

Ride the Rail – Sunday, February 23, 2020

- All horses must be in good health and suitable condition to participate in this event. The event committee and Aiken Training Track (ATT) personnel 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 15 minutes before their ride.
- Registration will open at 11:30am; Parking lot gates will open at 11:30am. 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. Enter at the Mead/Two Notch gate.
- 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 final instructions. No riding in the parking area.
- 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.
- Riders will have twenty (20) minutes of ride time on the track or a maximum of 2 laps.
- 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. Please identify yourself to photographer.
- 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.
- 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