

Motion Name : Limited Distance rule modification

Proposing Committee: Rules

Date of Motion : November 12 teleconference call

Classification of Motion Request : rule change

Proposed Motion :

Whereas existing LD finish/completion rules often result in confusion and rushing to meet time and veterinary/pulse criteria,
Resolved to change the following rules: (deletions to current rule book are noted with cross-out line, additions with bold, italic)

1) Rule L3:

L3. The ride must provide a specific amount of time (total competition time) which will include all stops and holds, and within which competitors must complete the ride to qualify for placing or completion.

L3.1 There may be no minimum time limit for completion.

L3.2 **Course** completion time, ***which is the maximum time competitors are allowed to complete the specified course from start to finish***, will be according to the Limited Distance chart in Appendix A.

L3.3 Riding time is the time used by competitors to complete the course and reach criteria, excluding all hold times. This is the time used for AERC ride results.

L3.4 At the finish, ride time of the competitor continues until a pre-set judging criteria of 60 heartbeats per minute or less is met. (Finishing time is recorded as the time at which the rider asks for and subsequently meets this preset criteria.) ~~There is no marked finish line on the course that is used to determine placing or completion time.~~

2) and change the Limited Distance chart in Appendix A to read:

***Limited Distance Maximum Course Time Hours:Minutes
(time rider must be off the marked course, including all Holds and Checks)***
and

3) Rule L4

~~L4. Completion requires meeting all of the criteria used for endurance rides with the following exception/additions:~~

L4. Completion requires meeting all of the criteria used for endurance rides with the exception of maximum pulse criteria upon completion of the course (see L4.1.2)

L4.1 All equines must stand a mandatory post-ride evaluation within ~~30 minutes~~ ***one hour of crossing the marked finish line***. Riders may present their equines for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the ~~30-minute~~ ***one hour*** period. An equine that does not meet the established criteria within ~~30 minutes~~ ***one hour*** of arrival time shall be disqualified. Once a completed equine has passed the post-ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons.

L4.1.2 The equine must meet a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions within 30 minutes of arrival at all control points. Maximum pulse criteria upon completion of the course is 60 beats per minute, and must be met within 30 minutes of arrival ~~upon completion of the course~~ ***at the finish line***. Respiration should be evaluated on its own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects considered.

Implementation plan : Article in Endurance News, immediate notification of all members via email.