Logbook Protocol

Rationale

Logbooks enable a rider to closely track and monitor the welfare and performance records of an equine engaged in distance riding competition. Logbooks assist members in assessing their equine's performance over time, and provide data for better management of their equines before, during and after competition. The Logbook also provides valuable assistance to veterinarians by documenting issues, major or minor, that an equine may have had during competition. It promotes productive conversation between rider and veterinarian so that both are "on the same page" about the equine in question. Logbooks are a part of the EDRA mission to hold the welfare of the horse (equine) as a top priority.

General Rules

1. Logbooks will be provided by EDRA as a benefit of membership.
2. EDRA members shall have a Logbook for each equine presented to a veterinarian for entry in an EDRA endorsed event. The rider must assure that the Logbook information is completed and verified by the veterinarian's signature prior to leaving the ride event.
3. The Logbook shall only be used for the equine named and identified in the Logbook.
4. For non-EDRA rides of any distance of 25 miles or more that is non-judged, with placings determined by time, the rider is strongly encouraged to complete the Logbook. If a ride veterinarian will verify the Logbook entry, the rider is strongly encouraged to obtain the veterinarian's signature but this is NOT required.
5. Required alterations to rectify incorrect ride information in a Logbook can only be made by the ride veterinarian, or ride manager. The incorrect information should be crossed out, yet still be legible and the correct information placed alongside and initialed by the person making the change. No information shall be altered using correction fluid or a similar substance.
6. Logbook information shall include the following: * Ride Date * Ride Name * Distance Entered * Completion (yes or no) * If no completion, distance attempted and reason for withdrawal from event. * Veterinarian comments/concerns * Veterinarian signature * Placing - to be added by rider when available * Ride Time - to be added by rider when available.
7. Information contained in the Logbook may not be used to prevent an equine from starting a completion. It can, however, be used by the veterinarians to educate riders regarding issues that impact the welfare of the horse (equine).

Procedures

1. Prior to pre-ride veterinary exam, the rider shall enter the date, ride name, and distance entered into the equine's Logbook.
2. The rider shall take the Logbook and ride vet card to the pre-ride veterinary exam.
3. . If the veterinarian determines the equine does not pass the initial pre-ride exam, they should note the reason on the vet card and the Logbook, signing both documents.
4. 4. If the equine is cleared to start the event, Logbooks can be placed in a designated location.

When an equine does not have a Logbook

EDRA members who participate in an EDRA event on an equine without a Logbook receive completions and miles toward their lifetime rider record and applicable lifetime awards. The rider and equine do not receive points toward ride-season awards unless both rider and equine are actively registered with EDRA.

Lifetime mileage and completion records for the equine are not maintained and are not counted toward any equine awards.

When a non-EDRA member rides an equine with a Logbook

If a non-EDRA member participates in an EDRA event on an equine with an active Logbook (e.g., a current EDRA member allows a non-member to ride his/her equine), the equine will receive completions and miles toward their lifetime equine record and applicable lifetime awards. The rider and equine do not receive points toward ride-season awards unless both rider and equine are actively registered with EDRA.

Lifetime mileage and completion records for the non-EDRA member rider are not maintained and are not counted toward any rider awards.