

CHESAPEAKE TRAIL RIDING CLUB, INC.
10/15/25 2 DAY 50 (25/25) MILE COMPETITIVE RIDES
ECTRA SANCTIONED

DATE:

- 10-mile CDR: Saturday and Sunday (September 14, 15, 2024)
- 25-mile CTR: Saturday and Sunday (September 14, 15, 2024)
- 15-mile CDR: Saturday and Sunday (September 14, 15, 2024)
- 50-mile 2 day CTR: Saturday and Sunday (September 14, 15, 2024)

LOCATION: Ride site is Fair Hill Natural Resource Area (nearest large town is Newark, DE). Terrain is rolling hunt country through woods and fields, with some gravel road. Fair Hill has excellent facilities, including bathrooms with showers, excellent stabling, plenty of flat parking.

STABLING: A **separate** stall deposit check for \$25.00 must be included with the entry or given in cash to the Ride Secretary upon check-in. **This check or cash will be returned or destroyed when your stall is stripped, swept, inspected, and your ride evaluation is turned in.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: For cancellations **BEFORE** September 5, 2024, a \$25.00 administration fee will be charged. Cancellations **AFTER** September 5th will result in the rider forfeiting what Fair Hill charges THE EVENT per stall and parking which is \$35.00.

FOOD: **Bagged lunches on Saturday must be pre ordered with your entry. Please specify if Vegetarian.**

AWARDS: Completion awards to all riders finishing the course in the prescribed time and upon completion of final vetting

ELIGIBILITY: CTRs are open to all equines 5 years (60 months) of age or older. Horses entered in the CDRs and the 25 miler may be 48 months but may not compete on consecutive days. **Current negative Coggins must accompany entry.** We recommend that rabies vaccines are current.

CHECK-IN:

For those arriving the day prior to riding: 3 pm – 6:00 pm (*this can be Friday or Saturday as long as it is the day prior to whichever day you are riding, Saturday or Sunday*)

Same day arrivals: 6-6:30am

VETTING:

For those arriving the day prior: 3:30 pm - 6 pm.

For those arriving the same day: 6:30 am-7:15 am, your horse must be on the premises by 6:30 am or risk disqualification.

RIDE BRIEFING: Ride Briefing is on paper and will be included with your rider packet provided during check in. There will also be an in-person Ride Briefing at 6 30 pm both Friday and Saturday nights.

JUDGING: Is in accordance with the rules and regulations of ECTRA (Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association). **It is the rider's responsibility to know these rules.** Rulebooks are available from Marilyn Miles, PO Box 76, Clarksville, NY 12041 or on the ECTRA website: www.ectra.org

JUDGES: Vet: Nick Kohut DVM. Lay Judge is Helen Stacy.

FARRIER: May be available. You are responsible for paying them at the time of service. Any type shoes or Easyboots may be used; pads are optional. **Please read & understand ECTRA's rule regarding Easyboots or AHP. SHOES ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.**

DISQUALIFICATION: Will occur if any rider is found riding anywhere other than the marked trail; equine use of any prohibited drugs before, during or after the ride prior to final judging; at the discretion of management or judges should a situation warrant. See ECTRA handbook pertaining to disqualification. **Any horse requiring treatment of any kind, or any horse that the judges deem necessary to treat and the rider/owner refuses treatment will be disqualified.** Management retains the right to drug test each day.

TIME: **The times listed are the required times you will be allotted to complete your ride**

25 miles is 4:20 to 4:50 with a 30 minute hold

10 Miles is 1:30 –2:00

15 miles is 2:30 to 3.

****Riders arriving more than 30 minutes early or late may be disqualified.**

START TIMES:

25 milers: 7:30 am - 8:00 am (begin with a 15 mile loop)

15 milers: 8:15 am - 8:45 am

10 milers: 7:30-am – 8:00 am

*start times are staggered and may vary based on the number of horses in each division.

Note on start: All rides will begin only after morning vetting and safety checks are completed. There will be a staggered start with a minimum of 1 minute per horse between groups (ie. If 3 horses leave the start 3 minutes will pass before the next group heads out)

TRAIL: Will be marked with surveyor's tape, arrows and signs. Mileage markers will appear every 5 miles and each mile for the final 5 miles.

HOLD: Will be beside the barns in the field. **Canopies are recommended as there is no shade in this area.**

TRAIL CONDUCT: Riders should ask to pass only if safe to do so, and should avoid passing at a canter or a gallop. Red ribbons in tails of kickers; yellow ribbons in tails of stallions.

