



Distance Horse National Championships General Info Flyer

AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA & ATAA
AERC / AHA Old Selam Open Rides
August 29-31, 2025
New Centerville, ID

GENERAL RIDE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFO

Hoof protection is REQUIRED for all distances. Helmets (ASTM/SEI), securely fastened while mounted, are REQUIRED for all competitors at the event per the Forest Service, NO EXCEPTIONS. Ride Camp is Henry's Creek Rd, New Centerville Idaho 83631. Please download directions to the event and do NOT rely strictly on your GPS.

OFFICIAL RIDE TIME

The Official Timer records the official time using the time clock(s) placed in the timing area; the time called and/or written is the official time.

LD CHALLENGE

This Challenge will be open to any rider/equine combination that plans to ride all 3 days in the Open LD rides. The rider must pay the \$25 entry fee for the LD Challenge before the start of the first day. This is in addition to the entry fee for each individual open ride. Because we encourage the very best care of our horses, the pulse criteria will be **60** for all LD riders at all pulse checks including completion and will have a CRI in the final Vet Check for each day. On the 3rd day, the entries in the LD Challenge will have a final Vet Check score. The placings for the 3 days will be converted into a point score which will be added to the point score for the final Vet Check to determine the 1st-5th winners. All rules are available on the AHA Distance National Webpage under Rider Information which can be found at www.arabianhorses.org/DNL.

DRUG TESTING

Ride Management reserves the right to require drug testing for any horse competing in the Event at any time during the event.

INDEMNITY & NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Arabian Horse Association (AHA), AHA Region 4, Ride Management the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC), the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA), the Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR), the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA), the Akhal-Teke Association of America (ATAA) and their officers, officials, employees, and volunteers will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by him/her and shall indemnify the AHA, AHA Region 4, Ride Management, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA against any and all losses, damages, and liability thus occasioned, including but not limited to all legal costs, including attorney fees, which may be incurred. The submitting of any official entry form to the Ride Secretary shall constitute an acceptance of these provisions by each person signing the entry form.

VET/JUDGES

Control Vet/Judges are required to score and judge the ride in accordance with the AHA Competitive Trail Ride and Endurance Ride Rules printed in the current AHA Handbook and AERC Rulebook. AHA Score cards will be used for scoring the 40 Mile CTR. AHA reserves the right to substitute a Control Vet/Judge. **All decisions of the Control Vet/Judges are final.** Open Rides will be judged as defined in the AERC Rulebook and the AHA Handbook.

JUNIOR RIDERS

A junior rider is an individual who has not reached his/her 19th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year (2024). Juniors **MUST** wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI). If the junior rider is found to be riding without the proper use of protective headgear, disciplinary action up to and including disqualification may occur. Juniors may participate in a ride only with the written consent of a parent or guardian on their entry form. **Juniors, entered in the CTR only, are not allowed to ride stallions.** For the Competitive Trail Ride National Championship, a junior under the age of 16 as of December 1st of the previous year (2023) must ride with a sponsor. The sponsor must be a competent adult (21 years or older as of December 1st, 2024) and must be duly entered as a competitor in the event and sponsorship must be documented on the junior's entry form, complete with the sponsor's signature. Junior and sponsor must ride together at all times. (See AHA Handbook for more information). For the Endurance National Championship Rides, AHA will also follow the rules outlined by AERC concerning junior riders.

PHOTOGRAPHS

All competitors, volunteers, and attendees at the ride automatically grant AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA, ASHBA and the official ride photographer(s) permission to publish any photos taken at the event. No written release is required for AHA, ApHC, PFHA, PShR, AMHA, ATAA and ASHBA to publish these photos in promotional materials, including but not limited to magazines, flyers, brochures, websites and banners.

PROTESTS & FORMAL LETTERS OF COMPLAINT

Disagreements as to procedure and rules interpretation may be submitted to the AHA Ride Steward for ruling. If there is a disagreement after the Stewards ruling, or if the Steward did not make a ruling, a Protest or Formal Letter of Complaint must be filed with AHA in accordance with the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook.

RIDE CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE

The Arabian Horse Association reserves the right to change the ride dates and/or ride location or to cancel the ride altogether. In the event of cancellation, all fees will be refunded. Neither Ride Management nor AHA/ApHC/PFHA/PShR/AMHA/ATAA/ASHBA shall have any liability to any competitor, owner, or other person, firm or corporation by reason of any change or cancellation of the ride, except for the return of the aforementioned fees.

STALLIONS

Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times. No Juniors are allowed to ride Stallions during the event. They must also be double tied (two halters & two lead ropes) to trailer, hitching post, or high tie when not being ridden or handled. They may be tied with a single halter and lead rope if also enclosed in a charged electric fence or in a secure pen provided by campground. Alternative containment options may be approved by Ride Management. This is for the safety of all competitors and horses at the event.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Some states require the original Coggins and brand inspection documents to travel between states, make sure to check the rules of the states you will be traveling through to verify if any additional documentation is needed. **Address for CERTIFICATES ONLY is AHA Distance Nationals @ Old Selam, 31 Grimes Pass Rd in Centerville, ID 83631.**

MEALS

Dinners will be provided by ride management and are provided to riders on the day(s) they compete. Breakfast and lunch will be the responsibility of the competitor and attendees.

CAMPING

Camping at Old Selam is primitive in a field. There are no stalls available. Please be prepared to stable your horse at your trailer with portable corrals, pens, tying to the trailer or high tie. If you use electric fencing, do not blanket your horse, as they can walk through the electric fence and you are in the forest with no fences for miles. Please come with your water tanks full. We will have plenty stockpiled but all the water will be hauled in by the fire department and our volunteers.

Please scatter your manure. If your horse digs up his area at all, please fill in holes. Please leave no trace, this is our private place, and we will be the ones that will have to clean up any messes in the end.

DOGS

Dogs must be on leashes or otherwise restrained at all times. Dogs are not allowed in the dining area.

TERRAIN

The Old Selam trails are beautiful, challenging but doable and enjoyable mountain endurance ride. The weather can range from warm to quite cool, especially at night, so come prepared. You will be riding primarily old logging roads and trails. This is a mountain ride. The footing is variable with good footing with some rocky areas along the creeks. **Hoof protection of some kind is required. Also Helmets are required for all riders as per our Forest Service permit!** Please be freshly shod or if you use boots, have the bugs worked out at home. There will be a farrier and treatment vet on site. Payment is the responsibility of the rider/owner.

WEATHER

This is Idaho. The weather here is usually beginning to cool off at this time of the year. It can still be very warm in the days and can get cold at night.

DIRECTIONS

From I-84 in Boise take Hwy 21 NE 36 miles to Idaho City. Turn left (north) onto Montgomery St. At the end of the street, turn left (west) and continue for 7 miles (dirt road between towns) to Centerville. Turn right (north) onto Henry's Creek Rd and continue approximately ½ mile into camp. Watch for signs for Distance Horse Nationals & Old Selam Ride.

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