

SPANISH MUSTANG REGISTRY, INC
SANCTIONED RECREATIONAL TRAIL EVENTS

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Section 1.0 Introduction and Definitions

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of a Sanctioned Recreational Trail Event is to ride the Spanish Mustang in a planned but non-competitive environment which offers education, safe riding practices and the camaraderie of the Spanish Mustang Community. Meeting these standards and rules and regulations allows organizers to receive Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc. recognitions for their events.

1.2 General Information

The standards, rules and regulations for the Spanish Mustang, Inc. sanctioned recreational events ensure that all participants enjoy consistent event standards and responsibilities. The following applies to all participants at a SMR, Inc. sanctioned trail event.

- a.) All participants are responsible for knowledge and compliance with SMR, Inc. Trail Rules and Recommendations.
- b.) The purpose of the SMR, Inc. Trail Rules and Recommendations is to promote safety in and provide standardization for conduct at SMR, Inc. sanctioned trail events.
- c.) Each of the rules and recommendations is intended to apply to all SMR, Inc sanctioned recreational trail events.
- d.) In situations not covered specifically in the rules and recommendations, or by direct interpretation of these rules and recommendations, the spirit and intent of these rules and recommendations will be upheld.
- e.) All participants at SMR, Inc. Sanctioned Trail Events must be current SMR, Inc. members or pay the required non-member fee. Organizers are encouraged to provide SMR members a discounted fee rather than charge nonmembers an additional fee. This practice demonstrates the value of membership instead of penalizing non-members.

1.3 Definitions

- a.) The term SMR refers to Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc.
- b.) The term horse refers to horse, pony, mule or donkey.
- c.) The term rider refers to the person controlling the horse on the trail.
- d.) The term junior refers to those riders who have not reached their 18th birthday.
- e.) The term adult refers to those riders 18 years and over.

- f.) The term participant refers to all attendees of the event. (Riders and non-riders)

Section 2.0 Rules and Recommendations

2.1 Rules

- a.) All participants must be registered and prepaid before the ride.
- b.) All participants must sign a current disclaimer of liability. Parent or guardian must sign if participant is under 21. Minimum rider age is 6 years.
- c.) All participants are expected to obey the SMR, Inc. Sanctioned Recreational Event Rules, Ride management rules and rules of the property management where the event is held.
- d.) All participants are to recognize and abide by the decisions of the Event organizer/manager. Event management reserves the right to reject any application or to excuse any participant from the ride. Management reserves the right to qualify the ability of the rider and to excuse any rider from participation beyond the rider's ability.
- e.) No Smoking while riding.
- f.) No alcoholic beverages on the trail.
- g.) Riders are to stay on the designated trail. Do not take short cuts. Do not leave the trail without notifying management.
- h.) Dogs are not allowed on the trail but are permitted in camp only. (Exception may be Land Management rules)
- i.) All horses must have appropriate State required health documents. Consult ride management for requirements. Negative Coggins test is mandatory.
- j.) Cruelty to or the abuse of any animal by any person at a sanctioned event is forbidden.
- k.) All horses must be serviceably sound and not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, physical distress or impairment of vision in both eyes.
- l.) All participants should keep safety for themselves and their horses foremost in their minds. Each rider must maintain control of their mount at all times.
- m.) Horses shall be at least 4 years of age to participate. All breeds may participate. Registered SMR horses whose owners are SMR members will qualify for SMR mileage and Compadre points in the SMR, Inc. Points and Awards program.

- n.) Stallions may participate at the discretion of the ride manager. A yellow ribbon will be attached to the tail of the stallion.
- o.) A red ribbon will be attached to the tail of a kicking horse.
- p.) Riding double, ponying an animal with or without a rider, or a loose foal at the side is not allowed. No rough riding or racing is permitted.
- q.) Riders are responsible to ensure that their horse is physically fit and adequately trained to perform the tasks asked of them.

2.2 Recommendations

- a) Helmet use is recommended and encouraged. Note: Some States require helmets on junior riders on public lands.
- b) Safely secure carried items to your saddle.
- c) Be alert as to how your riding affects others. There will be riders with varied levels of horse and trail knowledge and experience. There will be horses with different levels of training. Do not let your horse crowd other horses. Trotting or galloping up on or passing other riders may upset their mounts.
- d) Be thoughtful – let it be known that you would like to pass, wait for a wide spot on the trail and pass quickly.
- e) If you must stop along the trail, give those behind you advance notice, then pull over to the side of the trail.
- f) When watering along the trail, wait until all horses in your group have a chance to drink before moving on.
- g) If riding near livestock or wildlife, please pass quietly and do your best not to disturb them.

