

Biltmore Equestrian Center presents
BILTMORE CHALLENGE 2026
AERC 25-MILE LD, OPEN 50-, 55-, 65-, 75-MILE AND 100-MILE RIDES; INTRO RIDE
FEI OPTIONS 1*, 1*YJ, 2*, 2* YJ, 3*
MAY 1 AND MAY 2, 2026; INTRO RIDE ON MAY 2, 2026

PLEASE ENTER ONLINE! (<https://www.biltmore.com/equestrian-center/events/>)

AERC	SEDRA	SEERA	FEI
RIDER NAME: _____		AERC #: _____	
ADDRESS: _____		CITY/ST/ZIP _____	
PHONE: (_____) _____	EMAIL (PRINT!!) _____		
BIRTHDATE OF Young or Junior RIDER: _____		SPONSOR if Junior _____	
HORSE NAME: _____		HORSE AERC #: _____	
AGE: _____	COLOR: _____	BREED: _____	REG.# _____
Owner's name if not rider: _____		Owner CITY/ST _____	
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____		PHONE: (_____) _____	
EXPECTED <u>DAY/TIME</u> OF ARRIVAL: _____		DAY OF DEPARTURE: _____	

*Do one entry form per ride entered ---- **RIDE ENTERED** (circle one)*

Fri		AERC LD 25	AERC Open 50	AERC Open 65	FEI/AERC 1* 100		
		SR-\$180 / YJ-\$140	SR-\$190/ YJ -\$150	SR-\$220 / YJ -\$180	SR-\$800 / YJ-\$750		
Sat	Intro	AERC LD 30	AERC Open 55	AERC Open 75	FEI/AERC 2* 120	AERC Open 100	FEI/AERC 3* 160
	SR-\$135 / YJ-\$100	SR-\$180 / YJ-140	SR-\$190 / YJ-\$150	SR-\$240 / YJ-\$200	SR-\$900 / YJ-\$850	SR-\$280 / YJ-\$240	SR-\$1000

Note: YJ: 21 years old and younger. AERC junior sponsorship rules still apply for 16 and under

Fees Include: Rider's (1) Length of Stay fees, (2) Camp fees for 3 nights (Thu, Fri, Sat), (3) Length of Stay fees for one or two (75 and 100 milers) named crew member (children 16 and under are free, but must have names on gate list) **Note:** *no meals are included in entry fees.*

Entry Fees from above		\$
Add \$20 / ride if not AERC member		
Camp fee at \$30 / rig for nights more than three (Th, F, Sa) nights camping	#	\$
Crew Member (2 for 75 and 100; 1 all others) (name(s) _____)		\$0
Length of Stay Fee for extra crew members (\$55 / person)* (names _____)	#	\$
(Note: children 16 and under are free but must be on gate list)		
Friday night dinner at \$25 / person (none included in entry, order by April 24)	#	\$
Total		
\$50 late fee if entry, including basic fees, is not in management's hands by April 24		\$
Late Total. Note: closing date is September 24. Any entry not paid by September 24 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed). Absolutely NO post entries.		\$

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NOTES: \$50 kept for cancellations after Saturday night, April 25, close of business but before April 27. 50% thereafter unless rider choice due to weather.

If snail mailing, please make checks payable to **Biltmore Equestrian Center**
 Mail to Biltmore Equestrian Center, 1 Biltmore Estate Dr, Asheville, NC 28803; equestrian@biltmore.com

SIGN LIABILITY! PROVIDE NEGATIVE COGGINS CURRENT TO 9/21/2025

→ Email BOTH liability and Coggins to Biltmore Equestrian Center equestrian@biltmore.com

**Questions? Call Cheryl Newman at 828- 665-1531; or e-mail: cherylnewman@charter.net
 or call the Biltmore Equestrian Center 828-225-1454 or equestrian@biltmore.com**

* Note: Additional people who are already passholders of Biltmore don't need Length of Stay passes.

THE FOLLOWING RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED FOR ENTRY TO BE VALID!

