

## Ride Description

1. Open field parking
2. Registration in Administration building
3. Estimated distance: 5 miles or more. 2 hours at a walk without the obstacle stops.
4. Wooded Trails and fields with some road riding.
5. Terrain is mixed, with some hilly areas. Should be okay for older horses.
6. OBSTACLES: There will be ten (10). Some natural, some with working situations. \*\*\*Caution – you may encounter hikers, cyclists, or dogs on the trails. These are not part of the obstacles. We must share the trails. Please be courteous!
7. RIDE SCHEDULE: Registrations opens: 8:30 AM  
Horses will be starting at 9:00 AM with last horses going out at 11:30 AM.  
Entire event should be completed at approx 5:00 PM.
8. Although this is a rain or shine event, we reserve the right to cancel in case of severe inclement weather.

## Rules

1. Horse and Rider must register as a team. Switching on the day of the ride requires a \$5.00 re-entry fee.
2. Every rider MUST sign a waiver form.
3. To qualify for the breed awards: registration papers, tattoos or freeze brands must be seen.
4. ALL dogs must be kept on a leash and away from food area and posted areas.
5. NO HORSEPLAY, RUNNING, or RACING in the park.
6. Use of Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is prohibited.
7. Fort Armstrong Horseman's Association has the right to refuse to allow any horse to participate due to illness, injury, unsoundness or uncontrollability.
8. Horses will be dispatched at 10-15 minute intervals, according to their arrival. Once you start, you do not have to stay in a group. Spread out for comfort. This prevents the snowball effect at obstacles.
9. The last departure will be at 11:30 AM. All horses must be on the trail by then.
10. Safe rider practices are required:  
All riders MUST use saddles (no bareback riding or bareback pads) and MUST wear long pants and boots or high topped shoes. PEANUT, PEEWEE and JUNIORS Riders MUST WEAR HELMETS!
11. Peanut, Peewee and Junior riders must be accompanied by an adult.
12. Excessive speed will be penalized. Take your time on the trails. Two or more hours to complete the course.
13. Judges will take your safety habits into considerations (loose saddle, dangling straps etc). We may have a dismount/remount situation.
14. You may talk or sing to your horse as a working partner. Coaxing/reprimanding will be penalized.
15. All participants are expected to behave in a sportsman-like manner.
16. No more than three attempts at an obstacle, unless the judge signals otherwise. A partial score will be given if you dismount and walk your horse through an obstacle. For safety reasons, the rider has the choice to bypass an obstacle and take a score of 0 for the obstacle.
17. No "ponying" another horse through an obstacle.
18. No double riding.
19. All riders must display their numbers to all judges.
20. Riders intentionally straying off marked trails to explore will be disqualified. We only have permission to use certain trails.
21. Any rider caught removing or changing trail markers will be disqualified.
22. ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
23. Crops and spurs are allowed. However; Judges shall not score horses requiring them higher than 9.7 for each obstacle. The ride should be a pleasure for both the rider and the horse.
24. SAME RIDER MUST RIDE THE SAME HORSE FOR 100% OF THE RIDE.

\*\*\* Please bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want a copy of the scores mailed to you.

If you must leave the ride early – you are responsible for collecting any awards you may win. Please have arrangements made with another rider to take them home for you or pick them up at the next event.