



Irish Long Distance Riding Association

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1 Objectives

The objective of these rules is to lay down a framework for the standardised administration and safe conduct of endurance riding promoted and authorised by ILDRA and its regions. They are not intended in any way to supersede or replace the individual's responsibility for their own safety, their mount's safety and the safety of others before, during and after the ride.

The sport of endurance riding is designed to encourage safe and effective enjoyment of horse riding while testing the horse's speed and endurance ability over various distances and terrain. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances it is the duty of the Ride Organiser / Ground Jury / Officiating Veterinary Surgeon to make a decision in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible the intention / spirit of these rules.

2 Code of Conduct

2.1 Riders must

- 2.1.1 Be polite at all times
- 2.1.2 Make any complaints in writing to the Ride Organiser preferably on the day in writing
- 2.1.3 Give consideration to other riders, landowners and the general public, particularly when riding through private and state lands and when overtaking or passing
- 2.1.4 All horses will pass on the right when overtaking and right shoulder to right shoulder when passing in opposite directions
- 2.1.5 Pay attention to any special instructions given by the organiser
- 2.1.6 Be in control of their horse or not compete
- 2.1.7 Make sure crews are properly briefed on these rules as well as the route
- 2.1.8 Ensure that they and their horse are adequately crewed taking into account the type of ride
- 2.1.9 Dogs must be kept on a leash and not go near the vetting area
- 2.1.10 Not leave any litter (including equine litter from the trailer / lorry)

2.2 Horses

- 2.2.1 Should be prepared and educated to ensure a reasonable standard of behaviour
- 2.2.2 Riders should take particular care in vetting area, especially when crowded. Stallions do compete and mares do kick
- 2.2.3 Stallions must be bridled at all times and must carry Blue ribbons on tail and bridle (both sides)
- 2.2.4 Tail ribbons are recommended for novice horses (Green) and horses with a propensity to kick (Red)
- 2.2.5 Save when safely enclosed in a stable, corral, lorry or trailer, a horse must not be left unattended at a ride

2.3 Crews

- 2.3.1 Do not obstruct roads, other riders, houses, gateways or the route
- 2.3.2 Do not obscure rider vision of check point location
- 2.3.3 Do not race around roads – rallying strictly forbidden
- 2.3.4 Do not precede or follow your rider on the route
- 2.3.5 Do not crew from a vehicle
- 2.3.6 Do not use a lorry for mobile crewing
- 2.3.7 Do not leave any litter (including equine litter from the trailer / lorry)
- 2.3.8 Refer to section 12 for fuller guidance

3 Types of Rides and Horse and Rider Status

- 3.1 There will be a compulsory annual re-registration fee for horses
- 3.2 **Pleasure Rides (PRs)**

