

# Namibian Endurance Ride Association

*Africa Championship  
Walvis Bay 2008*

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## INTERNATIONAL CEI & YR \*\*\* 120 & 130 Km FEI RIDE.

"The Ultimate Endurance Ride"

1. Entry fees: N\$ 750.00 for all 120 & 130 km horses and N\$ 400.00 for all shorter distances. Stabling Fees are an additional N\$ 180.00 per horse.
2. The ride takes place on **Wednesday 20 August 2008** and entries close on **08 August 2008**. Late entries will be accepted on the condition that sufficient stabling can be arranged, that it will not cause a bottleneck at the vets and officials and at payment of double the normal entry fee. This penalty clause will not be applicable if a rider which has already registered for the ride must change horses.
3. Only fully pre paid entries will be accepted. Please deposit the full amount, for Entry, Stabling and the Functions into the following bank account:  
**NERA Walvisbaai Rit**  
**Bank Windhoek Tsumeb Branch**  
**Bank code: 483-073**  
**Account no.: 8000581551**
4. Fax your Entry Form, Calculation Sheet and the Deposit slip to +264-62-504521, or e-mail to: [nera.hanekom@gmail.com](mailto:nera.hanekom@gmail.com) or [annette.hanekom@gmail.com](mailto:annette.hanekom@gmail.com)
5. The following documents must be brought to Walvis Bay:
  - a. **Rider Logbook (completed)**
  - b. **Horse Logbook/FEI passport (completed)**  
(Logbooks and vaccinations must be correct according to FEI prescriptions.)
6. The 120 Km Junior & Young Rider Ride, the 130 Km Senior Standard Weight and the 130Km Senior Heavy weight Ride will be a qualified FEI ride and be ridden under FEI Rules.

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7. The FEI registered distances will be 120 Km Junior & Young Rider (age from the year in which the rider turns 14 until 21) & 130 km Senior Standard Weight (75 Kg all up weight) and 130 Km Senior Heavy Weight (95 Kg all up weight). Senior age category is from the year in which the rider turns 18 years of age. **Only FEI Registered Riders and Horses** may participate in these FEI Distances.

Shorter distances are available and will be ridden under NERA rules as a "Vet Gate" ride. See the FEI Fact sheets for the details.

8. The minimum age and pre-rides for a NERA and / or Namibian horse to participate is as per clause 3.2.1 of the NERA Constitution and is as follows for the Walvis Bay ride;  
**Under the age of 4 years** – not allowed to participate  
**4 - 5 years** the maximum distance is **60 km or second loop.**  
**5 - 6 years** the maximum distance is **80 km or third loop.**  
**6 + years** Maximum distance for horses as discussed below.  
**6 + years** All categories and distances as discussed below..

Except for the above age and distance restriction NERA also have a restriction on NERA and / or Namibian horses in the sense that a horse may only participate in a 80km ride once it had successfully completed at least 3 x 60 km rides. Only after the said 3 x60 km rides a horse may participate in a ride of 80 km or the third loop of a ride. The horse must then successfully complete at least 3 x 80 km rides before such a horse may participate in any longer distance or a combination of at least 1 x 80 km ride and two rides of not further then 130 km before it may participate in a longer ride. These age and distance restrictions must be read together. **It is the riders own responsibility to ensure that his/her horse do qualify for the distance that such a rider wants to participate.** If you are in any doubt whatsoever please contact me.

There are however no NERA qualifications for the foreign horses, except the FEI requirements for that specific ride and in short it is that the horse must at least be **6 years** old to participate and must have completed the required FEI pre rides. The criteria on which the Official International teams are elected are as such accepted by NERA on condition that theses riders and horses must meet the FEI requirements for the distance that such a rider wishes to enter for.

