ride site, colored wristbands will be required to be worn as visible proof of permission, and can be used for re-entry. Additional permits may be purchased for additional named crew members for \$55 each. *Note: Children 16 years old and under are free, but still must be on the gate list and wear the wristbands.*

**ENTRY FORMS/PAYMENT:** Please return entry form and signed waiver, if not already done, with your full fee. **All entry fees are due by September 10, 2020 (closing date).** That is, any entry not fully paid by September 10 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed, and \$40 late fee will apply). Fees are *fully* refundable if cancelled prior to September 12 close of business; then except for \$50 through September 14, then 50% if between September 14 and September 17 (but pre-arrival). After that, at management discretion. You **MUST** supply Coggins test papers valid through September 20, 2020 at check-in or send a copy in advance. Non-AERC members must pay day fee of \$15. Payment by credit card will incur additional charges (roughly 5%).

Questions? Call Cheryl Newman at 828-665-1531 or [cherylnewman@charter.net](mailto:cherylnewman@charter.net) or [equestrian@biltmore.com](mailto:equestrian@biltmore.com). Also check the web site: <http://www.biltmoreendurance.com>.

**FEI:** Biltmore plans on hosting eight FEI competitions: Friday has a 65 mile ride (CEI1\*); and Saturday has a 65 mile ride (CEI\*), a 75 mile ride (CEI\*\*), and a 100 mile ride (CEI\*\*\*); plus the same distances offered to Juniors and Young Riders. Young Riders are eligible from the beginning of the year they reach the age of 16 until the end of the year they reach the age of 21. FEI-registered juniors may enter any FEI ride, too. Separate qualifications and additional entry/release form are required for the FEI component. FEI requires ON LINE ENTRY through your USEF or National Federation account as well by September 10.

**TEAM COMPETITION:** Open to all riders in all competitions across both days. So, form your own team of three or four riders, with time for the top three finishers on each team counting towards awards. This is a good opportunity to practice team riding.... Check out how strategy and opportunities change in this environment! Entry at ride, no additional fees. At least two teams must be formed at a distance to qualify for a team competition.

**CAMP:** Camping is primitive in large open pastures. Corrals are limited to 15' by 15'. No camper hook-ups; city water at hydrants; Portajons. Open fires are prohibited; charcoal grills OK. Dogs MUST be ON LEASH at all times and confined (not tied) when you are riding. Multiple motels / restaurants within 2 miles. On first-call-to-reserve basis, we have 6 stalls @ \$50/day in the Guest Barn including shavings and muck-out, some large paddocks @ \$30/day/horse (about ½ mile from camp) and some paddocks @ \$50 day/horse close to the action, 6 pipe pens @ \$20/day. A new barn is open close to the action at \$50 / horse / day, no shavings, no muck-out. The Biltmore Equestrian Center phone is: 828-225-1454.

Camp opens on Wednesday, September 9. If you plan to arrive earlier, please indicate it on entry form and be prepared to pay extra camping and trail fees. All entry to the grounds will be through the MAIN GATE of Biltmore Estate (open 24 hrs). Everyone will also exit through the main gate. If you have extra vehicle(s) driving with you, please note driver name on entry form. *All entering the Estate must have individual names on the Gate List ahead of time.*

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP:** If approaching Asheville from the EAST on I-40, take Exit 50B, US 25 NORTH. Follow signs to entrance to Biltmore Estate, turning right off exit ramp and moving into the LEFT lane to prepare for the turn into Estate Entrance.

