

Hello Distance Days Riders!

Are you ready for a fun weekend of trail riding and celebrating distance riding in Vermont at GMHA?

Distance Days is just around the corner, and this summer has been spectacular for riding. Let's hope the weather for our rides continues to favor dry and cool temperatures.

Below is a schedule, please look it over carefully. Any changes will be announced. Vetting in and ride briefing will be the evening before the ride, except for the 10mile and 15 mile CDR and the pleasure rides.

For competitive riders, stabling will be in A, B & C barns (unless otherwise requested). This makes it easier for the P&R takers. If you are planning on arriving on Wednesday, please let me know – the stabling chart will be up on the members room outside wall if your arrival is after 4:00pm. There will day stall available for those shipping in. Please be aware of GMHA clean stall policy.

Please let me know if you have any questions. (508-325-2541 c)

The trail team is looking forward to seeing you all very soon! Safe travels to everyone!!

Thank you,

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Distance Days schedule

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd ARRIVALS

(Stabling assignments on outside wall of Member's Room)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd

12:00-am 1:00pm - 100mile riders weigh in opens and pull for starting positions –(office porch)

1:00-4:00 pm– Lunch meeting for officials (judges, scribes, Thursday vet steward, manager – Youth Center

3:00-4:45 pm– Inspections of 100 & Friday 40 mile horses (White Ring)

5:00 pm– Conclusion of inspections, ride briefing in Youth Center

5:30 pm– Welcome dinner for Officials, volunteers& riders in Youth Center following ride briefing

10:00 pm– Stables close

Friday September 4th

5:00am – Stables open

5:30am Coffee/beverages and light breakfast in Youth Center for all riders, volunteers & officials (severed until 8:30)

6:30am – 100mile horses depart GMHA at two-minute intervals

10:00am-Hold opens / horses arrive in S. Reading (Alferi's/Mitchells)

1:20pm- Horses begin to return to GMHA, vetting in at the White Ring

1:00pm-3:00pm – Lunch at the Youth Center for riders & volunteers

3:00pm – 5:30pm - Inspection of horses for Saturday's rides (25,40,60-mile rides -10, 15 & 20 milers will inspect on Saturday morning at 7:00am, ship-ins for 20 may vet in Sunday)

5:00pm- Ride briefing 100/60/40/25 in Youth Center

4:00pm -7:00pm - Open House & Corn Chowder & light fare at Vermont Country Horse Store (next to GMHA).

10:00pm – Stables close

Saturday September 5th

5:00am -Stables open

5:30am- Coffee and light breakfast in the Youth Center for all officials, riders and volunteers served until 9am

6:30am – 100/60/40/25 milers depart from GMHA at two minute intervals

7:00am – 15mile CDR & 10 mile inspection at White Ring

8:30am- Ride briefing for 10/15 mile ride

9:00am-Riders depart – 10 & 15 milers

9:30am- HOLD at Twin Springs Farm opens for 100mile

11:00am – 10 & 15-mile horses begin to return to GMHA – vetting in White Ring

12:30pm -100/40/25/ mile horses begin to return to GMHA- vetting in White Ring. 15mile awards in the Youth Center

1:00-3:30 – Lunch available in Youth Center for volunteers, officials, riders

3:00pm- Awards in Youth Center

4:00pm – Inspection of 20mile (Stand alone riders - White Ring)

5:00pm – All 20-mile riders- ride briefing in the in Youth Center

10:00pm – Stables close

Sunday September 5th

5:00am- Stable open

5:30am- 9am -Coffee and light breakfast available in Youth Center for officials, riders & volunteers- (available until 9am)

6:30am- 100/60/20mile riders depart at 2-minute intervals

11:00am- 100/60/20- begin to return to GMHA – Vetting in White Ring

11:30-3:00 – Rider, Landowner, volunteer & officials, BBQ/lunch to enjoy while scores are being calculated.

4:00pm – Awards ceremony in Youth Center