9. **Pulses** - Pulses of all horses which participate in shorter rides that 80 km ( 1\*) maximum pulse rate is 56 b.p.m after each loop. Pulses of horses which participate in distances further than 80 km (2\* & 3\*) maximum pulse rate is 64 b.p.m. at all loops.
10. **The 130 km riders will depart at 04h00. 120km riders will depart at 05h00 and all shorter distances will depart at 6H00.**
11. There will be distance indicators every 5 km and there will be a water point at least every five kilometer on the course. **Grooming will be allowed at all the water points** on the course on the condition that horses will have right of way on the course and groom

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teams at the water points may not use any of the water of the provided water point. This will implicate that groom teams will have to bring their own water with to do the grooming. This is very important because should groom teams use water from the groom point it can result in a situation that there will not be sufficient water for the horses who do not have Groom teams.

Only a rider without a groom team may use the water at the water point to groom his or her horse. We further request the groom teams to keep a radius of at least ten meters around the water point clear for the riders and horses without groom teams. **Vehicles are allowed on the entire course except** on the road through the Salt Pans. We request all vehicle drivers to use the roads in such a way that the safety and comfort of our riders .

**No one may groom at any other point on the course under penalty of elimination.**

12. **Costs for the two functions are as follows (must be reserved and paid together with entry): Please note that you cannot attend the functions without a meal ticket due to limited space. Welcoming Function : Monday evening 18 August) N\$ 70.00 per person Prize Giving Function: Thursday evening 21 August N\$ 100.00 per person. Our Prize Giving Function will be a very special event to be held at the "Oases" behind Dune 7. Dress will be "Smart Casual"**  
Please complete the accompanying Calculation Sheet in this regard.
13. **Only preordered and paid for hay and lucerne will be available.** Hay is available at N\$25.00 per bale and lucerne at N\$70.00 per bale. These must be ordered and paid for as per calculation sheet. **All preordered hay and lucerne must be collected upon arrival.**
14. **Details of the Course and the Loops;** The name of the club at every leg is the responsible club that has to put out the water tanks and troughs on Tuesday afternoon and to collect them after the ride.

**Loop 1 - Salt Pan Leg, Colour Blue - South, Clockwise, North, 31 Km - Okanjande.**

**Loop 2 - Desert Leg, Colour Yellow - East, Clock Wise, West, 30km - Total 61km - Otjievero**

**Loop 3 - Sea Leg, Colour Red - North, South - 29km, Total 90km - Kalahari**

**Loop 4 - Dune 7, Colour Green - East, Anti Clockwise round Dune 7, west, 30 km  
Total distance 120 km - Windhoek**

**Loop 5 - Eplanade Leg, Colour White: South, Clock Wise, Esplanade, North, 10 Km, Total distance 130 km- Noorde.**

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Loops may only be **ridden in numerical order**; we will not allow a rider to ride for example loop one and thereafter loop three.

**Low Tide is at 10h15**

For **full details** regarding the Course please study the **Maps and Fact Sheets**.

15. **Holding Times between loops** are 45 minutes. There will be one Compulsory Vet Re-Inspection for 120km after loop 3, and for the 130km after loop 4.

**Maximum time to vet** after arrival is 30 minutes for the 120 & 130km horses and 20 minutes for all shorter distances. **Minimum Speed** is 10 km/h. Please study the Fact Sheets for the full details on the course.

**Time stop** for all distances during the ride will be at the **Vet point** except on the **rider's last loop** when the rider's time will be stop when such a rider crosses the **finish line**.

Riders have to **departure mounted** on their first loop and have to be mounted on their last loop when crossing the finish line.

**TESTING FOR PROHIBED SUBSTANCES WILL BE DONE . RIDERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY CONFORM TO THE ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS AS PER FEI RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

16. Please address all queries to myself, Anette Hanekom +264 (0) 811222059
17. **Hard Hats and Safety stirrups**, or a heel of 90 degrees are compulsory. No **spurs or whips** are allowed.
18. **Ice** will be available free of charge.
19. **Minimum rider weights** are as follows; Children & Juniors Young Riders have no minimum Weight.  
Seniors till 119 km 70 Kg with all riding gear except bridle.  
Seniors 120 & 130 km 75 kg with all riding gear Senior Heavy Weight 95kg with all

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gear except Bridle.

