



American Paint Horse Association

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APHA Rules of the Ride

For the safety and enjoyment of all riders, the following rules are enforced on all APHA rides:

- 1) Management reserves the right to qualify the ability of riders and to excuse any rider from participation beyond the riders' abilities. Management also reserves the right to qualify the suitability of all horses and to excuse any horse from participation if it is deemed that participation may jeopardize the safety of the rider or other riders on the trail.
- 2) Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on the ride.
- 3) All riders must stay behind the trail boss. No rough-riding or racing is permitted.
- 4) Stallions and dogs are not permitted on the trail. Dogs may be allowed in the camp (if facility regulations permit) but must be kept on a leash.
- 5) In order to warn other riders, a red ribbon should be tied on the tails of horses that are prone to kick.
- 6) All horses should be appropriately shod or have hoof protection.
- 7) Be sure your horse is fit, conditioned and able to handle the rigors of the terrain safely.
- 8) APHA rides require that all horses have a current health certificate (within thirty days from the beginning date of the ride) and a negative Coggins. Please see state regulations for the time frame on Coggins testing.
- 9) No smoking on the ride. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only.
- 10) No ponied or loose horses allowed on ride except as designated by management.
- 11) Leave No Trace (LNT). All APHA trail rides follow LNT guidelines. LNT is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics awareness program. Its seven principles and guidelines include:
 - Plan Ahead and Prepare
 - Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
 - Dispose of Waste Properly
 - Leave What You Find
 - Minimize Campfire Impacts
 - Respect Wildlife
 - Be Considerate of Other Visitors
- 12) All rules, regulations, etc., set by the location hosting each ride may take precedence over any rules of the ride as listed above.