



# Battlefield Equestrian Society

## Crystal Crown Series Fall Judged Pleasure Ride Sunday, September 27, 2020

### General Information on Ride

We are looking forward to another wonderful Judged Pleasure Ride on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. This ride will be held in the historical Manassas National Battlefield Park and cover 8 to 10 miles of gently rolling terrain. The trails are a mix of gravel and dirt roads/paths and open fields. Water is available onsite or you may also choose to bring your own. A portable restroom will be available. Ride times will be pre-assigned with first riders scheduled to head out about 8:45 AM. You will be notified of your ride time by email (or phone if no email) about 3 days prior to the event. On the day of the ride, Check-In will open at 7:45 AM. Upon your arrival, it is critical that you check in to receive your rider packet. Please plan accordingly to arrive, check in, and be tacked up and ready to go by your assigned start time.

Safety for our riders, spectators, and volunteers is paramount. Approved hard hats are recommended for all riders. All junior riders 17 and under must wear an approved hard hat and be accompanied by an adult. Horses known to kick should be identified with red tail ribbons and green horses with green ones. Please leave your dog(s) at home for the safety of your dog(s) as well as event participants.

Due to liability, BES does not allow non-registered friends/riders to ride along, participate at obstacles, or park their trailer at the event site. In addition, bareback riding (obstacles may require dropping/picking up your stirrups) and “ponying” horses (in training or otherwise) are not allowed during this event.

### **CoVID-19 Precautions**

In order to comply with CDC guidelines and protect our riders and volunteers, masks are *required* at the registration table and at the lunch/beverage tent. If you are unable to wear a mask, please send someone with a mask to pick up your registration packet and lunch/beverage. Contact the Ride Secretary if assistance will be needed with pick-up. Masks are strongly recommended when on foot and unable to maintain social distancing. Masks are not required while mounted but may be worn if desired.

Riders will not be given separate scorecards to carry for this ride – all scores will be kept on the judges’ scoresheets. Riders may keep track of their own scores while riding but will not be required to hand in a scorecard at the finish.

Riders and volunteers will not have any physical contact and social distancing will be maintained at all obstacles. Obstacles will be “no touch” wherever possible and any obstacles that require touching will be disinfected between each rider.

Late entries and “day of” entries will not be accepted. Payment and paperwork will not be accepted on the day of the ride. All payment and paperwork must be completed in advance in order to minimize rider/volunteer contact at the registration desk.

Lunches will be boxed or bagged for take-away. Participants are encouraged to bring their own seating and enjoy lunch at their trailer area. BES will not be providing any extra seating.

## **Registration/Cost**

*Due to CoVID-19, pre-registration is required for all riders. No late entries or walk-ins will be accepted. Incomplete entries (missing paperwork or payment) will not be accepted. **Entries must be received with all required documentation and be paid in full no later than Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.* Entry fees are non-refundable unless the ride is cancelled. If you are planning to ride in a group, please submit all applications together. Groups of 5 or more are generally placed in the later time slots.

One lunch and bottled water are included in your entry fee.

- BES Members → \$45
- Non BES Members → \$50
- All Juniors (17 & under) Members and Non-Members → \$20
- Additional Lunches → \$10 (your rider fee only includes your lunch)

**Your registration must be complete including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment before your registration is accepted.**  
**Should the ride reach the maximum number of riders (150), priority shall be given based on date/time of receipt of all completed documents and payment.**

## **BES Membership**

Note that BES has established a new membership year which runs from April 1 to March 31. If you are not already a member, join or renew your membership now and take advantage of the lower cost Members ride entry fee! As a bonus, new or renewed one-year memberships submitted and paid now will be valid for 1.5 years through March 31, 2022! Three-year memberships submitted and paid now will be valid for 3.5 years through March 31, 2024! Our membership form is available at:

<http://battlefieldequestriansociety.org/Membership/MembershipApp.pdf>.

## **\*\*\*\*\*NEW online registration and payment for 2020!\*\*\*\*\***

Registration for this ride is now available online at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRBIjW4MeElzq5oVHTHEPUQIB5687FfbvMsn5z\\_ScAOHjEHg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRBIjW4MeElzq5oVHTHEPUQIB5687FfbvMsn5z_ScAOHjEHg/viewform).

