

EVENT TYPES

TRAIL CHALLENGE (TC)

A relaxing trail ride with judged obstacles placed in camp and on trail (5-10 miles). Ride at a leisurely pace with friends and family. Enjoy the sights as you improve your horsemanship skills. An unlimited number of obstacles, but at least 6. One horse and rider per event.

OBSTACLE TRAIL (OT)

Any combination of pasture, arena, and trail (2-4 miles) with at least 8 obstacles. Multiple horses per rider may be allowed at host discretion. Please verify with the Event Manager to see if their schedule will allow for multiple horses.

OBSTACLE COURSE (OC)

Any combination of pasture, arena, and trail (0-1 mile) with at least 8 obstacles. Multiple horses per rider are allowed, but cannot hold up the event. Please coordinate ride out times with the Event Manager.

IN HAND (IH)

In Hand courses are held in an arena or pasture setting with at least 8 obstacles where the handler works with the equine through obstacles. Multiple horses per handler are allowed, but cannot hold up the event. Please coordinate ride out times with the Event Manager.

RECREATION RIDE (RR)

This format provides 1 to 10 miles of recreational riding. It may be used to offer a practice Trail Challenge offering obstacles and feedback from judges, provide a fun format such as a poker run, or for simple pleasure riding as a fundraiser.

VIRTUAL COMPETITION (VC)

Virtual competitions require the rider to submit a video of their pattern by the required due date. Videos are then judged and the rider receives a scorecard and comments.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR RIDE, HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

Upon the approach of each obstacle, you inform the judge of the Challenge Level that best suits you and your equine, allowing you to best showcase your equine, helping you achieve success. Obstacles are not timed!

1. **SELECT A CHALLENGE LEVEL** at each obstacle.
2. **RECEIVE A SCORE** from the judge. Max 20 points per obstacle; 10 for the equine, 10 for the rider. A plus(+) may be given to equine and/or rider for anything from an exemplary try to an exemplary performance.
3. **YOUR OBSTACLE SCORE** is multiplied by the Challenge Level's corresponding weighted factor.
4. **YOUR BRACKET** is determined by the sum of the Challenge Levels selected.

Bracket	Challenge Level	Weighted Factor	Challenge Level Sum					Average Challenge Level
			6 obstacles	7 obstacles	8 obstacles	9 obstacles	10 obstacles	
Novice	1	1.00	6-8	7-10	8-11	9-13	10-14	1.0 - 1.49
Intermediate	2	1.30	9-14	11-17	12-19	14-22	15-24	1.5 - 2.49
Advanced	3	1.65	15-18	18-21	20-24	23-27	25-30	2.5 - 3.0

EVENT AWARDS

- ETS ribbons are awarded for 1st-6th place Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced brackets.
- ETS ribbons are awarded for 1st-3rd place Junior (age 13-17) & Youngin' (age 7-12).
- ETS ribbon is awarded to the high score Newcomer for the day!
- Additional Prizes are awarded at Ride Manager discretion.
- Mileage Points are accumulated for rider and equine.
- Placement Points are earned based on your bracket ranking.
- Ranking Points are accumulated for the rider no matter the equine.

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