- 3.2.1 Horse will be aged 4 yrs or over (1st Jan)
 - 3.2.2 Rider will be aged 5 yrs or over (accompanied as required by section 9)
 - 3.2.3 Log Book not essential
 - 3.2.4 Membership not essential
 - 3.2.5 Distances: Up to and including 32km (20 miles)
 - 3.2.6 Vetting: Not compulsory but horse may be required to trot up as per section 4.1.2 and the rider may request a vetting at the veterinary surgeon's convenience
- 3.3 Competitive Trail Rides (CTRs)**
- 3.3.1 Age of Horse**
 - 3.3.1.1 5 yrs and over (1st Jan) Bronze Shamrock (may not compete on consecutive days)
 - 3.3.1.2 5 yrs and over (1st Jan) Silver Shamrock
 - 3.3.1.3 6 yrs and over (1st Jan) Gold Shamrock
 - 3.3.1.4 7 yrs and over (1st Jan) 88km (55 miles) and over in one day.
 - 3.3.2 Age of rider**
 - 3.3.2.1 9 yrs and over (accompanied as required by section 9) Bronze Shamrock
 - 3.3.2.2 10 yrs and over (accompanied as required by section 9) Silver & Gold Shamrock
 - 3.3.2.3 12 yrs and over Platinum & Diamond Shamrock
 - 3.3.3 Log Card**
 - 3.3.3.1 Mandatory
 - 3.3.3.2 Master Log Card must be produced to Ride Organiser on entry
 - 3.3.4 Vetting**
 - 3.3.4.1 Mandatory
 - 3.3.5 Membership**
 - 3.3.5.1 Mandatory
 - 3.3.6 Distances**
 - 3.3.6.1 32km (20 miles) in one day Bronze Shamrock Qualifier
 - 3.3.6.2 40km (25 miles) in one day Bronze Shamrock Final
 - 3.3.6.3 48km (30 miles) in one day Silver Shamrock Qualifier (3.2km deviation allowed)
 - 3.3.6.4 64km (40 miles) in one day Silver Shamrock Final (4.8km deviation allowed)
 - 3.3.6.5 80km (50 miles) in one day Gold Shamrock and Final (4.8km deviation allowed)
 - 3.3.6.6 100km (62.5 miles) in one day Platinum Shamrock Final
 - 3.3.6.7 120km (75 miles) in one day Diamond Shamrock Final
 - 3.3.6.8 5km deviation allowed in Platinum and Diamond Shamrock Finals
 - 3.3.6.9 Distances above Bronze Shamrock Final must be pre-entered
 - 3.3.7 First Season**
 - 3.3.7.1 A horse may not compete at Gold Shamrock level in its first competitive season irrespective of age
 - 3.3.7.2 A rider may go Gold in a first season on a suitably qualified horse
 - 3.3.8 Speed**
 - 3.3.8.1 10 - 13kph Bronze Qualifier and Final
 - 3.3.8.2 10 - 13kph Silver Qualifier
 - 3.3.8.3 10 - 16kph Silver Final
 - 3.3.8.4 10 - 16kph Gold Qualifier
 - 3.3.8.5 10kph min Gold Final - No upper speed limit
 - 3.3.8.6 12kph min Platinum Final
 - 3.3.8.7 12kph min Diamond Final
 - 3.3.9** Horse and rider may qualify separately, must progress sequentially through the qualification system up to Gold Final, and in combination must compete at the level of the less qualified of the pair.

- 3.3.10 Gold Shamrock qualifier and final may not be ridden over the same course or at the same event.
- 3.3.11 Where a Gold qualified horse has not successfully completed a Gold final or equivalent or higher standard ride in the previous 24 months, it is automatically reclassified to Silver and it must retake a Gold final to regain Gold status. The same criteria shall apply to both Platinum and Diamond qualifications; the higher qualification always holding precedence
- 3.4 **Training Rides (TRs)**
 - 3.4.1 Competitors, both Horse and Rider, must be Gold Qualified
 - 3.4.2 Speed is set at a minimum of 10kph - no upper limit
 - 3.4.3 Membership is mandatory
 - 3.4.4 Log Card is mandatory and must be produced to Ride Organiser on entry
 - 3.4.5 Must declare to the organiser that one is entering as a training ride especially in distances under 80km
 - 3.4.6 Distances will be as available on the day - minimum of 32km
 - 3.4.7 Vetting is mandatory
- 3.5 **Endurance Races including Marathons (ERs)**
 - 3.5.1 **Horse**
 - 3.5.1.1 Must be aged 6 yrs and over (1st Jan) up to and including 80km
 - 3.5.1.2 Must be aged 7 yrs and over (1st Jan) over 80km
 - 3.5.2 **Rider**
 - 3.5.2.1 Must be over 12 Yrs of age
 - 3.5.3 **Status**
 - 3.5.3.1 Rider must be Gold Qualified
 - 3.5.3.2 Horse must be Gold Qualified
 - 3.5.3.3 Race cannot be used to regain Gold status
 - 3.5.4 **Distances**
 - 3.5.4.1 From 32km - 160km in one day
 - 3.5.4.2 From 80km - 200km over two days
 - 3.5.5 **Speed**
 - 3.5.5.1 Minimum 10kph but organiser may set a higher speed
- 3.6 **Other Rides**
 - 3.6.1 Other rides may be approved by the Directors of ILDRA on submission of a request from an organiser
- 3.7 **FEI Rides**
 - 3.7.1 Irish riders must obtain prior written authority from the Directors to compete in any FEI ride. They must hold appropriate documentation and qualification as required by current ILDRA, HSI and FEI rules
 - 3.7.2 An FEI ride is a competition run under the auspices of the FEI and under FEI rules
- 3.8 **Non FEI Rides outside Ireland**
 - 3.8.1 Riders must notify the Secretary of ILDRA of their intention to take part in any rides outside Ireland. The notification must be in writing, at least 14 days before the event. The horse and/or Rider will not be accredited with the mileage unless the distance is compatible with their current ILDRA grading.
- 3.9 **Non ILDRA qualified horse and riders**
 - 3.9.1 Any member resident in Ireland whose horse does not hold ILDRA status under section 3, may apply to the directors forwarding a copy of Log Book, Master Card and Vet Sheets for determination of appropriate status. In making such a determination the directors may exercise their discretion in accordance with the principles set out in these rules. Until such a determination is made the member must qualify under section 3
 - 3.9.2 Any member resident in Ireland who does not hold ILDRA status under section 3, may apply to the directors forwarding a copy of Rider Card, Log Book, Master Card and Vet

