

# **American River Classic**

**30~50**

***“The Oldest Sanctioned 50 Mile Ride in the World!”***

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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Welcome to the *Oldest Sanctioned 50 Mile Endurance Ride in the World!* The American River Classic is in its 45<sup>th</sup> year and will again provide one of the prettiest rides in the West along the Pioneer Express Trail, Robie Trail, Salt creek loop, Paige Harper Springs, and parts of the Olmstead Loop. From limited distance riders to ambitious 50-mile participants, the American River Classic will challenge and engage all riders and is a fun ride with a beautiful trail.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RIDERS:**

1. All camping area must be cleaned of hay, manure and garbage at Negro Bar – Folsom Parks
2. Protective equine foot wear recommended, if foot wear protection is to be worn, then MUST be worn at pre-vet.
3. All horses must be vetted in the night before the ride, no pre-ride vetting in the morning of the ride.
4. We ask that Generators to be off by 10:00 pm in respect to all other riders and crews.
5. All A.E.R.C., California State Park and ride rules will be strictly enforced.
6. All COVID RULES will be strictly enforced, and must be signed.  
(See at end of entry formed and MUST be signed.)

## **CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RULES:**

1. Folsom Lake Park charges a per vehicle/rig fee upon entrance to the park.  
Please Note: California Poppy Pass does not cover the cost of overnight camping, only day use.  
Be sure to ask for multi day pass, if “you don’t” have a Poppy Pass. Limited amount of Multi Day passes available at gate for purchase, so we ask one pass per rig for Rattlesnake Bar and Cool vet checks.
2. No parking outside of designated horse areas.
3. No glass containers, no alcoholic beverages allowed in the park.
4. Rigs must be removed by 9:00 pm, Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
\*Ride management is not responsible for rigs left on Saturday\*
5. No campfires.
6. All horses to be tied to trailers, or in portable corrals.
7. No sleeping on the ground, and/or in tents.
8. No parking/leaving rigs in the south lot (“dirt parking lot” by the trail, with the rails)
9. All park rules and regulations must be followed.

**THIS IS A ONE-WAY TRAIL. YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET YOUR RIG FROM  
RIDE CAMP TO NEGRO BAR TO THE AUBURN STAGING AREA**

## **SCHEDULE:**

**CHECK IN:** will be from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**\*Be sure to print and bring your ride packet with you, only vet cards will be available.\***

**PRE-RIDE VET CHECK:** 3:00 pm-5:30 pm, Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, veterinarians will examine horses. There will be no “pre-ride vetting” after Questions and Answer session or on Saturday morning.

**RIDE MEETING:** Live on our Facebook Page, American River Ride Classic, 6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Head veterinarian will announce criteria; ride management will cover trail and logistics.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION:** 6:30 pm, Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with ride management and head veterinarian.

### **RIDER NUMBERS AND GROUPS AS FOLLOWS:**

50's: A: 1-49 B: 51-99 30's: C: 301-349 D: 351-399

**STARTING TIME:** Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **50's:** A: 6:00 am; **MUST** be out by 6:15 am  
B: 6:30 am; **MUST** be out by 6:45 am  
**30's:** C: 7:15 am; **MUST** be out by 7:30 am  
D: 7:45 am; **MUST** be out by 8:00 am

**CUT OFF TIMES:** Refer to trail map.

### **COMPLETION VET EXAM & B.C. JUDGING:**

**Completion order will be on riding time not of order of crossing the finish line. (30's see notes below)**

**50's:** **MUST** meet criteria **WITHIN** 30 mins. of completion time.  
**MUST** have final vet exam **WITHIN** 60 mins. of completion time.  
B.C. **AT** 60 mins. **FROM** completion time.

**30's:** **MUST** meet criteria **WITHIN** 30 mins. of crossing finish line  
**MUST** have final vet exam **WITHIN** 60 mins. of criteria time.  
B.C. **AT** 60 mins. **FROM** criteria time.

**NOTE-30's only:** Completion time/order is at time of meeting criteria.

**COMPLETION & AWARDS:** To be given out after final vet check exam.

**30's:** approximately any time after 11:00 am.

**50's:** approximately any time after 2:30 pm.

To receive completion; vet card **MUST** be signed by veterinarian and be presented to ride secretary.