Statement of Rider Liability Waiver

I wish to enter and participate in the 2026 Biltmore Challenge Ride or associated endurance or limited distance rides hosted by Biltmore Equestrian Center, to be held the week of 30 April 2026. I have read the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. As a participant in the Rides at Biltmore, I agree to abide by the rules of all *applicable* sanctioning organizations, including American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), Southeast Endurance Riders Association (SEERA), Southeast Distance Riders Association (SEDRA), and the aforementioned ride. Also, those of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the Federation Equestrian International (FEI) and Arabian Horse Association (AHA) as applicable.

I hereby knowingly execute this waiver of the right to sue and do hereby agree to assume all risks associated with participation in the ride, hosted by the Biltmore Equestrian Center and Biltmore Company, or in riding on the premises.

I agree that my participation in the ride involves certain inherent risks, which include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) horseback riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas can have many natural and man-made hazard which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate, these hazardous surface/subsurface conditions including such things as rocks, trees, puddles, streams, fences, jumps and/or other hard objects and/or holes, divots, ledges which could cause an equine to trip and/or fall and/or could strike a participant who falls from or is thrown from an equine; (2) that horses can behave in unpredictable ways which can result in accidents to anyone at any time, resulting in injury, severe injury, or death; (3) that an equine's reactions to sound, movements, objects, vehicles, persons, animals, scents or insects cannot be predicted. I agree to take full responsibility for myself/my child, and the animal I/my child is riding. I will hold harmless the AERC, SEERA, SEDRA, USEF, FEI, AHA, its officers and all individual members thereof, Biltmore Equestrian Center, its employees, all ride personnel, Biltmore Company, any of its affiliated companies, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, their representatives, successors and assigns, for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in this ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss, including that due to negligence not caused by wanton or willful misconduct of Biltmore Company, and the Biltmore Equestrian Center, or ride personnel. This release extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and I expressly waive any benefits that I may otherwise have under provisions of the law of North Carolina relating to the release of known claims. I understand that this release constitutes a limitation on my legal rights. Any action instituted against Biltmore Company must be filed in the State of North Carolina. Under North Carolina Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities (Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes).

I hereby certify that my horse is not under the influence of medication and will not be treated with or given any medications prohibited by AERC rules. I also hereby give permission to AERC or its duly appointed agent to take any appropriate action deemed necessary to check for possible administration of drugs to my horse. The undersigned verifies acceptance of risks and responsibilities for rider's and horses' conditions and certifies that all information on this form is correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

THIS AGREEMENT IS BINDING UPON MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ASSIGNS.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS.

Dated: _____

• Rider's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider (please print): _____

• Horse Owner's Signature (if not rider): _____

Horse Owner's Name (please print): _____

CONSENT FOR JUNIOR RIDERS

I accept all AERC rules that apply to my entry and recognize the ability of this Junior to substitute a sponsor during the ride as allowed and, in my absence, consent to emergency medical treatment or aid to said Junior rider.

Name of Junior Rider: _____

• Signed: (parent/guardian): _____

Name of parent/guardian: PRINT _____

Dated: _____

If entering the FEI 1*, 1* YJ, 2*, 2*YJ, 3* ride, also fill in this entry and the following liability release

USEF FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulter or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the Biltmore Challenge (Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR907.4.

If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber and competing only in classes that are exempt from membership requirements, I acknowledge and agree that I will be enrolled for no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew unless and until USEF determines in its sole discretion to terminate my Fan account. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. I acknowledge that I may opt out at any time by going to My USEF Dashboard or calling (859) 810-8733.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAUTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

TRAINER (mandatory)

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

OWNER/AGENT (mandatory)

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

COACH (if applicable)

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulter a U.S. Citizen: Yes No

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION : 4001 WING COMMANDER WAY : LEXINGTON, KY 40511 : 859.258.2472 : FAX 859.231.6662 : USEF.ORG

FEI 1*, 1* YJ, 2*, 2* YJ, and 3* rides require the following release, too

USEF WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and endurance event; I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with equine activities, including but not limited to horseback riding and equestrian sport, are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

WARNING:

CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury or to the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99e of the North Carolina General Statutes.

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time. Further, by signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in USEF Events. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR OWNER TRAINER OFFICIAL STAFF VOLUNTEER COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) _____ Date: _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

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