

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



**“Success is not an
accident, or a chance, it’s
hard work, patience,
learning and sacrifice.”**

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Do you have old newsletters?

Do you have a box, drawer, 3-ring binder with old UMECRA newsletters? I'm in search of old newsletters, 2003 and earlier. If you have some, please contact:

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Ride Manager/Vet Handbook Delivery

The 2025 version of the UMECRA Ride Manager/Vet Handbooks are going in the mail soon. Generally, a ride gets one booklet for each day of riding. One book for the ride manager and the other for the head vet. If your head vet does other rides, please talk with other ride managers so that the second vet you use can get a handbook and the head vet does not get six booklets.

I have a few extra handbooks. If you need an additional Ride Manager/Vet Handbook, please let me know and I can get you another book. This is especially good for new vets and new ride managers. You will also receive a Vet Signature form. Please mail the form to your head veterinarian with a self-addressed stamped envelope made out to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary, 5670 Foxboro Lane Wyoming, MN 55092. Your vets are to sign the form and let the board know that they have read the UMECRA rules.

Please contact me if you need another book or have any other questions,

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The Rule Box - 2025 Ride Season!!

General Rules

4. Rider Requirements

A. The rider or horse owner shall be responsible for expenses incurred for veterinary, farrier, or for any other services provided at a ride. This shall be settled before the person responsible leaves the grounds.

B. Any type tack permissible. Any type shoe may be used. (not required but recommended.)

C. The same unit (horse, rider and equipment weight) must be maintained throughout the ride, and must travel the entire trail together

D. Entrants must follow the prescribed course, do multiple loops in the correct order, and pass all control points. A competitor who fails this criteria should be pulled from placing, but may be allowed a completion, if in the opinion of the ride management the violation was not intentional and did not result in making the course easier or shorter. However, if the rider wishes to compete for placing then s/he must go back to the point of departure and must complete the entire trail in its correct order.

E. While the welfare of an equine participating in a ride is primarily the responsibility of the rider, it is also the responsibility of everyone participating in the event whether as a rider, crew member, ride official, veterinarian or spectator to protect the welfare of equines at the ride. Any inhumane treatment of an equine may be cause for disqualification. (2025)

F. All horses entered in a sanctioned event must not be under the influence of drugs, medications or stimulants, except those allowed by AERC, and may be subject to drug analysis while entered in the ride (See AERC Rule 13 and its Appendixes for allowed and prohibited substances and treatments.) (2015) (2018)

G. Unruly or unmannerly horses which are a hazard on the trail or to examine may be disqualified.

H. Official competitors may not be accompanied by equines, on trail or at checks, that have not entered or have been pulled from the ride.

Exception: A junior rider who loses their original sponsor due to an emergency, or the sponsor is unable to continue in the competition. In emergency situations an ad hoc sponsor can be secured on the trail until a qualified, ride documented sponsor can be secured. (2024)

I. It is the rider's responsibility to present himself to the veterinarian (or P/R Team) precisely at the time indicated on the time card. The rider is also responsible to check his time card and/or to coordinate his time with ride time.

J. All riders and mounts must be physically present and accounted for, entered and vetted in at the start of the ride. 6

K. Stallions must be double tied (two halters & two lead ropes) to trailer, hitching post, or high tie when not being ridden or handled. They may be tied with a single halter and lead rope if also enclosed in a charged electric fence or in a secure pen provided by campground. Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times. Alternative containment options may be approved by Ride Management. (2013) (2014)

L. Stallions must be ridden by a rider 18 years of age or older. Juniors in Competitive shall not ride stallions. (2013)

M. The UMECRA website: www.umecra.com, shall serve as the official process of notification of ride results and point standings. Ride results and points printed therein become official 30 days after the publication date to the website (Publication dates will be logged on the site.)