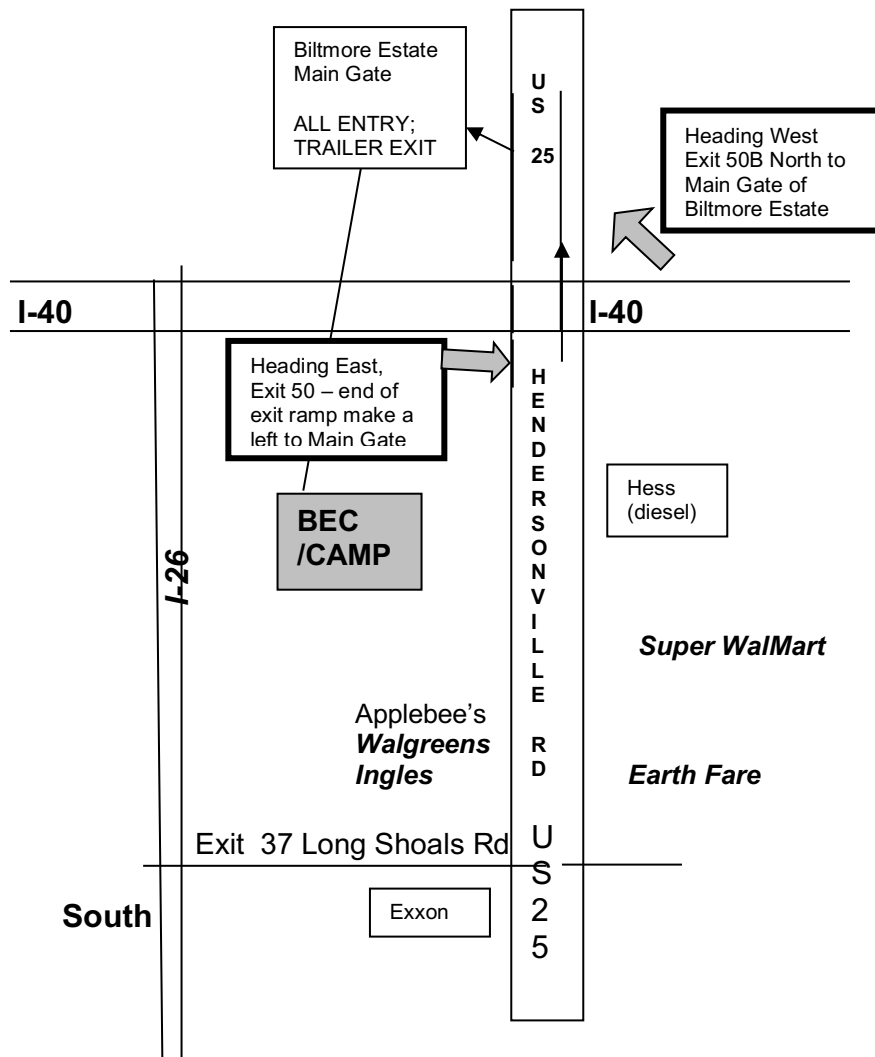
If approaching Asheville from the WEST on I-40, take Exit 50, turn LEFT off the exit ramp at the light, following signs to Biltmore Estate Main Entrance. Stay in the left lane after your merge into traffic.

If approaching Asheville from the SOUTH on I-26, continue to the junction with I-40 EAST. After you get on I-40, take Exit 50 and follow directions as above.

If approaching Asheville from the NORTH on I-26, get onto I-240 EAST to I-40 WEST. Take Exit 50B, and follow the directions above.

Pass through the first archway (Lodge Gate), and go "straight" past the Ticket Booth. Follow signs to "Horse Event" or BEC making several turns. Watch for oncoming traffic and stay well to the right side of road. Cross the large stone bridge and go straight onto gravel road, which will bear right, allowing turn for large trailers. Signs will direct you to camp area near the outdoor arena. Do NOT try to drive through fields before you get to camp area.

All entry and exit must be through the main entrance to the Estate.



**RULES:** All AERC/SERA rules apply to Open riders. Equines must be at least 72 mos. old for the 100; 60 mos. old for 50/55/65/75; 48 mos. old for LD. No Juniors on stallions. Rules regarding discourtesy to officials and protest procedures are per AERC Rules and failure to observe them may result in disqualification.

No ties except for AERC placings. A dead heat will be decided by coin toss or rider agreement. USEF and FEI rules apply to the FEI divisions, including novice qualifying, ages of horses vs star levels, and rest between competitions.

**PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR IS REQUIRED** whenever mounted. No exceptions.

**SMOKING:** Smoking is prohibited on trails; OK in camp or at judging check.

**WHO'S WHO**  
**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Cheryl Newman  
Elizabeth McLean (Biltmore Equestrian Center)  
Stagg Newman – trails  
Bonni Hannah, Sharyn Groh, Beverly Brock, Jacki Wisler, Whitney Wright – volunteer coordinators

**PLANNED CONTROL JUDGES 2020**  
Duane Barnett, Head Control Judge, President Vet Comm  
Carter Hounsel, Foreign Vet Delegate  
Dennis Seymore, Foreign Vet Delegate  
Nick Kohut, Ken Marcella  
Lynne Johnson, Treatment Vet; also Bob Marshall

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday	Sept 16	Noon	CAMP OPENS
Thursday	Sept 17	11 AM – Noon; 1 – 4 PM	REGISTRATION (for Friday and Saturday)
		1 PM – 2 PM	FEI INSPECTION & VET IN
		2 PM – 5 PM	AERC OPEN VET-IN
		5:30 PM	RIDER MEETING
Friday	Sept 18	6:30 AM	START 50-MILE; START 65-MILE
		8:00 AM	START 25-MILE LD
		11 AM – Noon; 3 PM – 5 PM	REGISTRATION (for Saturday)
		1 PM – 2 PM	FEI INSPECTION & VET IN
		2 PM – 5 PM	AERC OPEN VET-IN
		2:00 PM	FINISH 25-MILE LD
		6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	LATE VET-IN IF REQUIRED
		6:30 PM	FINISH 50-MILE
		6:30 PM	RIDER MEETING
		7:30 PM	FRIDAY DINNER
		8:00 PM	FRIDAY AWARDS
Saturday	Sept 19	10:15 PM	FINISH 65-MILE
		6:30 AM	START 100-MILE
		6:30 AM	START 75-MILE
		7:00 AM	START 50-MILE; START 65-MILE
		8:00 AM	START 30-MILE LD
		3:15 PM	FINISH 30-MILE LD
		7:00 PM	FINISH 50-MILE
Sunday	Sept 20	10:45 PM	FINISH 65-MILE
		12:30 AM	FINISH 75-MILE
		6:00 AM	FINISH 100-MILE
		8:30 AM	SATURDAY AWARDS

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Control checks will all be 'gate into hold', with 64 pulse requirement, unless control judge staff determines otherwise. For non-finish checks, for AERC the equine must meet this criteria within 30 min of arrival at check or be disqualified; FEI equines have a 15 min from arrival. Horses must be judged 'fit to continue'. Other criteria, including exit exam, may be included and would be announced either in rider packet or at rider meeting if weather is a factor.

Finishing criteria will be Fit to Continue including recovery. For AERC open completion, recovery is to pulse rate of 64 within time limit described below. As soon as pulse is down, the equine may be brought for the final exam, but MUST be presented within the allotted time to avoid disqualification. Allowance for finish line at 1.2 miles from vetting arena: per AERC rule 6.2: after the walk back to camp all pulses must be down within 30 minutes. 20 minutes allowance for the walk has been agreed between ride management and the head control judge. SO: for all competitors (non-limited distance) in the open endurance events, the net time post-finish line to get your pulse is 50 minutes. This is allowed at the final discretion of the Veterinary Commission and Ground Jury and finalized at the rider briefing, and in the Program of the event. FEI must complete within 40 minutes. AERC horses have up to an hour post-finish line to pass non-pulse criteria (that is 10 extra minutes to a net of one hour).

Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) may be used, including final vetting and Best Condition.

**JUDGE DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**

***FIT TO CONTINUE:*** The equine must be metabolically stable. There must be no gait aberration that is consistently observable under all circumstances that results in pain or threatens immediate athletic performance, exam to be conducted at trot (or equivalent), straight out and back, without prior flexion or palpation. Any soreness or wounds that affect equine's ability to go on may be cause for non-completion.

An equine may not have received prohibited (AERC Rule 13) medical treatment by a vet or layman prior to final exam. An equine must not be in need of medical treatment for a soundness or metabolic problem. An equine that a ride control judge advises should be treated, but treatment is refused by rider or owner, shall be considered in the same light as a equine that has been treated and disallowed completion.

**FARRIER:** Mountain Farrier Service / Jeff Pauley will be the ride farrier. He or a colleague will be on the grounds during rides Friday and Saturday (til around 6pm). **To make an appointment in advance please call Jeff at 828 712 2343.**

**MASSAGE:**

*Equine:* Michelle Blankenship (possibly).

