

AFRICA ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

31 AUGUST 2011



VENUE: WALVIS BAY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

DISTANCES:

CEI **/CEI **JYR 120KM

CEI */CEI *JYR 80KM

NERA 80KM

NERA 45KM

WEIGHT DIVISIONS:

No weight, heavy weight, standard weight and young riders

PLEASE NOTE for any of the CEI rides, riders and horses may only participate as per qualification, Art 816 of the new rules for Endurance 2009

ENRTRY INFORMATION AND COSTS

ENTRIES – Closing date for entries is: **Wednesday 17 August 2011**

Fax entry forms, calculation sheets and deposit slips to:

Fax no: +264 61 302294 or email to: sonja@outofnature.com.na . **Contact details for**

Sonja: +264 811278633. An internet entry form is available on

www.namibiaendurance.org

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A DEPOSIT SLIP

Address all queries to: Annette Hanekom at +264 62 501952 or mobile +264 811222059 or e-mail: nera.hanekom@gmail.com

ENTRY FEES:

CEI **/CEI **JYR 120KM - **N\$1000.00**

CEI */CEI *JYR 80KM - **N\$750.00**

NERA 80KM - **N\$200.00**

NERA 45KM - **N\$200.00**

BANKING DETAILS

Only fully pre paid entries will be accepted. Please deposit the full amount into the following bank account:

NAMIBIA ENDURANCE WALVISBAY (Cheque Account)

FNB MAERUA MALL

Account no: 62232770207

Branch Code: 282273

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE ONCE PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED

ACCOMMODATION

A wide variety of accommodation is available in Walvis Bay. **A list of accommodation establishments is available on www.namibiaendurance.org**

Links to other travel destinations within Namibia is also available on this site.

STABLES

Stables are available at the venue at **N\$230.00** per stable. There will be a stable map at the stables. Please ensure that you put your horse into the designated stable.

Stables are payable on the calculation sheet.

HORSE FEED

Grass and lucerne will be available. Hay is available at **N\$60.00** per bale and lucerne at **N\$75.00** per bale. These must be ordered and paid for as per calculation sheet. All pre-ordered hay and lucerne must be collected upon arrival.

GROOM AND HOLDING AREA

A groom and holding area will be laid out near the vet area. Please note that no permanent structures or vehicles will be allowed in this area.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

A wide variety of food and beverages will be available at the venue during the day from Monday 29 August 2011

DETAILS OF COURSE AND LOOPS

The Namib Desert, surrounding Walvis Bay, is one of the oldest deserts in the world, and the Walvis Bay ride takes the endurance rider over some of the highest dunes in the world. This ride is not only one of the most spectacular in Africa, but also an endurance ride in the true sense of the word. Rider and horse have to endure all aspects of the vastness and solitude of the Namib Desert.

The Walvis Bay lagoon is the largest single area of shallow water, on the west coast of Africa. Its natural beauty is highlighted by the presence of thousands of birds throughout the year, most notably flamingoes. The lagoon, a Ramsar site because of its value as a wetland area is home to thousands of bird species.

With the cold Benguela current running along this coast temperatures can vary from very cold to very hot, with occasional desert winds.

LOW TIDE IS AT 09h33

There will be distance indicators every 10 km and there will be water points at least every ten kilometers on the course. Grooming will be allowed at designated water points on the course on the condition that horses will have right of way on the course and groom teams at the water points may not use any of the water of the provided water point. This is very important because should groom teams make use of the water provided at the water point, it could result in a situation where there will not be sufficient water for the horses.

We further request the groom teams to keep a radius of at least ten meters around the water point clear for riders and horses. Grooming is only allowed at certain points on the course and will be explained at the route briefing.

FOR FULL DETAILS REGARDING THE COURSE PLEASE STUDY THE MAPS AND FACT SHEETS

FUNCTIONS

Please note that you cannot attend the functions without a meal ticket due to limited space. **The Welcoming Function** will be on **Monday evening 29 August at 17h30 for 18h00** at the **Town Hall Walvis Bay**. **Cost for this function is N\$120.00 per person**. Dress is "smart casual" with the National Teams in formal dress. Teams will be introduced by their respective Team Managers.