PayPal payment is also available and liability Waiver, breed papers, and Coggins may be submitted electronically via email. For full details, click the online registration link above.

Should you wish to register on paper and pay via check, the traditional Registration Form and Liability Waiver are attached and are also available on the BES website (<http://battlefieldequestriansociety.org>).

## **Treatment of Judges, Ground Volunteers and/or Your Horse**

Any act of disrespect or unsportsmanlike conduct, whether verbal or physical, toward judges, event volunteers or your horse will result in loss of points on the particular obstacle and may be grounds for immediate disqualification. If disqualification occurs, the rider shall forfeit all entry fees and prizes and must immediately leave the premises.

## **Judging and Ribbons/Awards**

The course will consist of natural and man-made obstacles. Horse and rider will be judged on ability to negotiate these obstacles safely as well as on trail manners and general horsemanship. Riders will have one minute to complete the obstacle unless otherwise directed. Decisions of the onsite judges are final.

All scores will be tabulated after the event and will be emailed to participants and posted on the BES website. Ribbons and awards will be mailed within 3-4 weeks of the event date. Up to six ribbons will be

awarded in each category. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons and awards (\$100 for the Grand Champion and \$50 for the Reserve Champion) will be awarded to the high point winners.

- Breed awards will be given for breeds having at least 6 participants. Breed registration papers are required. Breeds with less than 6 entries will be placed in the “other registered” division. Horses without breed registration papers will be placed in the grade category.
- Age categories will be determined based on the number of riders.
- Novice Horse and Novice Rider divisions are open to horses or riders that have competed in 3 or less judged pleasure rides prior to this ride.

### **Crystal Crown Series and Year-end Awards**

The Crystal Crown Series recognizes the top riders from a series of judged rides held by several equestrian organizations. This ride is the final ride of the 2020 series. Each participating organization puts on their own ride with their own rules. Some ground rules, however, have been established by the Crystal Crown Committee for safety and consistency purposes. For more information on the Crystal Crown Series and rules/requirements to qualify for year-end awards, please visit the Crystal Crown Series website ([www.crystalcrownseries.com](http://www.crystalcrownseries.com)). You can also contact Crystal Crown Series Committee Chair Dewey Brown ([gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com)).

### **Directions**

From I-66, take Exit 47 onto Route 234 North. Travel ~1.4 miles and turn right at the light onto Route 29 North (Stone House is on the corner). Travel less than a mile and look for signs on the right. Ride base is located between the Stone House and the Stone Bridge on Route 29.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

The event will be held rain or shine but may be cancelled if weather or trail conditions are considered to be hazardous. If the event is cancelled, you will be notified by email (by phone if no email available) by 8:00 PM the evening prior to the ride. If field conditions prevent parking in the Park, an alternative parking site may be used. Again, any parking changes will be communicated by email (phone if no email) by 8:00 PM the night prior to the ride.

### **Extras!**

Photos of this event may be taken and available online after the ride and additional “extras” may be added for the event.

### **Contact Information**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

Kim Ellis, Ride Secretary at [bes.manassas@gmail.com](mailto:bes.manassas@gmail.com) or 703-309-2238 (email or text preferred),

Dewey Brown, BES President at 540-272-6368 or [gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com)

BES Website: [www.battlefieldequestriansociety.org](http://www.battlefieldequestriansociety.org)

**We look forward to you joining us for a great experience for you and your horse that benefits the equestrian trails at Manassas National Battlefield Park. BES thanks you for your support.**

**If you would like to volunteer to help with the ride, just let Dewey know. Volunteers are critical to the success of our organization and rides. Thanks to all volunteers!!**

**BES also acknowledges over 10 years of gravel donations from Luck Stone in support of trail maintenance on the hiking and bridle trails of the Manassas National Battlefield Park.**



**Battlefield Equestrian Society**  
**Crystal Crown Series**  
**Judged Pleasure Ride**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**Registration Deadline is Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**RIDE REGISTRATION**  
(Please Print Clearly)