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**Payment Info:** First come first serve. Check must accompany application to ensure placement on ride list. There will be a late fee of \$30- for entries received with postmarked date after April 7<sup>th</sup>, All entries **MUST** be received by April 12<sup>th</sup>. No refunds/cancellations unless there is someone on the waiting list to take your place prior to April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Riders of equines not passing pre-ride vet check will get entry back minus \$30- administration fee. No refunds for cancelling due to weather. No Substituting riders, riders on the “Wait List” have priority. Any refunds will be mailed out by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There will be **NO** signups on Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>, only vet cards will be available. Only equestrian and distance maybe changed by April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, no rider substitute changes. Waiting list entrants, checks will be held until either a opening becomes available and/or the ride is filled.

**Veterinary and Farrier Services:** Should a horse require emergency treatment, or farrier services, payment is the responsibility of the rider and will be handled individually by the attending veterinarian or farrier.

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### **Trail Description:**

**30 MILER:** The ride travels along the historic Pioneer Express Trail. It follows alongside the American River, Folsom Lake and up through the beautiful American River Canyon and on into the historic Auburn overlook.

**50 MILER:** This is the 46<sup>th</sup> annual, oldest sanctioned 50-mile ride in the world. It follows the same trail as the 30, with a one-hour vet-check in Auburn. From there it follows the Robie/WSTF Trail to cool, in and around the Olmstead loop, continuing back down to No hands and back up to auburn.

## ENTRY FORM

\*Please print clearly in blue or black ink\*

### For office use only:

Rider Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Spon. #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Rider info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of rider 17 or under as of the date of the ride: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

(MUST complete young rider liability release form.)

### Junior Rider info:

Name of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(If there is a change in this info at, and/or before check in please let ride secretary know)

### Horse Info:

Registration name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Featherweight (rider w/tack >160 lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lightweight (rider w/tack 161-185 lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Middleweight (rider w/tack 186-210 lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Heavyweight (rider w/tack 211+ lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Division — a minor who is 16 as of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition, and must have an adult sponsor, and wear a helmet at all times. Management must approve sponsor changes.

Entry Fee:

**\*\*Preferred group does not mean you will be in that group\*\*.**

Front Riders	50-mile "A"	\$163.00_____
Mid to rear pack riders	50-mile "B"	\$163.00_____
Front Riders	30-mile "C"	\$163.00_____
Mid to rear pack riders	30-mile "D"	\$163.00_____

(Entry fee includes California \$8.00 drug fee)

\*AERC non-member fee \$15.00\_\_\_\_\_

For entries post marked between April 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, add \$30.00\_\_\_\_\_

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, entry changes (ride distance or equine change, NO Rider Changes \$10.00\_\_\_\_\_

**(only one discount per entry)**

**17 and under discount (any distance) \$-30.00\_\_\_\_\_**

**Green Bean discount (Must be first ride season, any distance) \$-30.00\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ride Manager Discount (any distance) \$-30.00\_\_\_\_\_**

Name of Ride managed: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

**(SEE ABOVE FOR PAYMENT INFO)**

**\*must include a copy of current 2021 AERC membership card\***

Refunds:

No refunds unless space can be filled off of waiting list prior to April 14<sup>th</sup> minus \$30- administration fee. If no one is on waiting list entry fee will be forfeited.

No refunds after April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. or for No Shows.

Riders that have equines that do not pass pre-ride vet check will get entry back, minus \$30- administrative fee.

All equines **MUST** go to pre-ride vet check or **MUST** have note from veterinarian.

**NO REFUNDS** for cancelling due to weather.

Any refunds will be mailed out by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Bounce check will incur a \$45.00 fee plus entry fee, and miles and points will be with held.

Please make checks payable to: **American River Classic**

Send ride entry to:

Joby Souza

c/o ARC

626 Pelton Way

Grass Valley, Ca. 95945

**\*Liability and Covid release must be signed\***

**Be sure to print your ride packet off of the website**

**Only vet card will be available at check in**

This is a sanctioned AERC event, and all AERC rules and regulations to be followed. Please refer to [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org) for specific details.

## **Liability release**

Read and sign the following liability agreement: THIS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM, 2 pages

I, \_\_\_\_\_, inconsideration of the acceptance of this entry, hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the American River Classic. I am aware that participating in these events involve possible risk of injury to my person, my animal and/or property, and involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and/or medical facilities, that these areas may have natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate, and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. THEREFORE, I VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH), AND PROPERTY DAMAGE, ARISING FROM MY ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT. As lawful consideration for being permitted to participate in these events, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, personal representatives, assigns and/or spouse, if any, will not make a claim against or sue the American River Classic, the Auburn Area Recreational District, Folsom Lake State Park, or their respective employees, officers, directors, members, agents, participating landowners and/or affiliated entities for any injury or damage arising from negligence or other acts, however caused of the American River Classic, Auburn Area Recreational District or Folsom Lake State Park, or their respective employees, officers, directors, members, agents, affiliated entities, contractors, guests or invites.

