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The Garrie Bates Memorial Ride
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Q What do the abbreviations mean that are on the far right column of the events schedule, or where can I find them?

Thank you!!

- A** A: 2-day ride
B: 1-day ride
O: Open division
CP: Competitive Pleasure
N: Novice

Q As far as portable stabling goes, I know the rule book says no electric fencing. For clarification and my own understanding: do I take this rule correctly, in that you cannot use portable panels (properly mounted to tree or trailer) in conjunction with electric fencing?

A The rules state you cannot use electric fencing as a primary fencing method.

[NATRC Rule Book 2021](#) (Section 5 - The Ride, B - Stabling)

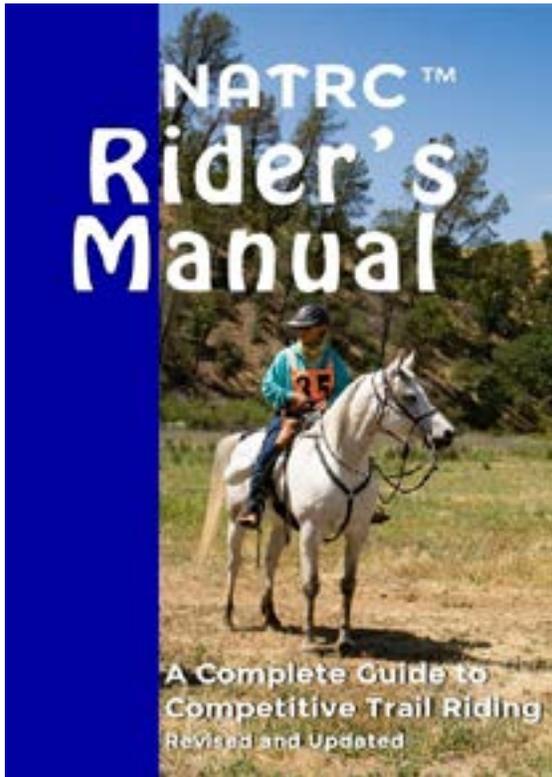
4. Stabling options **not allowed** during competition as primary containment:
- Hobbling of any kind
 - Portable panels that are not securely anchored to a trailer or a tree
 - Electric fencing
 - Staking out in any manner
 - Stallions in portable panels.

Q If one was thinking of changing horses for an event they are already registered for, how much notice do we need to give the ride organizers?

A Let ride management know that you are considering it, scorecards can be made for both horses ahead of time. Be sure information for both horses is entered in RMS. View [RMS guide](#) for instructions on adding horses.

Q Brand new to natrc (and any kind of organized/competitive riding really), please share your favorite bit of advice/what u wish u'd known as a newbie...

A STOP SETTLE SLOW. Whatever you do, give it thought, patience and fairness. NATRC is absolutely THE best place to learn and the people are the best. We are ALL about safety and enjoyment for you AND the horse.



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September 11-12

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and
LEISURE RIDE

Special session on map reading will
be offered based on demand.

Contact Sara Baldwin for more info.

HELENE PRITCHARD MEMORIAL @ KINGS MOUNTAIN

Click [here](#) for ride info.

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2021 Blacksburg, SC

"The horse, with beauty unsurpassed, strength immeasurable, and grace unlike any other, still remains humble enough to carry a man upon his back." - Amber Senti



H Cooper Black Ride in the Pines Cheraw, SC

A big shout out to all the judges, secretaries, P & R, safety riders, and all other volunteers for making Ride in the Pines at H Cooper Black a great success!

Angie Lindberg





Which division is right for me?