Name of Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Rider's Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Horse (use Registered Name if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Breed of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Gaited:  Yes  No  
Novice Horse:  Yes  No Novice Rider:  Yes  No  
(Novice = Participated in 3 or less Judged Obstacle Rides or Competitions)

I wish to ride with the following people (please submit applications together):

Preferred Start Time:  8:45-9:00  9:00-9:15  9:15-9:30  9:30-9:45  9:45-10:00  10:00-10:30  10:30 or later  
(Given on first come, first serve basis, but not guaranteed)

**Items Required for Registration:**

- \_\_\_ Completed Registration Form and Signed Waiver
- \_\_\_ Copy of Current Negative Coggins (within 12 months of the ride date)
- \_\_\_ Copy of Breed/Registration Papers for entry into specific breed category, if applicable
- \_\_\_ Full payment via check or cashier's check made out to the BES or Battlefield Equestrian Society

Registration fees, check all that apply:

	Fees
___ BES Member Registration Fee (\$45*) .....	_____
___ Non-member Registration Fee (\$50*) .....	_____
___ Junior (17 & under) Registration Fee (\$20*) .....	_____
___ New or Renewal Membership (see membership form for costs).....	_____
___ Extra Lunches (\$10 each) - Entry only includes <u>one</u> lunch.....	_____
*Registration fee includes <u>one</u> lunch and bottled water	
(Returned Checks subject to a \$15.00 Returned Check Fee)	Total Fees _____

**Your registration must be complete by Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment before your registration is accepted. Should the ride reach the maximum number of riders (150), priority shall be given based on date/time of receipt of all completed documents and payment.**

Mail the above documents to:  
Battlefield Equestrian Society  
c/o Kim Ellis  
11539 Furr Ct  
Manassas, VA 20112

Information: Kim Ellis - [bes.manassas@gmail.com](mailto:bes.manassas@gmail.com) (email preferred) or 703-309-2238

**Release and Waiver of Liability**

I am a participant, not a spectator, engaged in an equine activity. I am aware that equine activities, whether riding or not, poses potentially serious risks of injuries or death to its participants. I understand that my horse or I may be injured or die as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I also understand that horses, even the best trained, are often unpredictable and difficult to control.

With this waiver I accept notice of the provision of Section 3.1-796.130 through 3.1-796.133 of the Code at Virginia, which states in part: That there are inherent risks in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements objects, persons or animals; and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor, in writing, with receipt acknowledged by at least one of the officers or directors of the Battlefield Equestrian Society (BES).

Furthermore, with this document, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by the BES, its officers, directors, members, agents, employees, and staff, or guests for my own safety or for the safety of my minor child or horse. If this or any other provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be unimpaired.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, and as an inducement for the officers, directors, and members of BES to allow my participation, I do hereby waive and release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the BES or its members; the owners, tenants or others of interest of any property over which I may pass, ride, or by any other means be; and other participants (including guides, planners, judges, or others) arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse as a result of my participation in this equine activity. I further agree to indemnify all of the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which might be made on my behalf by others or which might be made against me by others arising from riding with the BES or following or participating on foot or by automobile. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the BES and its members for any injury, death, and loss of or damage to any personal property, which I might cause during this equine activity.

I further acknowledge and accept that BES strongly suggests that I will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride.

By signing this release and waiver, I understand that I am giving up any right I have to sue or make a claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the BES and its members and participants for any injuries I might sustain while horseback riding or following or participating on foot or by automobile and that I am indemnifying BES and its members for injuring anyone else or any horse ridden by another while so engaged. It is my intent to give up those rights, and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.

Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Rider) Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Horse Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Horse Owner) Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent or Legal Guardian Release and Waiver**

I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor (under the age of 18), and on the minor's behalf and on behalf of all other parents or guardians of the minor, I accept the release and waiver of liability at the top of this form as an inducement for allowing my child, or this minor, to ride with the BES. I further acknowledge and accept that said minor will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride. I further authorize any emergency medical care, which may be necessary. I represent and warrant that I have the authority to give this release.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_