Sheets for determination of appropriate status. In making such a determination the directors may exercise their discretion in accordance with the principles set out in these rules. Until such a determination is made the member must qualify under section 3

3.9.3 Members of endurance organisations from outside Ireland can participate in CTRs and ERs subject to the discretion of the directors for clarification status

3.10 Distances in excess of 80km and Races

3.10.1 The Board of Directors may from time to time invoke special qualifications for entry and participation in distances over 80km and Races both in FEI and Non FEI rides

3.10.2 These qualifications will normally be successful completion by rider and horse, though not necessarily in combination, of a qualifying distance at a prescribed minimum speed and where appropriate carrying a minimum weight

3.10.3 These qualifications apply to Gold riders and Horses

3.10.4 It is the rider's responsibility to establish such qualifications from the ILDRA secretary

4 Vetting

4.1 Pre-Ride

4.1.1 Horses which the Veterinary Surgeon considers unfit to take part due to, for example, generally poor condition, saddle-sores, girth galls, severe brushing marks, or any condition unacceptable to the veterinary surgeon will not be allowed to start

4.1.2 Pleasure riders may be requested to trot up before and after riding

4.1.3 The information required from the competitor must be accurately completed on the sheet before presenting for inspection

4.1.4 The purpose of the pre-ride veterinary inspection is:

4.1.4.1 To make sure that the animal is fit to start and carry its rider

4.1.4.2 Establish base line parameters for heart rate (≤ 60 bpm) etc.

4.1.4.3 Check gait, action, current lesions, trauma and behaviour

4.1.4.4 Check shoes in the absence of a farrier inspection

4.1.5 Bad manners at the veterinary inspection on the part of the horse or rider may result in disqualification

4.1.6 The horse must be presented to the veterinary surgeon unsaddled, with its hooves unoiled and well under control with either a head collar or bridle, except in the case of a stallion that must be presented in a bridle complete with bit for the inspection. He may have the bit removed during the hold period to allow free consumption of food

4.1.7 A whip may be carried at the trot up but the horse may not be struck

4.1.8 The horse will be examined for heart rate, action, hydration, mucous membrane, capillary refill, general condition, lacerations and wounds, tenderness and any other matter which the Veterinary Surgeon considers relevant

4.1.9 The Veterinary Surgeon's decision is final. There is no appeal process

4.2 Inspections during the ride

4.2.1 Mid ride inspections will be held in all distances above 48km

4.2.2 Formal mid-ride inspections (Vet Gate) should be situated not more than 40km apart but this distance can be extended by the organiser in the case of practical difficulties in locating a Vet Gate on course

4.2.3 In addition to the formal mid-ride inspections, further inspections may be held at the discretion of the Organiser and/or the Veterinary Surgeon taking into account the length of the ride, the terrain of the course and the prevailing weather conditions. The rules set out in section 4.1 shall apply to these inspections. They may be held at the start of compulsory halts on the course and CTR and ER horses must be presented within 30 minutes of arrival at a vet gate.

4.2.4 Spot checks may be carried out on horses during the ride and riders must comply with the veterinary recommendations arising from such inspections. Any time lost arising from

these inspections will not be allowed. A horse may be eliminated as a result of such an inspection