*Human:* Nancy MacDonald will be the human massage therapist on the grounds. **To make an appointment with Nancy, call her at 828 225 5022.**

**AWARDS:** Completion awards for all riders. Top 10, Best Condition (BC) and 1<sup>st</sup>-to-Finish Awards; First Junior, plus other awards as sponsored.

**FOOD:** All meals are extra (none are included in the ride entry). Tickets are \$35 for Friday dinner. No meal is offered on Saturday. Coffee and rolls will be served at Awards on Sunday morning.

# AERC entry form for BILTMORE CHALLENGE 2020 to benefit Hope for Horses

25 / 50 / 65 – September 18 (Friday) (New date!)  
30 / 55 / 65 / 75 / 100 -- September 19 (Saturday) (New date!)

RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL (**PRINT!!**) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTHDATE OF JY RIDER: \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR OF JR \_\_\_\_\_  
 HORSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HORSE AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_ REG.# \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EXPECTED DAY/TIME OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

➔ **RIDES ENTERED** (circle) at most one ride / day – if entering multiple horses, please use 1 form / horse):

Fri†	AERC LD 25 SR-\$145/ JY-\$110	AERC Open 50 SR-\$150/ JY-\$120	AERC Open 65 SR-\$170/ JY-\$135	
Sat†	AERC LD 30 SR-\$145 JY-\$110	AERC Open 50 SR-\$150/ JY-\$120	AERC Open 65 SR-\$170/ JY-\$135	AERC Open 75 SR-\$190 / JY-\$145
				AERC Open 100 SR-\$240/JY-\$170

JY: 21 years old and younger. AERC junior (16 yo and younger) sponsorship rules still apply.

**Fees Include:** Rider's (1) Length of Stay fees, (2) Camp fees for 3 nights, (3) coffee & donuts at Sunday AM awards, (4) use of Biltmore trails ride day and day prior (5) Length of Stay fees for one named crew member (children 16 and under are free, but must have names on gate list). **Note: no meals are included in entry fees**

Entry Fees† from above (Friday + Saturday)		\$
Add \$15 / ride if not AERC member		
Camp fee at \$30/rig/night for more than three nights camping (3 nights included in ride fee)	#	\$
Length of Stay Fee for Rider and First Crew Member (name _____)		\$0
Length of Stay Fee (\$55 / person) for others* (names _____) (Note: children 16 and under are free but must be on gate list)	#	\$
Friday night dinners at \$TBD/ person (optional; MUST be ordered by September 11)	#	\$
Direct Donation for Hope for Horses (501C3)		\$
Total		\$
LATE FEE OF \$40 if entry fees are not in management's hands by September 10		\$
<b>ALL remaining basic fees due September 10 (closing date)</b> (any entry not paid by September 10 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed)). Absolutely NO post entries.		\$

Saturday night: no meal offered

Cancellation fees: \$50 kept if cancelled after Sat Sep 12 close of business but before Sep 14. 50% if after Sep 14 unless rider choice due to weather. For details, please check ride web site.

Please make checks† payable to **BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Mail to Cheryl Newman, 41 Pisgah View Ranch Road, Candler, NC 28715  
Email: cherylnewman@charter.net

**SIGN FIRST LIABILITY ON NEXT PAGE! BRING / SEND COPY OF NEGATIVE COGGINS IF CURRENT TO 9/20/20**

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THE FOLLOWING RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED FOR ENTRY TO BE VALID!

**Statement of Rider Liability Waiver**

I wish to enter and participate in the Biltmore Equestrian Center's Biltmore Challenge Endurance Rides, to be held on Thursday through Sunday, Sept 17-20, 2020. I have read the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. As a participant in the Biltmore Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of all applicable sanctioning organizations, including American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), Southeast Endurance Riders Association (SERA), Southeast Distance Riders Association (SEDRA), and the aforementioned ride.

I hereby knowingly execute this waiver of the right to sue and do hereby agree to assume all risks associated with participation in the ride, sponsored by the Biltmore Equestrian Center and Biltmore Company, or in riding on the premises.