All riders have to weigh in.

20. A medical Doctor, Dr Sylvanus Hanekom, cell no 0811244909. Farriers, Stefanus Pienaar cell no 0811277109 and Willem Bezuidenhout cell no 0811284925, will be available on the terrain.
21. There will a **Stable map** at the stables. Please ensure that you only put your horses in its designated stable. The route map and fact schedule will be on the notice board, by Saturday morning.
22. **Child Riders in the year which they turn 12 years of age** do not have to be accompanied by a senior rider. Only child riders under this age have to be accompanied by a senior rider. NERA do not have any distance restriction on Child and Junior & Young riders.
23. Riders may participate in the following four categories, Child, Young Rider and Senior Standard Weight and Senior Heavy Weight. Distances for all Age and Weight Categories are 31 Km, 60 Km and 90 Km. Then there are also a 120 Km Non FEI Child Category, a FEI 120 Km Junior and Young Rider Category, a FEI 130 Km Senior Standard Weight and a FEI 130 Senior Heavy Weight Category.
24. Horses don't need to be shod as per FEI rule, but it is highly recommended that horses are shod for this challenging course that does have a fair amount of hard and rough terrain.
25. The ride can be very dusty at times, and there is always the possibility of East Wind storms, so it is advisable for riders to have dust glasses should they need them. It will be close to a full moon but due to possible mist it is advisable for riders who departure at 04h00 and 05h00 to have head lights as well.
26. **Program:** Please bear in mind that times are Namibian winter times which is one hour behind SA standard time)

It is highly advisable that riders use the time from their arrival to take their horses down to the sea to make them use to the sea and especially the waves and to do their Course inspections.

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**Program****Saturday 16 August 2008**

Arrival of most competitors

Course is ready and all the information bulletins are already on the notice boards.

**Sunday 17 August 2008**

Course will be ready for riders to inspect.

**Monday 18 August 2008**

**09h00** - NERA Council meeting with Veterinarian, final election of Namibia National team and reserves at the stables and thereafter at the Sparta Hall.

SA Team and Foreign Teams meet at the stables of Walvis Bay Equestrian stables.

**19h00** - Welcoming Function at Walvis Bay Town Hall. Announcement of National teams.

Dress Formal for all National Team Members, current and previous, and smart casual for everybody else.

**Tuesday 19 August 2008**

**09h00** - Riders briefing at Ride Basis, south of the Walvis Bay Equestrian Centre.

**10h00** - Veterinarians meet at the Vet area.

**10h00 - 15h00** Entries, weigh in and vet inspections.

**15h00** - Stewards and Officials meeting.

**12h00** - The responsible Clubs must place all the water tanks and water troughs on the course. Please coordinate with Dawid Botha, cell No. 0811284844.

**Wednesday 20 August 2008**

**04h00** - 130km Riders depart

**05h00** - 120km Riders depart

**06h00** - Shorter distances depart.

Best conditioned Horse evaluation, first 5 horses within one hour after winner for 120 & 130km horses. The horses will be evaluated three hours after the arrival of the first horse. In coordination with the Veterinarians who may change this and then it will be announced as such.

**Thursday 21 August 2008**

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**08h00** - Official veterinarian check out of **all horses**. After checking out, Vet After Ride Examination form is to be handed to the officials at the tent. Rider logbooks and horse passports will only be handed out once the examination form is received.

