

Bonnie Price Memorial CTR Ride Information Sheet 2021

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE INFORMATION SHEET. I know it is long but persevere. The Covid plan for riders is attached at the bottom of this letter.

This is what a Covid-19 ride will look like. Keep in mind that everything is changing and I am doing the best I can to address all of the current protocols and recommendations.

1. If you are sick in any way or have been out of the country in the past 14 days or have come in contact with someone who has been out of the country or tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days, **please stay home**. I will refund entries to anyone who cannot come last minute due to illness. Anyone displaying signs of illness at the ride site will be asked to leave. You will be required to answer a Covid-19 self-assessment questionnaire and have your temperature taken before gaining access to the grounds.
2. AT this time, our exemption does not allow for spectators so only people competing will be allowed to enter the grounds. I do still need a couple of volunteers, if you have someone who wants to volunteer, please email me.
3. We will have use of the hall bathrooms. It will be one person per bathroom. No other use of the hall will be allowed.
4. Please camp in your own cohort group and spread your rigs out from others. All rigs must be 4 meters apart. No visiting between campsites unless masked. Social distancing rules will still apply.
5. There will be no Friday ride briefing. Your ride package including a map, trail briefing, start times and ride times will be emailed to you. Anyone wishing to ride with someone from their cohort will be timed out together. A cohort is someone who travelled in the same vehicle as you. All other competitors will be timed out individually.
6. There will be no meals provided and no bottled water available. Please plan accordingly.
7. A washing station will be available at the vet check and there will be hand sanitizer available. Masks will only be provided for vets and volunteers. You will be required to wear a mask at all vetting.
8. There will be well water available. It is safe for human consumption but does taste quite salty. The hose will be a point of common contact that will be difficult to sanitize.
9. Once you have entered the grounds and had your covid check done, you will not be allowed to leave the grounds again until you depart at the end of the competition. If you leave, you will not be allowed to re-enter. Again, sorry if this impacts you but it was part of our exemption plan in order to be allowed to hold the ride

This ride will be held at Grain Hall Community Center in South-Eastern Alberta. See directions below. There is ample parking for camping on site. Sorry, no hook-ups or pens available. The well water on site is safe for human consumption. The trail will cover farmland and coulees with brush and trees. Shoeing is recommended as there is some gravel road and rocky trail.

Please respect planted fields and wildlife and leave both alone. If you must bring your dog, **ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES.** Failure to keep your dog leashed could result in disqualification from the ride. No dogs in the hall. There is no smoking anywhere on the trail or in the hall.

The Town of Milk River, that you pass through on the way to the ride site, has all amenities and is approximately 65 km from the ride site. This is your last chance for gas and supplies so plan accordingly.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: You do not have to be a TRAC member to compete at a TRAC sanctioned ride but if you are not a member you will not be eligible for year- end awards or mileage. All participants must be AEF members prior to the ride for insurance purposes. If you are not a TRAC member please provide proof of valid AEF for 2021 when sending your entry.

ALL RIDERS (as of January 1, 2020) are required to wear an approved equestrian helmet while mounted. EVEN IN CAMP!!

VOLUNTEERS are always needed. If you can help out, please call Charlene at 403-642-7494.

Directions to Hills of Home CTR

*From Lethbridge, south on highway #4 towards Coutts and the USA border.

*North exit into Milk River, then East on HWY 501 to the Writing-on-Stone and Aden turnoff, at Writing-on-Stone turnoff, turn south onto HWY 500, Follow HWY 500 past Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, the road will become gravel, Continue following the gravel road until you reach a T-intersection with a stop sign, turn left towards Aden

*Follow road approximately 12 km to Grain Hall Community Hall (beside the road on left)

Total distance from Milk River to ride site approximately 65 km

Please note: The ride site will not be open until Friday, July 3 after 10 am. Please do not arrive before this. If you come before this, you will be turned away. This is part of our exemption plan.

If you must come early due to travel distance, please call me and I can offer you an alternative.

Please read below: The TRAC Covid Response Plan for Riders and Participants.

Riders and Participants (Riders, volunteers, vets)

Responsibilities of Riders and Participants

Guidance for Conducting TRAC Sanctioned Events During COVID-19

TRAC has compiled, from various sources, and developed the following guidelines to mitigate potential impact from COVID-19. TRAC remains committed to ensuring safety and welfare of horses and people at sanctioned rides. These guidelines are provided to Ride Managers, veterinarians and participants to help control exposure to and transmission of infectious disease during the pandemic. These guidelines are intended to supplement local, provincial and federal orders. They are based on currently advised practices and do not replace recommendations made by *Alberta Health Services, Government of Alberta, Government of Canada, or other health authorities*. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the individual to determine if participating at an TRAC event is in the best interest of their personal health.

