



AERC TEAM CHALLENGE RULES

1. All youth must be eligible to compete in the AERC Young Rider Division.
2. Teams should be made up of Young Riders within their AERC Region, and by high schools and colleges or combined teams within the AERC Region from multiple high schools and colleges.
3. If a Young Rider is not able to compete the entire year due to illness or another reason such as horse injury, the Team Coach can submit a replacement to the Team Challenge Coordinator for approval with reason for replacement. (Points for the old member will stand and points for the new member will only count for future events once approval has been given, no retroactive points for new member.)
4. Ownership of a horse is not required and you can compete on any number of horses.
5. It is not mandatory that each Team compete together or that the entire team be present at a ride for points to count towards the Team Challenge. However the more team members present the more points that will count towards that event.
6. All teams must be registered with AERC on or before the first competition in which the team wishes to have points tallied. The Team Challenge year will be from Dec. 1 – Nov. 30, and no points will be given retroactively for rides before registering your team. *
7. All team tally sheets must be recorded 60 days after the ride for the points to count, any received after 60 days will not be counted.
8. Printed AERC ride results can be submitted with team members highlighted as official results along with the tally sheet.
9. It is the responsibility of the Coach to send the team results into the Team Challenge Coordinator.
10. The Overall Champion Team, Reserve Champion Team and Top Team in each Region will be selected on the basis of points accumulated at events attended by the team members during that challenge year. The highest scoring five events for each team will be totaled by the Team Challenge Coordinator and used to determine the winners. (An event will consist of all distances on the same day of the same ride, for multi-day rides each day will be a separate event and tallied on a separate tally sheet.)
11. Teams are composed of 5 Young Riders and at a given ride if all five team members compete only the top three placing team members' points will be counted. If four team members compete only the top three placing team members' points will be counted. If three or fewer team members complete all team members points will count. (Team members at the same event can ride in any distance except LD's on the same day to be counted, so your five team members can ride in different distances and the top three will be counted as the same event as long as they are on the same day.)
12. AERC Points as given online for our new AERC Young Rider division will be how points are accumulated, any tie breakers at year end will be based on number total number of BC's for tied teams.
13. Team Points will be tallied quarterly throughout the year and the team standings will be posted on the AERC website.

***For this ride year the Young Rider Team Challenge will be allowing retroactive points if registered by 4-7-18**