In addition, I hereby release and discharge the American River Classic, the Auburn Area Recreational District and Folsom Lake State Park, their respective officers, directors, members, employees, agents, contractors, participating landowners and/or affiliated entities (hereinafter "Releases") from all actions, claims or demands that I, my heirs, personal representatives, assigns or spouse, if any, now have, or may have hereafter have, for injuries or property damage resulting from my participation in the American River Classic. I agree that the Release includes injury or damage caused in whole or in part by negligence, active or passive, of the American River Classic, the Auburn Area Recreational District or Folsom Lake State Park, or "Releases."

I also expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil code 1542 which states, "A General release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing that release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I have read this release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement carefully and completely, and fully understands its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between Management and I and I sign it of my own free will. I further agree that no oral representation, statement or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made, and that I rely on none.

Signature of rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Or of Parent/Legal Guardian (if Rider is a minor under 19)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Printed name of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Sponsoring a Junior Only:** (If there is a change in this info at, and/or before check in please let ride secretary know)

**Sponsor Certification:** I have read and understand the (A.E.R.C.) rules/guidelines related to sponsoring a Junior Rider in this event and certify that I am qualified to act as this juniors sponsor.

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of junior being sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Liability release for young riders**

Parent/Legal guardian of a minor **17** or under, as of the date of the ride, must complete the section below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of the minor, \_\_\_\_\_, who will be participating in the American River Classic: 25, 50 (circle one). This minor is \_\_\_\_\_ years old. I am aware that participation in this event involves risk of injury or death to the minor and/or his/her horse. I agree to maintain adequate insurance coverage for my child. I acknowledge that all minors under the age of 18 as of the date of the ride must wear an approved (AHSA, PCA, ANSI Z90.4, or SNELL) helmet, and be sponsored by an adult 21 years or older throughout the ride due to the hazardous nature of the trail and the event. I understand that there will be no exceptions to these rules.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent/Legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal guardian and/or crew member at ride who is not riding:

(If there is a change in this info at, and/or before check in please let ride secretary know)

Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(We ask that they keep their phones on and with them at all times)

# American River Classic - Covid Plan

## **\*\*MUST SIGN BELOW\*\***

### Check In:

- There will be hand sanitizer available.
- If six feet is not achievable you are required to wear a mask.
- We temp check everyone; riders, crew, vets and volunteers upon arrival to camp

### Vet Checks:

- There will be hand sanitizer available along with a wash basin at all vet checks.
- Face coverings will be worn when approaching the In/Out timers.
- Absolutely no Congregating/Loitering in places near vet checks or in/out timers.
- Crews may not approach In/Out timers.
- Only one crew person per rider, if there is more than one crew person assisting this will automatically result in a pull at Negro Bar, Auburn and Cool no questions asked.
- No Crew member in the "cool off" areas prior to P/R.
- No Crew person allowed in the P/R and Vetting areas.
- Must wear a mask in the P/R and Vetting areas at all times and in line.
- Crews may only assist between the p/r (after released from p/r) to the vet inn, crews may not stand in line with rider.
- There will be a P/R box, once entered you may not exit until either released **to the vet** or if not recovering in allotted amount of time.
- If equine has not met criteria there will be a holding area for cooling off. Only rider, equines and one crew member are allowed to enter to assist in cooling off. Once rider and equine have exited, crew member MUST exit immediately.
- Caution tape will be up to designate appropriate areas where no crews will be allowed

### Rattlesnake:

- There will be absolutely NO CREWS at Rattlesnake; there will be a crew truck on Friday at Pre Vet to take all bags to Rattlesnake and will be returned to Auburn after the last rider leaves and/or the vet check closes.

### Auburn:

- No crews allowed in the trough area, timers, P&R and Cool off area and vetting. Crews must stay off to the side of the bank.

### Cool:

- (As stated above, under vet checks)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of rider) have read and understand these rules, I understand that by signing this I am advocating for myself and my 1 crew member that before this event and or during this event at any time that I do not feel well and or exhibit any Covid like symptoms need to discharge myself from this event. I understand that I will forfeit my entry as stated in the entry form. I understand that if at arrival at ride camp I have a temperature of 100.0 degrees and or higher, I will be asked to leave. I understand that this is for the safety of all near and around me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of rider)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent/guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of parent/guardian)

**\*\*Violation of any of these rules, this includes all of A.E.R.C., A.R.C. and State Park rules, and any crew violating these rules will result in the rider being pulled with no refund\*\***

**Note: Head volunteers have the authority to pull any rider if any of these rules have been violated.**