- 4.2.5 Vet Gate veterinary inspections precede the compulsory hold
 - 4.2.6 The duration of the hold will normally be 30 minutes but may be extended or decreased by the organiser in conjunction with the attending Veterinary Surgeon
 - 4.2.7 On arrival at the vet gate, a card with the arrival time including seconds will be given to each rider and must be carried with the horse at all times until leaving the vet gate
 - 4.2.8 The horse must be presented for vetting within 30 minutes of arrival at the vet gate or it will automatically be eliminated. FEI rides are in accordance with the ride schedule
 - 4.2.9 Crews may attend to the horse and rider during this period
 - 4.2.10 When the horse is presented for inspection the time will be noted by the vet gate time keeper
 - 4.2.11 If the horse passes the pulse parameters it will normally be subjected to a one minute Ridgeway test i.e. CRI (Cardiac Recovery Index). The horse's heart rate must be 60bpm or below to proceed to the Ridgeway test. The horse is trotted away for 30 meters and back for 30 meters. Exactly 60 seconds after the commencement of the trot the horse's pulse is retaken and it must be 64bpm or below
 - 4.2.12 If the horse fails the veterinary inspection on pulse parameters it may be re-presented at any time provided this is still within 30 minutes of the arrival time. Only one re-presentation is allowed. If a horse fails the inspection for any other reason it cannot be re-presented
 - 4.2.13 Any horse which is either not presented or not re-presented for a second inspection within 30 minutes of arrival at a vet gate must be examined by a Veterinary Surgeon before leaving the vet gate area
 - 4.2.14 When the horse passes the veterinary inspection it moves into the timed hold (rest period) which starts at the time at which the horse was presented for the successful veterinary inspection. This time will be recorded on the vet card. The timed hold period will be recorded on the vet card and the horse will be allowed to continue at any time after the expiry of the timed hold period
- 4.3 Inspections at conclusion of the ride**
- 4.3.1 All competitors and pleasure riders must report back to the timekeeper on return
 - 4.3.2 The veterinary procedure used for examinations will take place in the same sequence as a mid ride inspection, save that a horse cannot be re-presented under any circumstances
 - 4.3.3 If a horse fails to arrive within the specified time it will be eliminated
 - 4.3.4 All horses eliminated, retired, out of time or other will report to the vet for a post ride inspection
- 4.4 General**
- 4.4.1 All decisions made by a Veterinary Surgeon are final and are not subject to any appeal or debate
 - 4.4.2 A rider will be responsible for the cost of any veterinary treatment incurred in relation to his or her horse

5 Conduct of Rides

- 5.1 Only those horses which have successfully passed a pre-ride veterinary inspection will be allowed to start a CTR, TR or ER
- 5.2 In CTRs and TRs the time commences on crossing the start line. In ERs the time commences at the time designated for the horse and rider to commence, whether or not the horse and rider cross the start line at that time and if they do not cross the start line within 15 minutes of the designated time they shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the race. In all rides the time finishes on crossing the finish line. Speeds are calculated excluding all compulsory hold times
- 5.3 Riders must cross the start and finish lines of all rides mounted

- 5.4 Riders must ride the route as indicated on the map provided and approach all checkpoints / vet gates in the correct direction and in the correct sequence. Any rider who deviates from the route may be eliminated
- 5.5 Rider must familiarise themselves with the route as per the map. ILDRA does not accept any responsibility for lost, misplaced or vandalised markers
- 5.6 Any horse or rider disqualified, eliminated or retiring on course must leave the route of the course as soon as possible and inform the time-keeper forthwith
- 5.7 The organiser can refuse any entry without giving a reason
- 5.8 In competitive rides the rider must ensure that the result is correctly recorded in the Log Book and the Rider Log Card
- 5.9 In multiple day rides horse and rider combinations must successfully complete the ride in full to be awarded a pass
- 5.10 CTR, TR and ER riders must present membership cards to the Organiser on the day of the event

6 Tack

- 6.1 It is the rider's responsibility (or the supervising adult's in the case of an accompanied junior) to ensure that the tack fits the horse in a safe condition and enables the rider to exercise control without imposing undue restrictions on the horse
- 6.2 Boots and bandages are permitted but must be removed for veterinary inspections
- 6.3 Tail ribbons are recommended. Red in the case of a horse with a propensity to kick. Green for a novice horse or not accustomed to company. Blue tail and bridle ribbons are compulsory for stallions
- 6.4 Prohibited items include blinkers, hoods, bearing, running, side or check reins, spurs, electronic or mechanical equipment excluding GPS devices, pulse and temperature monitors. Whips in excess of 30 inches and any other items judged by the Ride Organiser / Veterinary Surgeon to be potentially harmful to the welfare of the horse are also prohibited

7 Shoeing

- 7.1 It is the rider's responsibility (or supervising adult's) to ensure that the horse is adequately shod
- 7.2 Any horse not properly shod for the ride will not be allowed to start
- 7.3 Horses may participate without shoes but given the nature of a course the Ride Organiser / Veterinary Surgeon may not allow the horse to start
- 7.4 Equiboots or their equivalent are permitted except on horses which start without shoes
- 7.5 A rider will be responsible for the cost of any farrier expenses incurred in relation to his / her horse

