

Ride the Rail – Sunday, March 25, 2018

- All horses must be in good health and suitable condition to participate in this event. The event committee and race track vet reserve the right to decline any pony or horse that does not appear to be in good health, at the appropriate weight, and in good condition.
- All riders must be checked in at least 30 minutes before their ride time. Ride times will be assigned after entries close.
- Registration will open at 10:00am; Parking lot gates will open at 9:00am. Trailers and cars must be parked at the direction of our parking attendants and must be parked in the grass field area in front of track. DO NOT ENTER driveway by barns.
- All horses and ponies must present a valid certificate for a negative coggins test and a signed liability waiver. All junior riders (under 18) must have a guardian on hand to sign their waiver. Riders under 14 will need adult supervision and be accompanied while on track.
- Riders must be at the starting gate area five (5) minutes before their scheduled ride time for roll call and final instructions. You may not mount your horse until you are in the designated mounting zone near the entrance onto the track. Mounting blocks will be provided. No riding in the parking area.
- All riders must wear their commemorative wristband on the race track. The wristband color will indicate which group you will ride with. Wristbands will not be dispensed until each rider has personally checked in.
- All riders are required and responsible for wearing a current approved helmet.
- Use of a protective vest is highly encouraged, as well as a yoke or neck strap.
- If racing tack is used, an overgirth is required.
- Blinkers may not be used.
- NO DOGS (or other non-equine animals) allowed on the property.
- Only horses registered for Ride the Rail will be allowed on the property, no babysitters or foals allowed.
- **All entries must be paid and entered in advance.**

- Proof of health insurance must be supplied with liability release when you check in,
- No ridglings, colts, or stallions.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- **THIS IS NOT A RACE** but a once in a lifetime opportunity to ride on the Aiken Training Track.
- Each group will have twenty (20) minutes of ride time on the track with a four (4) minute buffer to get on and off the track. Riders will be sent out in groups of four. No one may pass the lead outrider.
- Horses that are not used to traveling on deeper sandy going may tire easily. Please pay attention to your horse and how it feels. You are encouraged to pull up at any time if you do not feel your horse is handling the experience well. Horses are permitted to go in more than one group, but if your horse appears to be in distress, you will be escorted off of the track.
- You will have the opportunity to walk through the starting gate, but it is not required. No one will be allowed to break from the gate. **NO WESTERN SADDLES PERMITTED IN THE STARTING GATE.** They are not made to fit through such tight spaces.
- The official track photographer will be present by the Blue Peter Tree near the final stretch and will take your photo as you ride by the tree. Photos will be available for purchase. **NO** spectators or participants are allowed on foot on the track. Photos and videos may be taken from behind the rail only.
- Spectators should also park in track grass field, but trailers will be separated from cars. Spectators will be permitted to view the event from the Aiken Training Track apron and clockers stand, but are not allowed on the track at any time or in the Blue Peter Tree or Finish Line area.
- Each entry will receive a commemorative wristband for identification purposes.
- A food truck will be available on-site for food and refreshments.
- Pony Rides will be available throughout the event for an additional charge.
- Address for Aiken Training Track is 536 Two Notch Road, Aiken SC 29801
- Ride the Rail inquiries to: Wendy Gutfarb 508-265-3055 or RideTheRail@gmail.com