

Distance Report  
2011 R17 Spring Meeting

To: All R17 Members

From: Nan Harrison

Hello everyone! Spring is in the air and we are beginning to get ready for horse shows and distance riding.

There was one very important change at convention that impacts all Endurance and Competitive Trail Rides. If you are planning an AHA ride, your application **MUST** be into the AHA office **60** days prior to the ride. If it is not, you may still get ride approval, but you will be charged a \$250 fee. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS** to the fee. In previous years AHA has been lax with the 60 day rule, especially as they are trying to encourage AHA rides. Unfortunately, a few rides abused this and the abuse impacted the amount of sweepstakes monies paid out. Please ensure your application is into the AHA office in plenty of time.

The first Ride of the year is an Endurance Ride in Okotoks, Alberta on Easter weekend. We had tried to get this ride AHA sanctioned but got the application into AHA 58 days before the ride date. As the \$250 fee was too expensive, the ride did not get AHA sanctioning. There are many other rides in both B.C. and Alberta. I will encourage the clubs to have at least some of the rides AHA sanctioned. I have also volunteered at the Okotoks ride and will promote AHA as best I am able.

The AHA National Endurance Ride will be held in conjunction with a AERC ride in Ft. Stanton, New Mexico August 23-27. At this time I am not clear if the CTR National ride will be held in conjunction with it.

Sanctioning an AHA ride is very easy if it is done in conjunction with an existing ride. Please contact me for more information or consult Chapter 14 of your AHA Handbook.