8 Dress

- 8.1 Riders must wear properly secured hats / crash helmets at all times when mounted. The head gear must comply with the safety guidelines as approved from time to time by the Directors
- 8.2 Riders must use footwear with at least half an inch heel unless a stirrup cage is used to prevent the foot slipping through the stirrup
- 8.3 Riders should be appropriately and safely dressed. Competitive riders must wear the number bib allocated to them at all times during the ride in a visible manner. The person presenting a horse for a veterinary inspection must wear the numbered bib allocated to their rider

9 Junior Riders

- 9.1 A rider is a Junior rider until 1st Jan following their 18th birthday. Other references to ages in this section shall refer to the age at the time of the ride
- 9.2 Junior riders aged 5 yrs and older may take part in a PR
- 9.3 Junior riders aged 9 yrs and older may take part in CTR (under ten restricted to Bronze)

- 9.4 Junior riders aged 12 yrs and older may take part in an ER (if qualified)
- 9.5 Junior riders under 14 yrs of age who have not passed their Bronze final must be accompanied by a supervising adult on all rides. It is the responsibility of the junior rider's parent/ guardian to arrange adequate supervision, up to a maximum of two junior riders per adult
- 9.6 Junior riders aged 12 yrs and older who have passed their Bronze Final may ride unaccompanied with parental consent (to be produced to the organiser)
- 9.7 Junior riders are not permitted to ride or be in control of a stallion at an ILDRA ride

10 Fitness of Rider

- 10.1 Riders should not attempt a ride unless they have attained a level of fitness and health commensurate with the nature of the ride and the prevailing weather conditions
- 10.2 Riders considered by the organiser to be unfit or injured, before or during a ride, may be excluded or eliminated

11 Prohibited Substances

- 11.1 ILDRA anti-doping rules are the Irish anti-doping rules as adopted by the Irish Sports Council, as amended from time to time. The rules contained in the said Irish anti-doping rules shall have effect and be construed as rules of the Irish Long Distance Riding Association
Further information is available on the Irish Sports Council website:
www.irishsportscouncil.ie/Anti-Doping

12 Youths and Vulnerable Adults

- 12.1 ILDRA has adopted Horse Sport Ireland's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Youths and Vulnerable Adults in our Sport ("HSI Code of Ethics"), as may be amended from time to time, and the HSI Code of Ethics shall have effect and be binding upon all persons required to be vetted under the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012 and all persons referred to in the HSI Code of Ethics, and all such persons shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply strictly with the HSI Code of Ethics.

13 Crews and Crewing

- 13.1 Riders may receive help in tending their horse before, during and after the ride, while on course (except in prohibited areas), at compulsory halts and veterinary inspections
- 13.2 Riders may receive assistance in recovering their horse if separated, in adjusting equipment and replacing lost or loose shoes
- 13.3 In the case of a ride of 64km (40 miles) or over, riders must have a crew of sufficient number and sufficient mobility to enable the rider and the horse to be properly cared for before, during and after the ride and for the horse to be recovered within a reasonable time in the event of a mid-ride retirement or elimination. The Organiser may refuse to allow to compete, or eliminate a rider for breach of this rule
- 13.4 All ERs must be crewed.
- 13.5 The Regional Committees of ILDRA may allow horse and rider combinations to compete without a crew up to 80km where the Regional Committee is satisfied that the following condition applies:
 - 13.5.1 That the loop is not longer than 48km
 - 13.5.2 That there is a minimum of one water point every 16km or part thereof, ideally evenly spaced along the course. The venue shall not be considered a water point in making this calculation.
 - 13.5.3 That the water point is adequate to cater for all horses competing
 - 13.5.4 Where the course is less than 20km in distance it is not necessary to have a water point on course

- 13.5.5 That the organiser has applied for such a deviation from 12.3 in writing indicating the said water points on a map as appropriate showing the relative distances
- 13.6 Intervention by a third party with the objective of giving an unfair advantage will result in elimination of the rider. This includes leading the horse, encouraging the horse at a hazard and accompanying the rider on foot, by vehicle or on horseback (except as in Junior Riders)
- 13.7 All crews must comply with specific crewing instructions for the ride
- 13.8 The rider is responsible for the actions of his or her crew members and non compliance with any rule (either in these rules or specific to the ride) may result in elimination of the rider and disciplinary action being taken against the rider
- 13.9 A rider may not use as a crew member any person who has been forbidden to act as a crew member by the Directors

