



## CTRs – what happens on the day?

### 1. Nomination

All competitors nominate by pre-nomination

On the day of competition competitors lodge their nomination forms, a Horse Health Declaration and applicable insurance forms with the Ride Secretary and are given a Competition Number, start time, a horse health slip to take to vetting and any other ride information.

This is when the competition begins and competitors must wear their Competitor Number from this point at all times.

Please note – all forms are available for download at [www.SCATER.com.au](http://www.SCATER.com.au)

### 2. Pre Ride horse health check

All horses must pass a health check before and after the CTR.

At the pre-ride check, riders present their horses in a halter to the Officials in the horse health area. Here Officials will check the horse's heart rate, gait, respiration, gut sounds, temperature and general soundness to complete a CTR. Only horses deemed fit to compete will be permitted to continue in the competition



Please note - Part of the pre-ride health check is to assess And record your horse's temperature. You will be required to Do this yourself under the observation of Officials with your own thermometer.

### 3. Ride Brief

Officials present a Ride Brief at a designated time prior to the start of the ride and attendance is recommended.

During the Ride Brief you will be given a track map, instructions and any important ride information about timing, track conditions etc. and you are encouraged to ask any questions.

### 4. Presentation and start

Competitors are required to present to a starting area approximately 15 minutes prior to their ride start time, saddled and ready to go but not mounted



### 5. The Ride

Competitors are timed out at 3 minute intervals and then the ride has begun!

Competitors must complete the track and all judge points as close to their ideal ride time as possible. This time is determined by the Ride Director for each event.

Judge points can be located anywhere on the track. Judges award a maximum of 25 points to riders and 25 points to horses according to a scoring criterion and riders are required to ride and attempt judge points individually

Tracks are very clearly marked with markers and ribbons and competitors are supplied with track maps.

### 6. When you finish

On arrival back at the ride base competitors are timed in by the Ride Secretary who will provide a time slip indicating when to re-present their horse to the Horse Health Officials (within 30 mins) for the Post Ride horse health check.

We recommend during the 30 mins you "strap" your horse and ensure they drink and eat.

All horses must pass this health check to complete the competition.

Competitors can then remove their Competitor Bib and relax and socialize.

Presentation of score cards and trophies is usually completed by 3pm and we encourage every competitor to attend to hear judges' feedback and to discuss the ride.

To know more see these Fact sheets available at

[www.scater.com.au](http://www.scater.com.au)

- Introduction to CTRs
- CTRs – How To Enjoy The Sport

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**If you love trail riding, and enjoy a challenge – CTRs are for you!**