1. Riders are responsible for checking ride results and point standings for any potential errors in a timely manner and must report any suspected errors to the Points Keeper and Ride Manager within the 30 days of the publication date. Any discrepancies in the attempts by the Points Keeper, rider and/or the Ride Manager to resolve any suspected errors must be forwarded to the UMECRA Secretary. The UMECRA Secretary will inform the Executive Board of Directors of such

discrepancies. The UMECRA Board of Directors will be responsible for the final resolution of these issues in a timely fashion. (2020) (2022)

2. The year-end final points and standings published on www.umecra.com will become official the day before Thanksgiving. Riders must check their year-end points, standings, and miles and report any discrepancies before this date. Please note that although the last ride results, final year-end points, standings and miles may be available on the website for less than 30 days, it is the responsibility of the riders to review and address any issues before the deadline. (2025)

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Ride Managers – remember - all ride payments should be mailed to the UMECRA Bookkeeper:
Jessica Sonnek
1991 County 9
Houston, MN 55973
Email: jess.sonnek@gmail.com
Call: 608.780.3477

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NOTICE to UMECRA Members: It is with regret that we have removed the Canadian rides from the approved UMECRA ride calendar. Unfortunately, we were unable to resolve insurance issues as required per the UMECRA by-laws. The rides have been removed from the Ride Calendar, although we wish the best of luck to the Canadian rides! The rides are:

5/10	Belair Forest Fiesta Endurance Ride / Stead, Manitoba Canada
8/23	Souris Bend Endurance Ride / Souris, Manitoba Canada
9/6 – 9/7	Stargazers Endurance Ride / Glenboro, Manitoba Canada

UMECRA BoD meeting is scheduled for April 5th at the Country Inn and Suites in Lodi, WI. Meeting starts at 10am. West 9250 Prospect Dr, Lodi, WI, US

Time to Plan Your 2025 Ride Season!

Go to UMECRA.com for full ride details

Date	Ride Name / Location
3/29 – 3/30	Panther Creek / Tiscumbia, MO
4/12 – 4/13	Early Bird Ride / Forest City, IL
4/26	Tally Ho! Distance Riding Clinic & Ride / Tipton, IA
5/3 – 5/4	MnDRA1 / Hinkley, MN
5/3 – 5/4	White River Spring / Hesperia, MI
5/9 – 5/11	Glacier Trails / Palmyra, WI
5/17 – 5/18	Trade River Run / St Croix Falls, WI
5/17 – 5/18	AHDRA's Endura / Keithsburg, IL
5/24 – 5/25	Grand Island Ride / Rapid River, MI
5/31 – 6/1	Maplewood West / Pelican Rapids, MN
6/7 – 6/8	DRAWs Kettles N' Bits / Campbellsport, WI
6/7 – 6/8	White River Summer / Hesperia, MI
6/14 – 6/15	Kankakee River Ride / Bourbonnais, IL
6/14 – 6/15	Southeast Minnesota / Preston, MN
6/21 – 6/22	Grand Island North / Munising, MN
6/28 – 6/29	Firecracker Fling / Avoca, WI
7/12 – 7/13	Hopkins Creek Ride / Fife Lake, MI
7/12 – 7/13	Mosquito Run / Rogers, MN
7/25 – 7/27	Bonecrusher Ride / Palmyra, WI
7/27 – 8/2	Shore to Shore Distance Ride / Hale, MI
8/8 – 8/10	Louise Riedel Memorial / Arkdale, WI
8/15 – 8/16	Detroit Horse Power Benefit Ride / Milford, MI
8/16 – 8/17	Bearfoot Boogie / Hinkley, MN
8/23 – 8/24	AHDRA's Field of Dreams Dash / Farmington, IA
8/23	Souris Bend Endurance Ride / Souris, Manitoba Canada
8/23 – 8/24	DRAW's Prairie River Ride / Gleason, WI
8/30 – 9/1	White River Labor Day Pioneer Ride / Hesperia, MI
9/6 – 9/7	Charity Cup / Pillager, MN
9/6 – 9/7	Keweenaw Ride / Gwin, MN
9/6 – 9/7	Stargazers Endurance Ride / Glenboro, Manitoba Canada
9/12 – 9/13	DRAW's Colorama Classic / New Prospect, WI
10/4 – 10/5	Huntersville Hundred / Menahga, MN
10/4 – 10/5	Rock River Charity Ride / Chandlerville, IL
10/11 – 10/12	Iron Oak / Arkdale, WI
10/11 – 10/12	Oak Leaf Run / Hamilton, MI
10/17 – 10/18	Point Chaser / Theilman, MN
10/25 – 10/26	AHDRA – Big River / Keithsburg, IL
Monday, 11/3/25 - End of UMECRA Season	

