

Texas Trail Challenge Judge Qualifications



All judges must be TTC members at the time of the ride. Additional ride duties are outlined in the 2012 rules and reviewed at the Judge's Clinic.

TTC JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS

Sr. Judge - Must be familiar with and in good standing with other trail competitive horsemanship events (example: NATRC, AQHA, CHA). Must have read and be familiar w/ Texas Trail Challenge rules and have participated in at least 10 rides as a judge or competitor in the Maverick or Horseman divisions. Must have completed the TTC Judge's Clinic. In addition must be one of the following: 1) currently certified horsemanship judge for other trail competitive events, 2) riding or horsemanship instructor, 3) CTR National or Regional Championship recipient (Noviced out of NATRC),. Each TTC will have one Sr. Judge.

~ Qualified Judges can judge all obstacles associated with a TTC.

Before and at the ride:

- a) Shall preview the course and obstacles prior to the event. Approval of the course design is contingent on obstacles being category appropriate.
- b) Shall approve all obstacles including the advanced and less challenging obstacles for the Tenderfoot, Maverick & Horseman categories.
- c) Has the authority to disqualify any participant from an obstacle, or if appropriate, from the entire Ride for unsportsmanlike conduct, or conduct that may reasonably result in physical harm to any person, animal or property. (Rules Section 9.2.e)
- d) Is responsible for marking a final ruling if there is a grievance from a competitor.
- e) Shall consult with Ride management on respective obstacles to be sure none of them are unsafe or artificial, has the final say on all obstacles.
- f) Stay in communication w/ all the judges and scheduled times set by the Trailmaster.

Judge - Must be familiar with and in good standing with other trail competitive horsemanship events (example: NATRC, AQHA, CHA). Must have read and be familiar w/ Texas Trail Challenge rules and have participated in at least 5 rides as a competitor in the Maverick or Horseman divisions. Must have completed the TTC Judge's Clinic. In addition must be one of the following: 1) currently a certified horsemanship judge for other trail competitive events, 2) riding or horsemanship instructor with Texas Trail Challenge Maverick or Horseman division competition experience, 3) CTR or CTC National or Regional Championship recipient (Noviced out of NATRC), 4) provisionally judged up to 10 TTC's. Each TTC will have two or more Judges.

~ Qualified Judges can Judge all obstacles associated with a TTC under the supervision of the Sr. Judge. Obstacles can be up to 10 points each or a 15 point obstacle broken down into 5 point increments.

At the ride:

- a) Judges shall review the obstacles the Sr. Judge has assigned them with no exception.
- b) All Judges are responsible for the placement of their team's belongings. The belongings are not to become part of the obstacle or impact the Rider's way of going, unless so intended.
- c) Stay in communication and adhere to the times set by the Trailmaster on the Riders' maps.

Provisional Judge - Must have read and be familiar w/ Texas Trail Challenge rules. Must be one of the following: 1) current horsemanship Judge for other trail competitive events, 2) riding or horsemanship instructor, 3) CTR or CTC National or Regional Championship recipient, 4) competed in 2 or more competitive trail venues for 3 or more years, 5) completed the TTC Judge's Clinic.

~ Qualified persons can judge: timed challenges, equipment checks, horsemanship questions and basic skill obstacles to include a timed obstacle (as in running a course in a controlled environment, keyhole, and barrels in an unconventional pattern). Each judged obstacle cannot exceed 5 points.

At the ride:

- a) Provisional Judges shall review and administer the obstacle as assigned by the Sr. Judge with no exception.
- b) Provisional Judges are limited to judging timed obstacles or visual checks. (i.e. tack or map check, timed accuracy obstacle or determined by management).
- c) All Judges are responsible for the placement of their and their team's belongings. The belongings are not to become part of the obstacle or impact the Rider's way of going, unless so intended.
- d) Stay in communication and adhere to the times set by the Trailmaster on the Riders' maps.

Applications are online at www.texasrailchallenge.com.
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