The Prize giving Function is a very special event which will also take place at the **Town Hall on 1 September at 17h30 for 18h00**. **Price per person is N\$150.00**. Dress will be "smart casual" with National Teams in their formal dress. Both these functions have to be paid with the entry. **You cannot attend the functions without a meal ticket. Be sure to book these well in advance.**

REMEMBER TO BOOK MEALS ON THE CALCULATION SHEET.

NAMIBIA ENDURANCE WISH TO THANK OUR SPONSORS AND OFFICIALS FOR MAKING THIS RIDE A SUCCESS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The following documents must be brought to the ride:
Ride logbook (Completed)
Horse logbook/FEI passport (Completed)
(Logbooks and vaccinations must be completed correctly as per FEI rules)
- The ride will be a qualifying FEI ride and be ridden under such rules.
- 120km and 80km distances will be FEI rides
- 80km and 60km NERA ride and will be ridden under NERA rules as a "vet gate" ride.
- Minimum age and pre-rides for a horse to participate is as per clause 815 of the FEI rules.
- Under the age of 5 years - not allowed to participate
- 5 years the maximum distance is 80km (NERA and novice)
- 6 years for CEI * and CEI **
- Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any CEI event.
- It is the riders own responsibility to ensure that his/her horse has qualified for the distance that such a rider wants to participate in.

- **Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64bpm within 20 minutes. At final exams, the Pulse shall be 64 within 30 minutes.**
- **Ride distances are as follows:**
 - Desert loop - 35km**
 - Dune 7 - 30km**
 - Sea Loop - 30km**
 - Salt pan loop - 15km**
 - Final loop - 10km**
- **Maximum time to vet is 20 min on all loops except the last loop which has a 30 minute time to vet.**
- **Time stops for all the distances at the vet point except for the rider's last loop when the rider's time will be stopped when such a rider crosses the finish line.**
- **Weight divisions for Senior riders are as follows:**
 - CEI */CEI ** - No weight division, Standard weight 70kg, Heavy weight Division 95kg**
 - NERA rides - No weight division, Standard weight 70kg, Heavy weight Division 95kg**
- **Categories for riders: Child riders: The year in which the rider turns 13 years and under - children are permitted to ride on their own from the age of 12 years.**
- **Junior Young Riders: The year in which he/she turns 14 years - 21 years**
- **Time limit for CEI * and CEI ** is 10km/h**
- **All complaints during the event must be addressed to the President of the Ground Jury.**
- **Nobody except the official vets may under any circumstances give injections to any of the horses participating in the ride. Failure to observe this rule will lead to immediate disqualification of the horse and rider. In cases where horses need special veterinary care, this has to be paid for by the owner/rider.**
- **We strongly recommend that horses be shod for this ride.**
- **Hard hats are compulsory - whenever you are on your horse, before, during or after the ride. Caged/boxed stirrups or safe footwear with a heel of 12mm are compulsory. No whips will be allowed.**

- A third party encouraging a horse to trot in the vet gate is forbidden. Riders must please ensure that horses are trained to trot without encouragement.
- Dress Code: Riders should wear appropriate riding attire during competition - shirt/polo shirt to include a collar.
- The Official Competition starts 1 hour before pre-vetting and 1 hour after the final results are out.
- Time stop will occur for all distances at the Vet gate, except on the rider's last loop when the time will be stopped once the rider crosses the finish line.
- Riders have to depart mounted on their first loop and have to be mounted on their last loop when crossing the finish line.
- Riders and horses should ensure that they conform to the anti-doping regulations as per FEI rules and regulations.

ICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE

**INFORMATION REGARDING IMPORT/EXPORT REGULATIONS FOR HORSES
CAN BE FOUND AT www.namibiaendurance.org**

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