I agree that my participation in the ride involves certain inherent risks, which include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) horseback riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas can have many natural and man-made hazard which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate, these hazardous surface/subsurface conditions including such things as rocks, trees, puddles, streams, fences, jumps and/or other hard objects and/or holes, divots, ledges which could cause an equine to trip and/or fall and/or could strike a participant who falls from or is thrown from an equine; (2) that horses can behave in unpredictable ways which can result in accidents to anyone at any time, resulting in injury, severe injury, or death; (3) that an equine's reactions to sound, movements, objects, vehicles, persons, animals, scents or insects cannot be predicted. I agree to take full responsibility for myself/my child, and the animal I/my child is riding. I will hold harmless the AERC, SERA, SEDRA, its officers and all individual members thereof, Biltmore Equestrian Center, its employees, all ride personnel, Biltmore Company, any of its affiliated companies, Biltmore Farms, Inc. and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, their representatives, successors and assigns, for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in this ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss, including that due to negligence not caused by wanton or willful misconduct of Biltmore Company, and the Biltmore Equestrian Center, or ride personnel. This release extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and I expressly waive any benefits that I may otherwise have under provisions of the law of North Carolina relating to the release of known claims. I understand that this release constitutes a limitation on my legal rights. Any action instituted against Biltmore Company or Biltmore Farms, Inc must be filed in the State of North Carolina. Under North Carolina Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities (Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes). I hereby certify that my horse is not under the influence of medication and will not be treated with or given any medications prohibited by AERC rules. I also hereby give permission to AERC or its duly appointed agent to take any appropriate action deemed necessary to check for possible administration of drugs to my horse. The undersigned verifies acceptance of risks and responsibilities for rider's and horses' conditions and certifies that all information on this form is correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

THIS AGREEMENT IS BINDING UPON MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ASSIGNS.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

• Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

• Horse Owner's Signature (if not rider): \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT FOR JUNIOR RIDERS**

I accept all AERC/ECTRA/SERA/SEDRA/AHA rules that apply to my entry and recognize the ability of this Junior to substitute a sponsor during the ride as allowed and, in my absence, consent to emergency medical treatment or aid to said Junior rider.

Name of Junior Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

• Signed: (parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian: PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

# **FEI** entry form for **BILTMORE CHALLENGE 2020** to benefit *Hope for Horses*

65 mi (100 km) 1\* – September 18 (Friday) (new date)

65 mi (100 km) 1\* / 75 mi (120 km) 2\* / 100 mi (160 km) 3\* -- September 19 (Saturday) (new date)

RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL (**PRINT!!**) \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE OF JY RIDER: \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR OF JR \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HORSE AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_ REG.# \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED DAY/TIME OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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	FEI 1* 100 km	Sat †	FEI 1* 100 km	FEI 2* 120 km	FEI 3* 160
Fri †	SR-\$330/ JY-\$270		SR-\$330/ JY-\$270	SR-\$390 / JY-\$340	SR-\$490 /JY-\$380

JY: 21 years old and younger. AERC junior sponsorship rules still apply. On-line FEI definite entries due by Sept 10.

FEI entry fees include: USEF: \$33 (NF+ Drug Fee); \$35 IHP event fee; \$1.50 entrant fee. All FEI riders must pay,

**Fees Include:** Rider's (1) Length of Stay fees, (2) Camp fees for 3 nights, (3) coffee & donuts at Sunday AM awards, (4) use of Biltmore trails ride day and day prior (5) Length of Stay fees for one named crew member (children 16 and under are free, but must have names on gate list). **Note: no meals are included in entry fees**

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Add <b>\$15</b> / ride if not AERC member		
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Mail to

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Email: [cherylnewman@charter.net](mailto:cherylnewman@charter.net)

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**FEI ENTRIES: SIGN USEF / FEI LIABILITY (second liability form), TOO.**

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

• Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Junior Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

• Signed: (parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian: PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of USEF as published in the USEF Rule Book and on the website at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

**EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:**

CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

**Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.**

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges / officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.**

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

**RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINER** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER/AGENT** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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



# FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor 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 the Biltmore Challenge (Competition). 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.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.**

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE** to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

**RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINER** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER/AGENT** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaultor/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Print

Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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