		LEISURE	NOVICE	CP	OPEN
Number of Days		1	1 or 2	1 or 2	1, 2, or 3
Shortened 1-day Format		X			
Distance (miles)	1 day	8 - 12	15 - 24	15 - 24	25 - 35
	2 days		30 - 40	30 - 40	50 - 60
	3 days				80 - 90
Average Pace (mph)		3 - 4.5	3.5 - 5	3.5 - 5	4 - 6
Horse Minimum Age		4	4	4	5
Classes		Adult Junior Experienced	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior
Leg Protection Allowed		X			
Judging Observations		Up to 5	Varies	Varies	Varies
Number of Judges		1	2	2	2
Scorecards		1	2	2	2
Scoring Type		Positive	Negative	Negative	Negative
What is Scored	P&Rs/day, scored	1, X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X
	Trail Ability & Manners	X	X	X	X
	Equitation & Communication	X	X	X	X
	Safety & Courtesy	X	X	X	X
	Soundness	Go / No Go	X	X	X
	Condition	P&R Only	X	X	X
	Tack	Eval* Safety	X	X	X
	Stabling	Eval Safety	X	X	X
	Grooming		X	X	X
Trail Care		X	X	X	
National Year-end Awards			X	X	X
Mileage Tracked & Awards		X	X	X	X

+ Eval means Evaluate

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Tennessee Trail Scamper

Circle E Guest Ranch
Belvidere, TN



May 22-23, 2021

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What a wonderful weekend Beau and I had at the TN Scamper. It was a very well ran ride, thanks to Marsha Howard, ride manager, Kathy Bortz, trail master, Linda Galbraith, vet judge, Wayne Tolbert, horsemanship judge, and our always smiling P&R crew.

Having a designated time to be at vet in was the BOMB, no long lines to have to wait.

The spaghetti dinner on Friday night was fabulous!

Sherry Garnes

Riders for Riders

“even big waves start with small ripples”
Adam Braun

Whether it be an auction for a special cause, volunteering at the next event or simply cleaning up after ourselves on the trail, we can show support for other riders through our love for the sport. The riders of The Garrie Bates Memorial Virginia Highlands Ride had the opportunity to give back to the Back Country Horsemen of the Virginia Highlands - Mt Rogers East End Trail Rehab Project. The project slated to be completed by year end consists of drainage improvement, treatment of water crossings and muddy areas and trail tread improvement. This rehab will reduce future maintenance and increase safety creating an enjoyable user experience. A used tack sale along with donations collected raised approx \$500. Thank you Nancy Sluys and Region 5 for working together to give back! To learn more about this project, visit their website @ www.bchvh.org.



Examples of problems on the trails that will be fixed

Red- Main Project Area Blue- Additional areas if feasible



The Garrie Bates Memorial Virginia Highlands

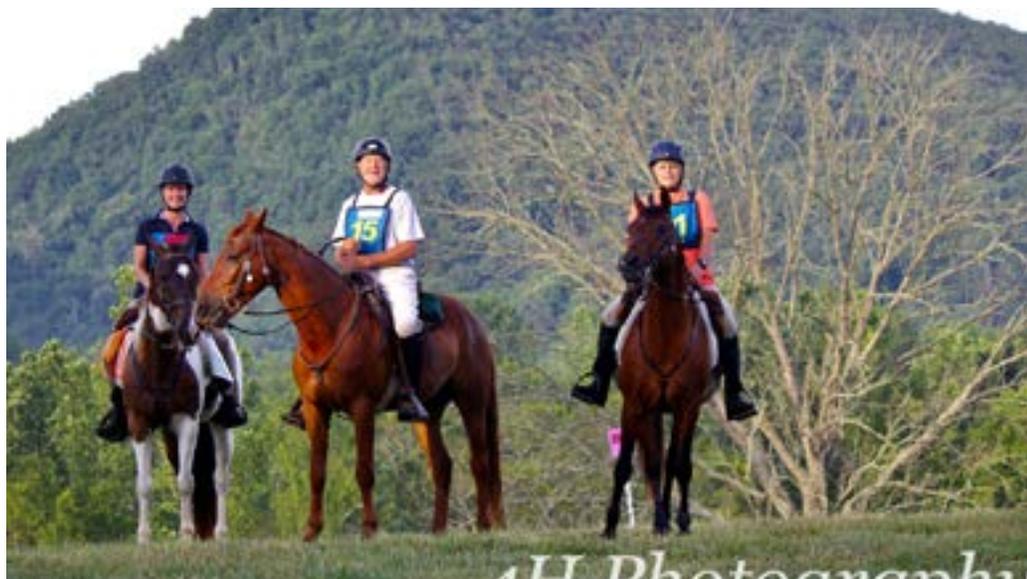


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