14 Conduct and Behaviour

- 14.1 The Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Directors shall investigate conduct, behaviour and complaints arising out of a member's membership of ILDRA, participation in activities organised by ILDRA, participation in activities organised by other equestrian organisations in Ireland and elsewhere and his or her general conduct in relation to the care and control of horses and which may be brought by any organiser, officiating veterinary surgeon, member, branch committee, director or another equestrian organisation
- 14.2 Any disciplinary matter should be expedited and should not, unless in exceptional circumstances, be delayed. The Disciplinary Committee shall deliver its finding and order within three months from the instigation of the complaint to the Secretary of the Directors
- 14.3 It is every rider's responsibility to familiarise themselves with ILDRA rules
- 14.4 The disciplinary committee shall concern itself with:
 - 14.4.1 Dangerous riding
 - 14.4.2 Discourteous or unsporting conduct and behaviour
 - 14.4.3 Breaches of ILDRA rules
 - 14.4.4 Action which would bring ILDRA and the sport of endurance riding into disrepute
 - 14.4.5 Action which is not conducive to the well being of a horse whether it is ridden in ILDRA rides or not
 - 14.4.6 Participation in ILDRA events while being suspended or expelled from membership
- 14.5 The Disciplinary Committee shall carry out its investigations in such a manner as it considers appropriate provided that the member under investigation shall be given a statement advising of the complaint against him or her and shall be given an opportunity, on reasonable notice, to appear before the Disciplinary Committee, with or without representation, and to address the Disciplinary Committee
- 14.6 The Disciplinary Committee after due consideration of all the evidence available to it and any representations made to it by, or on behalf of, the complainant and the member, and on consideration of any previous disciplinary decisions in relation to the member, shall be empowered to make all or any of the following penalties
 - 14.6.1 Dismiss the complaint
 - 14.6.2 Admonish the member
 - 14.6.3 Warn the member as to future conduct
 - 14.6.4 Suspend the member from membership for a specified period, measured either by time or number of rides, during which participation in ILDRA activities will not be permitted
 - 14.6.5 Expel the member from membership of ILDRA
 - 14.6.6 Declare the completion of any ride, including a number of rides, to be void
 - 14.6.7 Order the member, or the complainant, to pay all or a contribution towards the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Disciplinary Committee or ILDRA in relation to its investigation.
 - 14.6.8 Make any other order deemed appropriate
- 14.7 There is no appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee

- 14.8 The Directors may publish, in full or in summary form, a decision of the Disciplinary Committee to such parties and organisations and to the membership at large as it considers appropriate in all the circumstances

15 Appeals relating to rides

- 15.1 There is no appeal against a decision of a Veterinary Surgeon
- 15.2 Other appeals must be lodged in writing with the ride organiser on the day of a ride not later than one hour after the publication of the results
- 15.3 A fee, refundable if the appeal is successful, of €30 or £20 (as appropriate) must be lodged with the appeal. This may be varied by the Directors from time to time
- 15.4 The Organiser shall, if possible and after consultation with the appropriate personnel, give a decision on the day and shall advise all parties who appear to the Organiser to have an interest in the result.
- 15.5 Any party aggrieved by the decision of the Organiser may refer the matter in writing to the Branch Committee or the Directors, within a period of 14 days from the date of the decision. If the referring party is not the original appellant a fee as set out in 14.3 must be lodged
- 15.6 If the Organiser is unable or unwilling to give a decision on the day, he or she shall refer the appeal to the Branch Committee or the Directors, as the Organiser shall consider appropriate
- 15.7 In exceptional circumstances appeals may be lodged with either the Branch Committee or the Directors, provided special reasons exist as to why an appeal was not lodged on the day with the Organiser. Such appeals shall be in writing, stating the special reasons and be lodged with the fees as set out above and must be lodged as soon as practicable, and not later than 7 days from the ride date
- 15.8 The Directors may refer any appeal made to them to the appropriate Branch Committee for a decision.
- 15.9 The Branch Committee or the Directors as the case may be, after consideration of all the evidence made available to it, shall make its decision and advise all parties who appear to have an interest in the result. The decision shall be final
- 15.10 The results of all appeals must be referred by the Organiser to the appropriate Branch Committee which in turn must advise the Directors. The Directors may publish, in full or in summary form, a result to such parties and organisations and to the membership at large as it considers appropriate in all the circumstances
- 15.11 All members, Organisers, Branch Committees and the Directors should use their best endeavours to resolve any differences fairly, informally and as quickly as possible, making representations, decisions and accepting the result of any such appeal in a sporting spirit

