

*Zoe Matthews Memorial
Mule Endurance Race
June 3, 2011
Winnemucca Events Complex*

Rules

1. Entries close on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 12:00 noon sharp. Early bird entry fees are \$200 on or before May 20. Entry fees are \$250 if received May 21 – June 2, 2011. There will be a 10% office fee collected for each entry.
2. Race will start at 8:30 a.m. on June 3, 2011. The race will start at the approximately ¼ mile east of Golconda Summit, which is approximately 25 miles from the Fairgrounds. Please be at the check-in point by 8:00 a.m.
3. Racecourse is approximately 25 miles.
4. All mules must be four years of age or older.
5. All mules must be shod.
6. Unruly or unmannered mules, which are a hazard to examine, may be disqualified.
7. Any unsportsmanlike conduct towards officials, fellow competitors or animals will result in disqualification.
8. Forward progress of entrant in the race cannot be enhanced by outside parties – **NO HAZING!**
9. Riders must wear visible entry number throughout the race.
10. Hard hats advised.
11. Mules must be substance free! **NO DRUGS!** Any mule may be tested for drugs at the discretion of the ride veterinarian at the owner's expense.
12. All entrants must follow the designated course or be disqualified.
13. \$2,000 added money to green mule division. A green mule is a mule:
 - a) who has never topped ten in an AERC Ride,
 - b) who has never made any monies in any endurance race or ride,
 - c) who has not run in the Winnemucca Endurance race over 4 consecutive years.



Veterinarian Criteria

14. **Pre-ride Vet Check**
Will start at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, June 2nd at the Fairgrounds. Due to numerous there will be a time penalty for sore animals such as 1 cinch sore – 10 min, 2 cinch sore – 20 min, back or britchen sores – 20 min, lip sores 10 min.
15. **Mandatory (New) Mid-Ride Vet Check**
About 15 miles into the race will be the mid-vet check. Due to history of previous races, the purpose of the mandatory stop is to slow down the pace of the mule and rider to the mules conditioned speed. This rule should allow mules to get through the vet check faster if they ride the mules conditioned pace. There will be a mandatory hold when the mule reaches criteria (of approximately 64 beats per minute) of fifteen minutes. **IF THE MULE DOES NOT REACH CRITERIA BY TWENTY MINUTES, AN ADDITIONAL TEN MINUTES WILL BE ADDED TO HIS HOLD TIME!!!**
16. **EXCESSIVE USE OF SPURS WILL RESULT IN A 5 MINUTE TIME PENALTY. SPURS MAY HAVE TO BE REMOVED AT VET CHECK.**
17. **Final Vet Check**
To determine the Best Condition Award — first through sixth place finishers will be vet checked. Heart rate, respiration, dehydration, gut sounds, soundness and overall check of animal will determine the mule in best condition.

Awards

Payoff: The number of entries (less 10% office fee) will determine the amount of purse.

BEST CONDITION: 10% off the top of the purse.

OVERALL FIRST PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A SILVER BUCKLE.

FIRST: 60% of purse, **SECOND:** 25% of the purse, **THIRD:** 15% of the purse.

It is possible to be the first place winner and also receive the Best Condition award and Green Mule Division.

General Information

18. Please inform ride management ASAP if you plan to enter. This will allow management to plan in advance the necessary ingredients to make this a successful event.
19. If there are less than 5 entries, management reserves the right to cancel the race.
20. After the pre-ride vet check, there will be a Calcutta for endurance race entries on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at approximately 6:00 p.m. location to be announced. No Pizza Feed this year.
21. All entry fees shall be made payable to the **Winnemucca Mule Show** and mailed to **50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445, Attn. Sheree.**
22. The Winnemucca Mule Show and Race Committee and the Humboldt County Ag. District #3 reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or move this endurance race.
23. Please call Sheree at (775) 623-2220 if you have any questions.