

MINI-MARATHON RIDE RULES

A26 MINI-Marathon Ride Definition and Interpretation

- 26.1 An affiliated ride, conducted as a single event where a maximum of 50 kilometres are ridden each day for three or more consecutive days, may be called a "Mini-Marathon."
- 24.2 These MINI-MARATHON RIDE RULES are to be read in conjunction with all AERA Inc. rules and procedures.
- 26.3 Local rules can apply but they must not be in conflict with any of the AERA Inc. rules and procedures, and will need to be sanctioned by the State Management Committee where the ride is being held.
- 26.4 These MINI-MARATHON RIDE RULES will take precedence over other rules and procedures where there is a conflict or contradiction.

A27 MINI- Marathon Ride - General Rules

- 27.1 A Mini-Marathon is a non-competitive event. No places are to be recognised. Points and Distance are not recorded for Division or National Points and Distance Awards.
- 27.2 Only horses which are a minimum of 5 years of age on the day of the ride, and which have all permanent teeth erupted and in wear, and which have been issued with an AERA Logbook are eligible to enter. Only horses that comply with H3 and have a Logbook may enter.
- 27.3 Early Warning System points will not accrue for horses and riders who vet out.
- 27.4 Only Division Riding Members who have previously completed at least two affiliated Training Rides are eligible to enter. Day Members are not eligible.
- 27.5 All riders are restricted to a pace as designated under the Training Ride Rules. (i.e. to be determined by the Ride Organisers, but no faster than 14kilometres/h.)
- 27.6 Day one of the ride must be at least 40 kilometres in distance.
- 27.7 The total distance of the ride must average 40 kilometres or more for each riding day.
- 27.8 Each leg must be ridden in the correct order and within the time limits as set by the ride committee.
- 27.9 All successful horses are eligible for best managed horse awards, if one is given.
- 27.10 Each competitor's riding time will be recorded daily. These times should be made available at the completion of each day.

It is advisable to hold a riders' meeting at the completion of each day, because veterinarians and the Chief Steward may be rostered over different days of the event. The names of these key personnel must be announced at this meeting.

The veterinary team may require lameness tests and general inspections of some or all horses prior to the start each day.

A28 MINI-Marathon Ride - Rest Days

- 28.1 Rides longer than three days may have rest days. Rest days must be announced before the ride commences. A rest day is defined as 24 hours rest.
- 28.2 Some circumstances (fire, flood, etc.) may require a change of rest days. Any alteration must be approved by a majority vote from riders still competing, in consultation with the designated ride officials and the ride committee.

A29 MINI-Marathon Ride - Start Times and Rest Periods

- 29.1 The ride committee may elect to have a shot-gun start each day, or may allow riders to nominate their own departure times for any leg or legs of the event.
- 29.2 The maximum time horses are allowed on course each day must be announced prior to the commencement of that day but may be subject to change due to exceptional circumstances.
- 29.3 In the case of mini-marathon rides with travelling ride bases, rest periods are at the discretion of the ride committees, subject to these rules.