16 Sub Committees

- 16.1 ILDRA constitutes a number of Sub Committees from time to time. Some are of a singular nature
- 16.2 Normally ILDRA appoints the following:
- 16.2.1 Disciplinary Committee
 - 16.2.2 Rules Committee
 - 16.2.3 Team Selection Committee
 - 16.2.4 Awards & Trophies Committee
 - 16.2.5 High Performance Committee
 - 16.2.6 Others as required. To be appointed by the Directors
- 16.3 The appointees can be ascertained by contacting the ILDRA secretary

17 Awards and Trophies

- 17.1 The following Trophies are currently awarded by ILDRA each year. A full list of Trophies will be announced by ILDRA each year

- 17.1.1 **YORK TROPHY:** Awarded to the Horse and Rider combination achieving the highest CTR mileage in their first competitive season. Joint winners in the event of a tie.
- 17.1.2 **Shamrock Achievers Trophy: Awarded:** To the horse and rider combination achieving the highest CTR mileage while actively working through the grades where one member of the combination is Gold Qualified.
- 17.1.3 **Bint Eastern Zapphire Trophy Arab Championship:** Arab Horse (registered on the register of the Arab Horse Society as a pure bred Arab) with the highest mileage in CTRs and ERs
- 17.1.4 **Open Championship:** Gold Horse and rider combination achieving highest competitive mileage (excluding ERs).
- 17.1.5 **Jacksons Pride Trophy:** Rider with the highest points (the points to be allocated by the Trophy Committee of the Board of Directors in accordance with a formula (one tenth of the mileage plus 10 points for 1st, 8 for 2nd, 6 for 3rd, 4 for 4th and 2 for 5th) taking into account mileage and placings in the rider's best three rides) in ILDRA ERs.
- 17.1.6 **Intermediate Championship:** Horse and rider combination (both Silver qualified but not Gold qualified) with the highest mileage in CTRs. Gold rides not to count
- 17.1.7 **Novice Championship:** Horse and rider combination (both not Silver qualified and not in their first competitive year) with the highest mileage in CTRs. Silver qualifiers do not count towards this trophy.
- 17.1.8 **Veteran Championship:** Rider aged 50 years or over on the 1st of Jan and horse combination with the highest mileage in CTRs
- 17.1.9 **Zara Junior Cup:** Junior rider (Gold Qualified) and horse combination (horse not necessarily Gold qualified) with the highest mileage in CTRs and ERs
- 17.1.10 **Junior Novice Trophy:** Junior Rider (not Gold qualified) and horse combination with the highest mileage in CTRs
- 17.1.11 **Hussar Pleasure Trophy:** Horse and rider combination competing the highest pleasure mileage
- 17.1.12 **Northern Region Trophy (Sport Horse):** Registered horse (excluding a pure bred Arab) with the highest mileage in CTRs and ERs
- 17.1.13 **Boss Trophy (Stallion Trophy):** Registered stallion with the highest mileage in CTRs and ERs
- 17.1.14 **Enterprise Trophy (Mare Trophy):** Registered mare with the highest mileage in CTRs and ERs
- 17.1.15 **Millennium Trophy:** Pony 14.2 and under (148cm) with the highest mileage in CTRs and ERs.
- 17.1.16 **Team Spirit Award:** Awarded at the Directors discretion for the greatest contribution and effort towards furthering ILDRA activities in the year.
- 17.1.17 **Carrig Dancer Trophy:** The best crew as determined by the Trophy Committee based on nominations by organisers or riders in the form of a letter explaining why you think they should win.
- 17.1.18 **Marina Gold Trophy:** Awarded to the Young Rider (under 21) with the highest mileage in all ERs and FEI Rides worldwide.
- 17.1.19 **Fairview Gypsy Gold Trophy:** Awarded to the Veteran horse 16 years and over with the highest mileage in Pleasure rides and CTRs
- 17.1.20 **Charlie Four Socks Trophy:** Awarded to the Registered Native Pony with the highest mileage in Pleasure rides and CTRs (Native being – Welsh, Connemara, Exmoor, Dales, Dartmoor, Fell, Shetland, New Forest and Highland)
- 17.1.21 **International Rider Award:** To be awarded to the ILDRA member who is the highest placed Irish affiliated rider in the FEI rankings on the date that the annual award applications close and who has done at least one competitive (CTR, ER or CEI) ride run by ILDRA in Ireland during the current year.
- 17.2 **Branch Awards:** The Branches may make awards for rides run by the Branch
- 17.3 **Cumulative Mileage Awards:** Rosettes will be awarded for cumulative mileage as set out below:
 - 17.3.1 Pleasure mileage starting at 160km and CTR mileage starting at 400km