MISCELLANEOUS: No pleasure riding on trails during the ride except for drag riders. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Rider should provide own buckets, hay nets, feed and hay and grooming items. Leg protection is permitted, but only if entered in the Pass Fail Division. No internal or external medications allowed. Note that Vicks, SWAT cream and Vaseline fall into this category. Fly repellents, electrolytes, grooming products and water at ordinary temperatures may be used. **NO HOSING OF HORSES ALLOWED.** ASTM/SEI approved hard hats are mandatory and must be used whenever mounted. *NO BAREBACK RIDING.*

REFUNDS: For cancellations **BEFORE September 5, 2024**, a **\$25.00 Administration fee will be charged. Cancellations AFTER September 5, 2024**, will result in the rider forfeiting what Fair Hill charges the **EVENT** which is **\$35.00.** If entries warrant, a waiting list will be maintained; refunds are contingent on the place being filled from the waiting list. Refunds will be mailed after the ride.

INFORMATION

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CHESAPEAKE 2024 COMPETITIVE TRAILS RIDES
SEPTEMBER 14, 15 2024

RIDE INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to the 2024 Chesapeake rides! We are excited to offer the best experience we can in competition for your enjoyment.

Fair Hill NRMA is a 5800-acre park that is a multi use facility. On these trails you will encounter the public in various forms. Bikers, Hikers and Bird watchers are most common. Please be polite and courteous as you interact with them. We are here by invitation only.

Fair Hill does not allow anyone to check into their stalls or onto the camping pads until 3 pm. You may arrive sooner than 3 pm but please do not ask for straw or put your horse in your stall even though you know what stall they will be in.

When you arrive, you will be greeted by our ride Secretary Denise Evans. She will give you your ride packet and tell you what stall you are in. She will also tell you your start time. If you are arriving the day before you will need to be on the grounds not later than 5 pm, unless you have made other arrangements with me. Vetting begins at 3 pm and ends at 6 pm on both Friday and Saturday. When you unload you may not pull onto the grass in front of the barns. Fair Hill frowns on that.

We are vetting in between barns 2 and 3 and I do not want any traffic. I apologize in advance for the inconvenience.

You might want to bring a wagon of some sort to transport your straw to your stall and your used straw to the manure pile and to carry all your items to and from the hold. You may wish to bring a canopy if you are doing the 25/50 as there is no shade in the hold area.

If you are arriving on the morning of the ride, you need to be on the premises by no later than 6 00 am. This will allow time for check-in. Vetting will start promptly at 6:30 am each day. Safety checks begin at 6:30 am for horses that competed the day before.

THE HOLD AND FINISH:

There will be no crewing near the vet areas or in front of the shed rows. All crewing should take place either in the Hold area or at your trailer. You may wish to bring a canopy. The hold is out in the open and it could be very hot or rainy. Please note, it is your responsibility to secure your canopy, Fair Hill has been the site of some very strong winds.

You may wish to bring a wagon.

For the 25/50 you have the option of leaving tack on or taking it off when coming into the hold. Please be reminded that you will need to get to P&R within the first 10 minutes of your hold (with a pulse of 64 BPM or less) of your arrival time.

If you lose time waiting in line for vetting or waiting to get pulsed, please let me know, I will tell the timer and be sure you have that time added back in. One person at a time will be pulsed and then vetted at the hold and at the end of the ride. You will enter and exit at the given signed places. Please pay attention to the signs. Please be patient with us and each other.

For your finish on the 25/50 ride, you must present right at 20 minutes. A pulse of 44 or less is optimum and higher pulses will result in loss of points. A pulse criterion of 64 BPM must be met, within one hour of your finish time or disqualification will result. There is no hold on the 10/15 mile distance, so the same criteria applies to your finish, you must present right at 20 minutes.

RULES FOR PASS/FAIL DIVISION (P/F)

Mileage will count towards Mileage Only. The ride time window would be opened to include the Maximum or Minimum time before a participant is eliminated. Horses in this Division will present one time only for a complete final exam and will present in order of finish. Both initial and final exams are to be performed in the exact same manner. Every category is to be evaluated and the findings indicated with use of either "P" for Pass or "F" for Fail classification. No other notifications are required to be written on the score sheet except for a reason for failure. A "Fail" classification indicates that the equine is unfit regarding the welfare of the equine to continue in competition or to receive a

completion...Failure in any category is grounds for elimination. All trot outs will be performed in an "out and back" manner. Grade 3 Lameness is grounds for elimination. Failure to meet final Pulse criteria within ECTRA allowable time is grounds for elimination. Judges are to write a final Pass or Fail classification on the bottom of the Score Sheet at the end of the final evaluation. All types of hoof and leg protection are allowable. Judge(s) may request to observe any area covered by attached strap, keeper or gaiter at any time. Leg protection devices are permissible. Leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet band. Examples of these devices include but are not limited to bell boots, splint boots or wraps. Judge(s) may request to observe covered areas at any time and will require that they MUST be removed before presenting the horse for pre-ride, post-ride and safety hold check inspections.

