

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR HORSE IS PULLED

Introduction:

The Tevis is one of the most difficult rides in the world and statistically your chances of finishing the ride in a trailer are HIGHER than your chances of crossing the finish line. SO, you and your crew should have a plan to deal with this possibility. The communications table at each stop will have a volunteer with information for crews on who has been pulled, when they were pulled, when they left the stop in a trailer and where they are being taken. *The rider must accompany the horse in all cases*

The Pulled Rider List

This year, Ride management will maintain a "***Pulled Rider List***" at Net Control and at the communications table at each stop. The list will be separate from the continuing rider list and will include the rider name and number, the time pulled, the location, and a notation of the reason: either L, M, I or V for "Lame", "Metabolic", "Injury", or "Voluntary". In addition, as soon as the horse is ready to be transported, Net Control will be advised of when the horse left and where it is being taken and this information will be added to the list.

Your TICKET to be trailered out is the Transport Info Card

If you are pulled, the vet or vet secretary will hand you a "*Transport Info Card*". The *Transport Info Card* is your "Ticket" for a trailer ride and is our way of keeping track of pulled and transported horses. Before giving the card (sample attached) to you, the vet secretary will note: (1) the horse number, (2) the rider's name and (3) the time pulled and (4) the destination the vet has designated for the horse.

When a horse is pulled, the vet card is kept by the vet and then delivered within 15 minutes by a member of the P&R crew to the communications table at the stop. At each stop, the head volunteer will assign a key volunteer (whose mission in life is) who will be the communications interface between the volunteers, riders, and crews and communications. This volunteer will keep possession of the pulled vet cards and maintain the "***Pulled Riders List***".

Wait Times

Your crew should understand that typically there will be a delay between when they hear you have been pulled and when you actually leave the stop in a trailer. First, you may have to wait for a trailer to arrive. Second, even if there are trailers available, you may want to let your horse eat and drink or be monitored by the vets before leaving. Third, it is a long trailer ride from some of the stops to the destination.

However, there will be information as to when you do leave the stop. When you load up in the trailer, you will give one copy of the 3-part NCR ***Transport Info Card*** form to the trailer driver. The driver will enter his/her name and trailer number on one copy

and turn it in to the stop communication table before pulling out. The stop communication table will promptly report the departure of each horse trailer and which horses are in the trailer and where they are being taken to Net Control.

Where will your horse be taken? *If you are pulled before Foresthill* and your horse doesn't need to go to the treatment vet at the Fairgrounds, the Ride will do everything possible to facilitate getting you and your horse back to the Foresthill vet stop. Trailers arrive in the lower parking lot where there is a horse transport communications table. Your crew should plan to meet you there. *If you are pulled after Foresthill*, or your horse needs further veterinarian care we will take you and your horse to the Little Red Barn at the Auburn Fairgrounds or the vet treatment area in the upper corrals next to the Little Red Barn. In a few exceptional cases, we may need to take you and the horse to Loomis Basin or U.C. Davis.

Where to get Crew Information on pulled horses

Horse Transport Information should be available at the communications table at each stop. In addition, at Foresthill, there will be a horse transport volunteer at the Leader Board and a second horse transport communications and dispatching crew of volunteers in the lower parking lot. At the Fairgrounds, information on pulled horses will be available at the finish line communications table, the announcer stand and leader board and at the Little Red Barn.

In addition, information on both continuing horses and pulled horses will be available on the Tevis Web cast.

Good luck! We on the Horse Transport Crew, *hope* we don't see you.

TRANSPORT INFO CARD 7/7/09

Horse # _____ Rider Name _____

Driver _____ Time out: _____

Time pulled: _____

Vet Signature _____

TAKE HORSE TO: (circle one)

Robinson Flat Foresthill Fairgrounds Loomis Davis

Other _____

Time In: _____