- 17.3.2 The following conditions relate to the award of trophies set out in 16.1 above
- 17.3.2.1 The rider must be a paid up member of ILDRA at the date of the first ride
 - 17.3.2.2 The horse must have a log book / card issued by ILDRA or other recognised endurance body
 - 17.3.2.3 Mileages outside Ireland will count for Shamrock grades and cumulative mileage but not for trophies unless stated.
 - 17.3.2.4 The rider must have assisted in the organisation of a ride during the season.
 - 17.3.2.5 The award of the trophies shall be to the rider or rider/horse combination who best satisfy the above criteria, but they may be withheld in the event of misconduct. The awards shall be at the sole discretion of the Directors, who may, in the event of ambiguity, seek clarification from the donor of the trophies. The decision of the Directors shall be final
 - 17.3.2.6 Trophies will be awarded jointly in the event of a tie.

This amended edition of ILDRA rules supersedes and nullifies all previous editions of ILDRA Rules.



Authenticated

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18 Definitions

| <i>Number</i> | <i>Item</i> | <i>Definition</i> |
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| 18.1 | Horse | Any member of the genus equus and equine shall be construed accordingly |
| 18.2 | ILDRA | Irish Long Distance Association |
| 18.3 | Directors | The Directors for the time being of ILDRA |
| 18.4 | Branch Committee | The committee for the time being of the relevant branch of ILDRA |
| 18.5 | HSI | Horse Sport Ireland |
| 18.6 | Venue | Location of the headquarters of the ride |
| 18.7 | Course | The route indicated on the map |
| 18.8 | Organiser | The person charged by the Branch Committee or the Directors with the responsibility for a ride |
| 18.9 | Veterinary Surgeon | A duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Organiser |
| 18.10 | Log Book | A Log Book issued by the Board of Directors to the owner of a horse, on registration with ILDRA, and may include a similar document issued by another Endurance Society. A horse can only possess one Log Book |
| 18.11 | Riders Record Card | A rider record card issued by the Directors to a rider |
| 18.12 | FEI | Federation Equestrian Internationale |
| 18.13 | bpm | Beats per Minute |
| 18.14 | kph | Kilometres per Hour |
| 18.15 | Ground Jury | Panel appointed by the Organiser, Branch Committee or Directors to determine questions and appeals referred to it arising out of an ER |
| 18.16 | Shamrock Qualifications | Bronze, Silver and Gold qualified means having completed the necessary rides to achieve the relevant grade |
| 18.17 | Bronze Qualified | Successfully completed one Bronze qualifiers and one Bronze Final |
| 18.18 | Silver Qualified | Bronze qualified and completed one Silver qualifier and one Silver Final |
| 18.19 | Gold Qualified | Bronze and Silver qualified and completed one Gold qualifier and one Gold Final and subject to section 3.3 |
| 18.20 | Platinum Qualified | Gold qualified and completed a Platinum Final and subject to section 3.3 |

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| 18.21 | Diamond Qualified | Gold qualified and completed a Diamond Final and subject to section 3.3. It is not necessary to have qualified at Platinum level |
| 18.22 | Membership | The Directors will define from time to time, categories of membership and can exclude / include certain categories from riding membership |
| 18.13 | Horseshoe Scheme | A qualification system for Junior riders as agreed by the Directors and set out in the Horseshoe Rider Book |
| 18.24 | ILDRA Endurance Judge | A person who has successfully completed an ILDRA Judge's Course and has been appointed by ILDRA Board of Directors as an ILDRA Endurance Judge. An ILDRA Endurance Judge shall carry the same authority as a Veterinary Surgeon in the application of ILDRA rules |
| 18.25 | Vetting | The expression vetting shall be deemed to be the inspection carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon or ILDRA Endurance Judge on a horse to ensure compliance with ILDRA rules at CTRs up to 48km and by a Veterinary Surgeon only at higher distances and races of any distance |
| 18.26 | WADA | World Anti-Doping Agency |