Section 3.0 Sanctioning of Recreational Trail Events

3.1 Event Organizer's Responsibilities

- a) Organizers must submit their applications for a sanctioned event to the SMR secretary at least 60 days before the event date.
- b) The organizers must agree to:

- i) Conduct the event in accordance with the SMR, Inc. Rules and Recommendations. Organizers must include a statement to that effect in their schedule/agenda.
- ii) Appoint an organizer and publish his/her name in the event schedule/agenda.
- iii) Obtain from each participant all required health papers and signed disclaimer of liability.
- iv) Provide a complete listing of the event participants (SMR horses and horse owners) to the SMR Points and Awards coordinator within 30 days of the event completion.
- v) Recognize the event's status as a SMR, Inc. Sanctioned Recreational Trail Event in advertisements and news articles/reports and in the event agenda/schedule.
- vi) Display the SMR, Inc. Banner in a conspicuous location during the event.
- vii) Provide each participant with the SMR, Inc. Sanctioned Recreational Trail Event Rules and Recommendations plus any specific rules of Land Managers and/or owners where the event is to take place.
- viii) Include in the Event schedule/agenda: event name and location, event date(s), event organizer with contact information, Sanctioned by SMR, Inc., description of the ride to include level of difficulty, number of miles, terrain, etc., weather, fees, directions, horse health requirements and all applicable rules and requirements.
- ix) Conduct pre-ride meeting to go over specific rules, safety issues and emergency procedures.
- x) Establish participant fees based on ride expenses. Ride management will be responsible for any expenses incurred. Land use fees, meals, camping fees, sanction fee, etc. A minimal non-member fee is required for riders who are not members of the SMR, Inc.

3.2 SMR, Inc. Support to Sanctioned Events

The SMR, Inc. upon sanctioning an event will provide:

- a) An event listing on the SMR, Inc. website with the designation of "SMR, Inc. Sanctioned Event".
- b) A SMR, Inc. Banner for display during the event.
- c) SMR, Inc. Brochures.
- d) Automatic point accrual for registered Spanish Mustangs whose owners are SMR, Inc. members.
- e) Insurance coverage for the event. (Included in the Sanctioning fee)

Section 4.0 Organization of a Recreational Trail Event.

4.1 Sanctioned trail events are single or multiple day organized trail activities. The activities are non-competitive and may consist of trail obstacle course challenges, poker rides and/or casual trail rides. Trail events are not races and can be ridden at your own pace.

4.2 Organizers may also include educational opportunities on nutrition, equine health and fitness, farrier concerns, etc.

4.3. There should be a well marked route and/or direction on the trail by ride management.

4.4. Assistance en route – out riders/communications/check points as needed.

4.5 Pace allowed, rules and etiquette should be made clear to all riders.

SANCTION APPLICATION

SPANISH MUSTANG REGISTRY, INC. RECREATIONAL TRAIL EVENT

To have your trail event sanctioned by the SMR, Inc., please complete this form at least 60 days prior to the event and mail to the SMR, Inc. secretary along with the sanctioning fee.

Event name: _____ Event date(s): _____

Site Location name: _____

Site street address: _____

City: _____ State/zip: _____

Organizer(s) name and address:

Phone H: _____ W: _____ C: _____

Type of event: ___ Trail ride # miles: _____
 ___ Poker Ride # miles: _____
 ___ Other # miles _____

Provide a brief description of the event activities

Sanction fee is based on cost of insurance to cover the event.

Sanction fee \$100 Make check payable to the Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc.

Mail to the SMR, Inc. secretary

By completing this application, the organizer(s) agree to conduct this event in accordance with the rules and regulations and directives of the SMR, Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SANCTIONED EVENT PARTICIPANT ENTRY FORM

SPANISH MUSTANG REGISTRY, INC.

Name of Event: _____ Date(s): _____

Name of rider: _____ Junior D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

City/State/zip _____

Day phone _____ eve phone _____

e-mail _____

Name of Horse; _____ SMR# _____ age ___ sex _____

Owner of horse: _____

Permission for minor to participate: I hereby consent to the entry of my child
(name _____) in this trail event and certify that I have read the liability waiver and
accept responsibility for the participation of said minor.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Event fees: Entry fee _____

Camping fee _____

Meals ___ X# _____ = _____

Non-SMR member fee _____

Total _____

Please submit entry form, liability waiver and appropriate fees to the event organizer.

LIABILITY WAIVER

Equine Activity Release – Read carefully

Warning: As a participant in this sanctioned Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc. Trail Event, I agree to abide by the rules of the ride including all SMR, Inc. rules. I understand this event involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities. I understand these areas have many natural and manmade hazards which ride management, cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate. I understand equines can be excitable, difficult to control, unpredictable and dangerous. I accept responsibility for myself and the equine I ride at all times. I hold ride management, all personnel, SMR, Inc. and all property owners including forest service, blameless and free from liability for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the event. This release is valid for my animals, personal belongings, family and/or guests in my company. This release applies for the entire ride (event): arrival, during and until departure. I understand helmets are recommended safety gear and any failure to wear one is my own negligence. I give consent for any emergency medical aid or treatment.

I have read, understand and accept this liability release.

Signature of rider: _____ date: _____

Horse owner (if different): _____ date: _____

Signature of Parent/guardian (if under 21 yrs): _____
date: _____

SANCTIONED EVENT AGENDA/SCHEDULE/FLYER GUIDELINES

The following items are recommended for inclusion in your event flyer.

Event Name and Location

Event date(s)

Sanctioned by the Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc.

Event organizer and contact information

Description of ride: level of difficulty, terrain, weather, etc.

Ride schedule

Fees: member, non-member, camping, meals. Etc.

Directions

Horse Health requirements

SMR, Inc. Trail Event Rules and Recommendations

Additional rules as applicable