Event distances and time:

25 Milers is 4:20 to 4:50 with a 30-minute hold

10 Milers is 1:30 –2:00

15 Milers is 2:30 to 3:00

Riders arriving more than 30 minutes early or late may be disqualified.

Trails:

There are 2 trails Pink (apprx 10 miles) and Blue mixed with Yellow that have red polka dots (apprx 15 miles) and are marked ribbons in trees, signage (pie plates) and flags in fields. We make every effort for exact mileage but, Fair Hill is under construction and our trails have had to adapt in very short order (we get mandatory change orders in very short notice). There are no hazards to mark. There is good natural water on trails. If I can find someone to monitor a water tank I will put one about half way through the 15 mile loop.

25s and 50s will ride the 15 mile Blue loop first and then the Pink 10 mile loop. Fair Hill is very much a park that you will need to move along in those sections where you can do so. We have thrown some lovely technical single tracks in with the beautiful canter spots. The last 5 miles are marked in accordance with ECTRA guidelines 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 to go. The trails are marked with Surveyors Ribbons in the trees, flags on the ground and posts with plates that provide additional direction and information.

The order of Rides to start will be:

Ride start will be 7:30 am each day. The 10 milers have a different start line from the 15s and 25s. The 15 mile ride will be released after a break from the 25s. Please pay attention to the signage around the barn area. This is critical to the success of this ride! These signs will tell you a lot about where you need to be.

If you wish to make changes to your entry for Sunday, they must be received prior to 3 pm Saturday. The only changes made after 3 pm will be to withdraw your horse completely.

Food:

We will have coffee and other breakfast items available beginning at 6 am both Saturday and Sunday. We always have an emergency supply of bottled water for anyone in need. Please don't hesitate to ask if you need something! We will offer a bagged lunch on Saturday. You should have already signed up for this on your entry and indicated if you have any dietary specifications ie. Vegetarian, no peanut butter or other issues. We will also have a "pot luck" Saturday evening at 6pm. Please bring a dish to share. Chesapeake will provide a protein. On Sunday, I usually make soup of some kind. Mary Coleman usually orders pizza on Friday if she comes. If we can find an individual to help, we will offer on-trail beverages and a snack. We will have some refreshments at the hold.

Housekeeping:

You must have your stall cleaned, swept, inspected and your ride evaluation turned in (if you wish to have your check or your cash \$25.00 destroyed or returned) no later than 3 pm on the day of departure.

The Ride briefing is in person by my Trailer and is held every night at 6:30.

There are showers and bathrooms at the end of barn 2. No port-a-johns.

Straw is provided - only straw may be used in stalls and only manure, straw and hay are allowed in manure piles.

We are incredibly short staffed and running this ride on a shoestring of volunteers. Please be kind, patient and understanding of the limited frills we offer. We will always get through it and if you ask or need something we will do our very best to help.

Fair Hill does not allow pens in the barn area. If your horse is staying overnight they must be in a stall.

If you have any questions or need ANYTHING, please ask the Ride Manager! That would be me.....

Awards: Will be as soon as all vetting is completed, and scoring is done. We will have an awards meeting as soon as the scoring is completed for all rides.

Key Personnel:

Ride Manager is Cate Peloquin

Denise Evans is Ride Secretary (and so much more)

Dr. Nick Kohut Vet Judge for all rides.

Scribe is TBD.

Helen Stacy Lay Judge for all rides (and so much more)

Her scribe is TBD

John Stacy is our EXTRA REP (and our only Bicycle Trail Marking person)

Coy Thomas, James Evans and Jack Weber are the Timing Team

Pulse team is TBD

Karen Taylor will be making your breakfast and lunches

Ben Fangman Trail Master and Head of Trail Marking

Jimmy Evans and Denise Evans (Gator marking)

Alexandra Johnson, Linda Smith and I handled the Equine trail marking.

NOW THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE VILLAGE THAT PROVIDES YOU SO MUCH FUN, PLEASE BE CURTEOUS AND AWARE OF HOW HARD THEY WORK FOR YOU!