**09h00** - NERA, ERASA and BERA meetings at Sparta Hall

**10h00** - NERA AGM - Sparta Hall

**14h00** - NERA Council meeting (directly after the AGM).

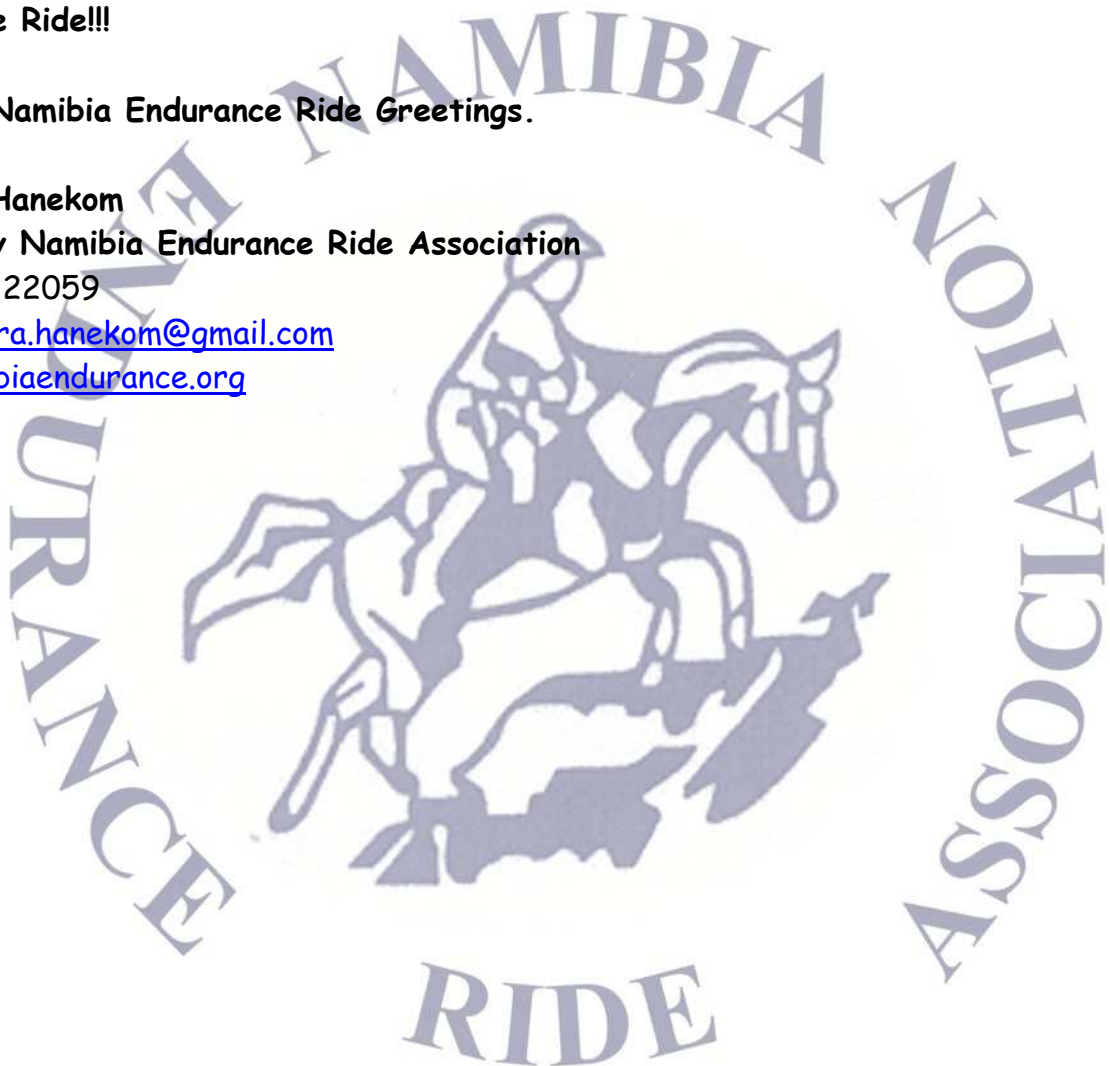
**19h00** - Prize Giving Function at "Oasis" Behind Dune 7  
Dress code - **Smart casual**

**See You at WALVIS Bay 2008.**

**Enjoy The Ride!!!**

**Friendly Namibia Endurance Ride Greetings.**

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