

UPRIVER SADDLE CLUB 2011 TRAIL CLASSIC

Held during the Annual Horse Show – Saturday August 6th, 2011; 8:30am- 5:30pm

Test the riding skills you need to navigate the mountains of Idaho. This is truly a Trail Classic like no other. This event does NOT take place in an arena! Expert judges will score riders as they navigate the common and not-so-common obstacles found in the mountains.

Walk through demonstration: approximately 8:00 a.m.

U.R.S.C. Arena 1 mile west of Santa, Idaho or 17 Miles south of St. Maries, Idaho on Hwy 3

Contact: Kelci Nelson (208) 582-2615 ~ For Club News and Forms go to: www.ursc.org

Contestant Information - Conduct

- 1) While in each "Wait Box" you may ask questions.
- 2) Twelve and under riders may be assisted by one adult. That adult can not enter the course but can advise from the sideline.
- 3) You will be allowed three attempts at each obstacle. Your approach to the obstacle will be considered your first attempt. After three attempts the judge will direct you to move to the next obstacle
- 4) If, in the judge's opinion, any further attempt at an obstacle could result in a dangerous situation, the judge will direct you to proceed to the next obstacle.
- 5) Any rider that, in the judge's opinion, mistreats an animal may be disqualified or moved on to the next obstacle.
- 6) Mini-horses will be allowed to compete for score but will not qualify for any awards or placements.
- 7) The judge's decision is final.
- 8) The URSC's goal for this Trail Classic is to educate riders about the kind of training required to develop a safe trail horse and rider.
- 9) No handler may compete against themselves. In the event a contestant wants to ride multiple animals the contestant must declare which mount will be used for "award placing" and ride that animal first. The other animal's scores will not count towards any prizes. No mount may compete against itself. In the event that 2 or more riders wish to ride the same mount the rider competing for an "award" must be declared and ride first. The other rider(s) can obtain a score but no award.

Contestant Information - Attire

- 1) Riding boots are mandatory
- 2) Helmets are encouraged but not required.
- 3) Standard riding attire is all that is further required. But, it is best to look the part.

Contestant Information - Tack

- 1) Halter and lead rope are mandatory.
- 2) Saddle – English, Western, Australian are all approved.
- 3) Bridle – Snaffle, Curb Bit, Mechanical Hackamore, Bosal, or simply a Halter and Lead Rope are all approved. Curb Strap or chain must be at least ½" wide and not designed so as to be cruel to the animal. Using two hands will be encouraged when using a Snaffle, Bosal or Halter with Lead Rope. The use of two hands with a Curb Bit or Mechanical Hackamore may result in the loss of points. Animals over 4 yrs old may not use a snaffle bit unless full English Tack is being used.
- 4) The use of a Breast Collar, Britchin or Crupper is not mandatory.
- 5) Use of hobbles is optional
- 6) The judge's decision is final.

Scoring Procedure

- Each Contestant will start with 10 points at every obstacle.
- Points will be added for superior performance or deducted for problems at each obstacle.
- Perfect execution of an obstacle will be worth 20 points.
- Total failure of an obstacle will be worth 0 points.

*** Participation limited to the first seventy (70) entries ***

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RIDER NAME _____ AGE (Jan. 1) _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____

PHONE _____ MOUNTS & AGE (Jan.1) _____

Participants Age: **12 & Under** **13-18** **Over 18** **In-Hand** (Horse 2 yrs or younger)

Fees: Entry Fee: \$15.00 + Optional \$25 Jackpot = Total Due: \$ _____

Send Entry to: URSC, c/o Kelci Nelson – 919 Washington Ave, St. Maries, ID 83861

ASSUMPTION OF INHERENT RISK AT THIS ACTIVITY

I, as the undersigned, do hereby release the UpRiver Saddle Club, any of its Membership, the State of Idaho, and any individual associated with this activity; from all responsibility, for myself, my property and my mount. Under Idaho Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional shall not be liable for an injury to or death of a participant or equine engaged in an equine activity resulting from inherent risks of equine activities. **IDAHO CODE s 6-1801 1994)**

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER & INDEMNIFICATION

WITNESS THIS AGREEMENT This _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between UpRiver Saddle Club (URSC), hereinafter referred to as ORGANIZER and _____ hereinafter referred to as RIDER.

Rider, Rider's heirs, assigns, and representatives, hereby agree as follows:

1. RIDER AGREES TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN OR ARISING FROM RIDER'S VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITY CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANIZER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO RISKS OF DEATH, BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, FALLS, KICKS, BITES BOLTS, COLLISIONS WITH VEHICLES, OTHER HORSES OR STATIONARY OBJECTS, FIRE, EXPLOSION, LIMITED EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OR DELIBERATE ACT OF ANY OTHER PERSON. Rider acknowledges that equines, by their very nature are unpredictable and subject to animal whim. Rider assumes all risks in connection therewith, and expressly waives any claims for any injury or loss arising there from. Rider agrees to abide by and follow Organizer's rules and regulations. Rider further acknowledges that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of Rider. Rider assumes all risks therefore and warrants that Rider has the requisite abilities to safely participate in the Activity.

WARNING – All Activities involving HORSES, donkeys, mules or ponies (equines) have inherent risks for Participants/Riders. Idaho State Law (*IDAHO CODE s 6-1801 (1994)*) protects operators, owners, trainers, promoters and others from liability for injuries which are the result of an equine animals' behavior. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

2. Rider agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend Organizer, landowners, volunteers, service providers, vendors, URSC members and officers, officials and sponsors against, and hold harmless from, any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, judgments, orders, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees, whether actually incurred or not, which may in any way arise from or be in any way connected with Rider's participation, even if the harm resulted directly or indirectly from the negligence of the Organizer or the Activity, Officials, URSC members or officers, landowners, volunteers, service providers, vendors or sponsors.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & BEHAVIORAL:

3. In the event Rider is using Rider's own equine, or equine(s) not owned by Rider, Rider warrants said equine(s) shall be free from infection, contagious or transmittable diseases. Organizer reserves the right to refuse access or use of any equine to participate in any Activity if same does not appear to Organizer to be in good health, or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.

4. Rider agrees to assume all liability and responsibility for any accidents, injury or damages sustained or caused by Rider, Rider's helpers, stock or equipment and to expressly assume all risks of harm to Rider and/or horses including harm resulting from the negligence of the Organizer, or the Activity, officials, URSC members or officers, landowners, volunteers, service providers, vendors or sponsors.

5. Rider agrees to waive the protection of any applicable statutes in this jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing said release.

6. Riders under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian and have obtained signature of parent or legal guardian prior to participation. If I am a parent or guardian of a youth Rider, I consent to the child's participation and agree to all the above provisions and agree to assume all the obligations of the Release on the child's behalf.

Signature of Rider (Parent/Guardian, if participant is under age 18)

Date :