Clinics!

On March 1st there was another successful clinic in Minnesota. With 85 people there, it was a fun and educational day. Presentations included all the basic events (Comp/Novice, LD/Intro, Endurance), what you need to get started in the sport, feeding and conditioning the distance horse, and what to expect at the vet checks. In addition, there were multiple breakout sessions including: saddle fit, camping with your horse, introduction to equine body work, taking pulse and respiration on your horse, and a fool proof method to back your trailer.

The clinic was held at Maria Enge's HH Stables in Princeton, MN.



The next clinic is scheduled for April 26th – the Tally Ho! Distance Clinic and Novice Ride in Tipton, IA! If you know people in the area, please let them know! The clinic flyer is available on UMECRA.com on the ride schedule.

Are you planning a clinic? Let us know (email me at peggy@pasillas.net) and we'll get it in the newsletter!

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Don't forget to renew your UMECRA membership before your first ride. That will make sure you get all your points and miles for the ride season! You can use the membership form in the newsletter or complete your membership online at www.umecra.com

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UMECRA TRAIL GRANT REQUEST

Trail grants are provided to public trails only and are for an organization, not individuals.
Requests will be reviewed and voted on at each board meeting three times a year.

Send completed form to: Janet Sarver 5670 Foxboro Lane, Wyoming MN 55092 or email to Jsarver662@gmail.com.

Date: _____

UMECRA Member making request: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Amount of request (\$500 maximum): _____

Date money is needed: _____

Name required on check if grant is approved:

The name needs to be an organization name; not an individual name.

Address to send check:

Please explain the reason for request. Include:

- What the money will be designated for (be specific)? You can use back of form or submit more information if needed.
- How UMECRA will benefit from granting this request?
- How UMECRA will be recognized for this request ?

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For Office Use Only:

Date Rec'd _____
Check # _____
Amount \$ _____
DB entered? _____
QB Receipt# _____

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**UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND
COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Membership year: _____

Credit Card option available online at
www.payumecra.com/membership

SELECT ONE:

RENEWAL ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Family \$45 ☐

Single \$35 ☐

Minor* \$10 ☐

**Under 18 as of Dec 1 (beginning of ride season)*

SELECT MEDIA PREFERENCE:

Electronic Newsletter - \$0 ☐

Mailed Newsletter - \$10 ☐

Electronic Ride Book - \$0 ☐

Mailed Ride Book - \$10 ☐

Ride Book is available for free by downloading the PDF file at www.umecra.com on the Schedule page.

*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults, and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household. Please include all names of eligible family members below.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and LEGIBLY!

AERC MEMBER NUMBER(s) (if applicable): _____

UMECRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(S): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (s): _____

Email: _____

Do you have a new horse? To obtain a UMECRA number for your horse, or report a new AERC number please contact the pointskeeper (ajdavisaussies@gmail.com) and the webmaster (n.mauserstorer@outlook.com)

If you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book, check this box: ☐

Pay online at payumecra.com/membership OR mail completed form along with check made out to UMECRA to:

Jess Sonnek - Bookkeeper
1991 County 9
Houston, MN 55943

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