

General Rules

Any tack and attire is permitted the only exception – No tie downs or standing martingales. The same saddle and bridle or riding halter must be used throughout the entire competition. All riders must wear an approved ASTM/SEI helmet while mounted and during competition. Riders must carry a safety trail pack for the Orienteering competition but it is not required for the Obstacles or Mastery of Gaits. Ground jury (USNETO Board) has the right to recommend/ request mounts not capable of continuing be withdrawn.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTORY LEVEL (SINGLE / PAIR/ GROUP)

Approximately 12 km. Basic map reading skills required. Compass helps but not necessary. Obstacles max height 18” to 2’

LEVEL 2 SIMPLE-(SINGLE / PAIR/ GROUP)

Approximately 20 km. Basic map reading skills required. Compass helps but not necessary. Obstacles max height 2’ to 2’3”

LEVEL 2 EXTREME- (SINGLE OR PAIR)

Approximately 24 km. More difficult orienteering course. Complex map work with some orienteering from azimuths required. Basic map reading skills required. Compass use and knowledge required. Obstacles max height 2’9”

YOUTH LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTORY LEVEL (under 16 years of age)

Must ride with a partner or sponsor. (Sponsor does not need to be entered in competition)
Approximately 12 km. Basic map reading skills required. Compass helps but not necessary. Obstacles max height 18” to 2’

YOUTH LEVEL 2 SIMPLE (under 16 years of age)

Must ride with a partner or sponsor. (Sponsor does not need to be entered in competition)
Approximately 20 km. Basic map reading skills required. Compass helps but not necessary. Obstacles max height 2’ to 2’3”

CONTENTS OF TRAIL PACK (10 POINTS IN COMPETITION)

- Identification for Horse and Rider- Rider - Photocopy of passport/drivers license or simply a photo with name/address/contact for rider. For horse – photocopy of current Negative Coggins (can have entry one back)
- First Aid Kit-Simply first aid/salve/bandages/etc-suitable for horse or rider
- Emergency Shoe Repair- Easy Boot or hammer/nails/rasp
- Weather gear- should be related to climate. (rain, cold etc...)
- Wear international orange or some form of reflective gear on rider and/or horse
- Carry a flashlight with extra batteries
- Cell Phone- Sealed in an envelope (provided at orientation) or small change to make an emergency phone call
- Compass
- Whistle tied to rider's body
- Halter with Lead rope –or halter/bridle combo
- Human food and water

All items can be carried how you see fit. Any combination of saddle bag, vest, etc can be used.

The SANDHILLS TREC is sanctioned by the UNITED STATES NATIONAL EQUINE TOURISM ORGANIZATION, a member of the FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE TOURISME EQUESTRE

PLEASE REFER TO THE FITE RULE BOOK FOR RULES GOVERNING THE SANDHILLS TREC. FITE rules apply except for USNETO sanctioned levels.

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