



### Statement of Philosophy

Ozark country Endurance Riders believe in the integrity of the sport of endurance riding. The basis for this belief is rooted in the concepts of

- To Finish is to Win
- Fit to Continue
- No tolerance for drug use
- Sportsmanship in competition

It is the desire of this membership to encourage the education of equine enthusiasts, to promote the preservation and use of trails and to place the welfare of the horse first and foremost. To this end, Ozark Country Endurance Riders will follow the American Endurance Ride Conference rules and guidelines. Therefore, Ozark Country Endurance Riders sanctioned rides will reflect the above philosophy both in management and participation while members will do so by their conduct.

**All Rides sanctioned by OCER are also sanctioned by AERC and AERC rules apply.**

- Any breed of horse or mule is welcome.
- All equines must be 60 months of age to enter a ride 50 miles or longer.
- All equines must be 48 months of age to enter a ride less than 50 miles.
- Any tack is permitted.
- Shoes, pads, leg protection or boots are permitted.
- There is no minimum ride time.
- A maximum of 12 hours is permitted for the 50-mile ride and 6 hours for the 25 mile ride.
- Original negative Coggins and current health certificate (out of state) must be presented for each equine in camp whether participating or not.
- All junior riders must wear approved protective headgear.
- No animal shall be allowed to compete without veterinarian approval and all decisions by the vet are final.
- All equines must be fit to continue to receive completion.
- Management reserves the right to remove any person(s) who are disruptive to the ride or dangerous to the safety of others.

**Other rules may be in effect at any given individual ride.**