

FCEA's Rules of the Road and Trail

1. **SAFETY is RULE #1** - Every year we have green horses and new riders participating, as a courtesy and for the SAFETY of everyone involved,

SLOW to PASS - do NOT race or gallop past other teams.

-When you approach another team, slow down, announce your approach, and ASK permission to pass.

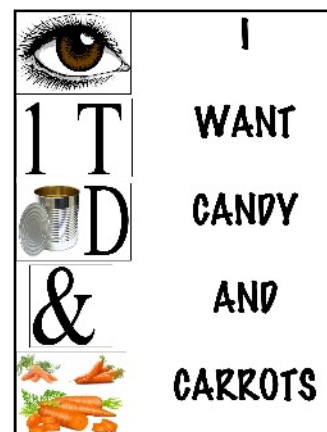
-Pass at a safe pace and then after you have passed the other team, make sure all horses are safely under control before departing.

-The fastest time does NOT win!

-If you have ever ridden a nervous or green horse, you know why we have these rules. We can do this with safety first.

Any reports of poor conduct will result in team ELIMINATION.

2. Again for this year, we have placed a puzzle around the course, some call it a Rebus Word Equation, or a pictogram. There are 6 separate pieces of the puzzle located strategically around the course. You will be able to put them together to form a phrase. Feel free to take photo's of the pages. We will ask about the phrase when you return. The first page is located at the starting line so you can see the example of what you are looking for.



3. The desired time between team departures is at least 5 minutes, but not less than 3 minutes. The busiest departure times are usually between 10 & 11, so plan accordingly.
4. Your team photo will be taken prior to departure. Photos and results will be posted on the club's facebook page, FrenchCreekEquestrian.
5. You must return with all team members.
6. All Jumps are optional. All riders must wear Helmets.
7. You will be following pink arrows, signs, and ribbons for the course today.
8. You will notice that, several fields have just been planted. When riding around the course, please keep your horses in the grass and stay off the newly planted crops. We have posted WALK signs in a few places, please stay in line and preserve the crops.
9. Please be considerate of the properties that we are crossing. These land owners are kind enough to allow us to ride on their properties, if you see them, please say hello and THANK-YOU!

Registration process

You've either been given this packet as you entered the parking area or you printed it from the website. You will find it contains an entry form & release, as well as the rules of the road, and course map.

- Registration begins at 9:30, so when your team has assembled, one representative should take the payments and signed team form to the Secretary's Trailer to get the team number. Teams must have a **team name** and must provide a contact **address** for awards to be sent. Please do not bring your horse with you to registration.
- Remember, costumes are welcomed and rewarded. American Flags are not apparel, so no wearing or disrespectful display of the flag will be permitted.
- Food, near the registration trailer, is being provided by Scout Troup 79G from Palm, PA. They are raising funds for a high adventure trip.
- AND, this is your reminder, that you will be tested at the start on the RULES of the ROAD. Your team picture will be taken and posted on facebook, and may be used by the club for future promotional purposes.

How your score is calculated.

1. This is not a race. In this case it is best to be just AVERAGE in your group. The times for all teams in a division are averaged to find the ideal time. Then the team time is compared to the average time to get the deviation time. You are not eliminated for being faster than the average time.
2. Penalty Points are assessed as follows:
 - a) 10 minutes added for not returning your Pinny
 - b) 5 minutes added for incomplete pictogram
3. Then the teams are placed in order of their adjusted score.
4. If there are any reports of misconduct those teams are eliminated.

Previous Results:			
2018	Leisurely	1:47:51	8 teams
	Average Joes	1:19:55	15 teams
	Hunt Pace	1:11:24	12 teams
2019	Leisurely	2:06:47	4 teams
	Average Joes	1:34:24	28 teams
	Hunt Pace	1:19:36	11 teams
2020	Leisurely	2:04:38	15 teams
	Average Joes	1:49:17	49 teams
	Hunt Pace	1:30:46	13 teams

Thank-you for attending our Annual Veterans Day Paper Chase, your participation supports our educational activities.

Thank-you to all veterans and active duty servicemen and women, we appreciate your dedication and sacrifice.



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French Creek Paper Chase Entry Form (one per team)



TEAM NAME (Please Print): _____

CIRCLE ONE →

HUNT PACE (T/C)

AVERAGE JOES (W/T/C)

LEISURELY (W/T)

Print Rider Names

ENTRY FEES

	\$ 25
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THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY.	TOTAL FEES \$

Ribbon Mailing Contact Information Name: _____
(No contact info or mailing address, no awards or results)

Address: _____
City, State, Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I enclose herewith a total of \$_____ for the aforementioned entry, which is made at my own risk and subject to the conditions of the organizer and the sponsoring French Creek Dressage Association. I agree to abide by the rules which cover this event as set forth by the USA Equestrian.

I understand that this is a high risk sport, and that my participation in this educational activity may also involve participation in an "equine activity" as defined by applicable laws and is solely at my own risk. I understand that my participation involves all inherent risks associated with the dangers and conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to, the propensity of equines to behave in ways which may result in injury, harm or even death to humans or other animals around or near them; the unpredictability of equine reaction to sounds, sudden movements, smells, and unfamiliar objects; persons or other animals; hazards related to surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other equines or objects; and, the potential of a participant to act in a negligent or unskilled manner which may contribute to injury to the participant or others, including failing or inability to maintain control over the animal. By participating in this activity **I agree** to assume responsibility for those risks, and **I release** and agree to hold harmless the activity organizer, organizing committee, officials, the FCEA, their officers, agents, employees and the volunteers assisting in the conduct of this FCEA educational activity and the owners of any property on which it is to be held, from all liability for negligence resulting in accidents, damage, injury or illness to myself and to my property, including the horse(s) which I may ride.

I understand and agree that the organizer of this activity has the right to cancel this activity; to refuse any entry or application; to require and enforce the wearing of safety or other attire and the conduct of riders, horses, and visitors; and to prohibit, stop or control any action during the activity deemed by the organizer to be improper or unsafe.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____
(If Participant is under 18, Release must be signed by Parent or legal guardian, not by trainer or instructor.)

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