- **Entries will be by pre-registration sent to the ride secretary, and electronic payment sent to whoever is stated on the registration package.** Registrants will be emailed an information package, and will be required to provide the names of family members, along with the contact information of these individuals accompanying the rider. (Address, phone numbers, e-mail address) Riders, support personnel, veterinarians, etc. must also provide contact information and a name and phone number(s) for an emergency contact person. The ride manager, while complying with the maximum participant number, may have to limit family member attendance in order to accommodate as many entrants as possible.
- Entries will close once the maximum number of participants has been reached, or upon the closing date.
- Competitors will be provided with a refund or credit towards future competition, to allow anyone with Covid-19 exposure or symptoms to withdraw at any time, even last minute. If withdrawal by a rider is prior to the event, they should contact the organizing committee as soon as possible to allow for entrance of another rider.
- Each person/guardian entering the venue needs to bring the completed and signed forms that are applicable to their participation in the event:
 - Daily COVID-19 Attestation and Agreement

- Waiver of Liability For All Claims and Release of Liability – Event Participation Waiver
- Waiver of Liability For All Claims and Release of Liability – Facility Use Waiver

Applicable forms will be provided to ALL participants: riders, volunteers and support personnel prior to the ride.

Refusal to sign applicable forms will result in refusal of entry to the venue.

It is the responsibility of every rider, attendee and volunteer to be aware of local situations where they are going to ride. Be aware of what is happening where you are going...not just where you have been. It is the responsibility of the rider, volunteers and family in attendance to ensure they are healthy before attending any Competitive Trail Ride event. This includes taking your temperature before you leave home. Riders need to stay apprised of Ride Management guidelines provided prior to events (i.e. email, text, social media, phone calls) and read all written documentation provided in rider packets to ensure they are complying with all policies. **READ, really read, and get to know ride management's guidelines so that you can follow them.**

Pack things you may never have thought of before. Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face masks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting spray, wipes, disposable gloves and plenty of soap and water. It will be your responsibility to provide your own PPE. Ride management will be required to have supplies on hand for volunteers and veterinarians.

Riders must comply with Ride Management's posted guidelines at all times. Failure to do so could put management, volunteers, vets and other riders at risk. Riders and attendees who fail to comply with written or verbal guidance may be removed from the event.

Riders who refuse to follow ride management, TRAC, local, provincial and federal guidelines can be refused entry, or be disqualified and asked to leave the venue.

Hygiene/Sanitation – Riders will ensure there is hand washing/sanitizer available in their respective campsites. They will follow all ride guidelines regarding use of sanitizer and hand washing. Ride Managers will provide adequate hand washing/sanitization stations at the entrance/exit to common areas, and bathroom facilities. The Covid Compliance Officer will be sanitizing common areas frequently.

Distancing/Gathering – All persons attending TRAC sanctioned events will maintain minimum distances of at least 2 meters from other individuals.

Persons who will be in close proximity to others for specific ride tasks (check-in, pulse checks, vetting, etc) will be required to wear masks. Riders must wear masks at pulse and respiratory checks and vetting.

Meals –Meals and drinks will not be provided until such time that restrictions for group gatherings and provision of meals is lifted. Individuals are responsible for their own food and drink. (Ride Management *may* provide take-out restaurant meals for volunteers and vets.)

Check-in –Riders will be notified via email, social media, etc. by Ride Management regarding the procedure for check-in.

Ride Meeting – Riders should read all written ride meeting information provided in rider packets or posted. All group gatherings will be eliminated until such time that restrictions for group gatherings is lifted. This means ride briefing, awards, check-in-lines.

Warm up/Start line – Riders will ensure that they maintain minimum spacing requirements at all times.

Pulse and respiratory checks – All riders are required to wear a mask in the P&R area and to maintain a physical distance of 2 meters and if possible stand on opposite side of the horse from P&R taker.

Vetting – At all times, riders will follow ride organization guidelines for vetting procedures.

- Each competing horse shall be accompanied throughout the Vet Check by only ONE person, preferably the rider. The rider must wear a mask while presenting the horse to the vet.
- It will be up to each individual vet whether they prefer you on the opposite side of the horse, or because it is typically safer, on same side. **ASK!!**
- Markers or cones will be set up at 4 meter spacing for line ups. Hand sanitizer will be used by all riders prior to entering the vetting area.
- Vet cards will be kept at the vetting area. When riders present their horse, the vet scribe will locate the vet card and annotate vet assessment.

In/out timing – Riders will space themselves out at in/out timing areas and will follow guidelines for checking in/out at holds.

Symptomatic Participants

- If a participant or family member or volunteer experience symptoms of Covid-19, they must notify ride management/Covid-19 Compliance Officer immediately, and arrange for safe vacating of the premises, limiting all contact with other participants. Depending on the severity of the symptoms, vacating the venue may involve having to isolate the individual to their trailer until their emergency contact person is contacted and able to provide transportation for the individual.
- If anyone attending the event becomes sick within two weeks following the ride, they must contact the ride manager and indicate the dates they were onsite, and their close contacts at the ride site.

If you read all the way to the end of this, go back and answer the question on the entry form to be entered for door prizes. Charlene's favorite ice cream is "butterscotch fudge"