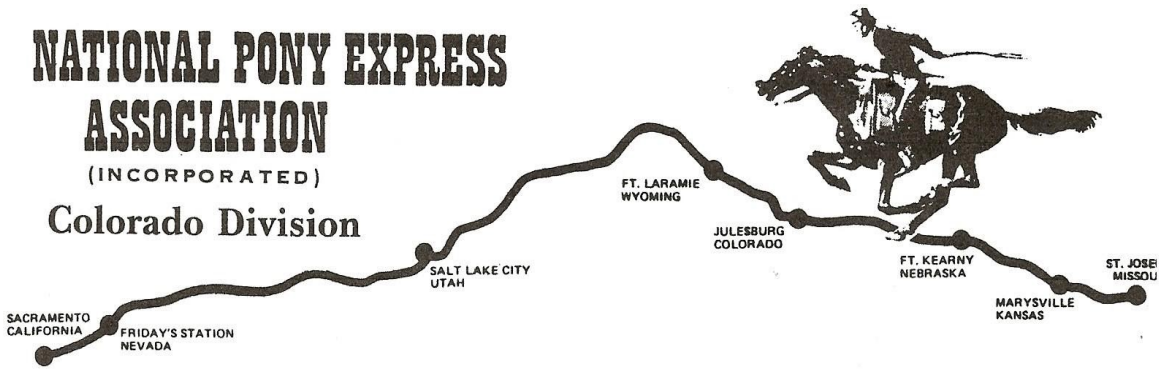


**NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS  
ASSOCIATION**  
(INCORPORATED)

**Colorado Division**



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 20\_\_**

Please fill out the *entire application*, print *legibly*. This ensures information sharing. 1 form per person.

**Please send completed application to: Linda Dolezal, Box 111, Julesburg, CO 80737**

**Application Deadline: March 15, (of application year) -- Please make checks payable to: NPEA Colo Div**  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you wish to receive information via text message:  Yes  No

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicants between 14-17 years of age shall provide written permission from a parent or guardian to participate in any event sanctioned by the Association or it's divisions.)

Joined NPEA in (year) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Membership (Rider)  Renewal (Rider)  Associate Membership (Sponsor)

**National and Colorado Division Dues (including re-ride letter) are \$25.00**

Accepted applicants will be administered the Pony Express Oath prior to their ride and will abide by the National Pony Express Association, Inc. and individual State by-laws and rules relevant to the equipment and dress code.

The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the National Pony Express Association, its State Divisions, and their officers and members from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of any action, omission, or event which causes bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damages caused in whole or in part by the applicant's participation in events and functions sanctioned in whole or in part by the Association or its Divisions. Your membership dues are tax deductible by the Internal Revenue Code 501 (C) (3). Any applicant between the ages of 14 and 17 shall provide written permission from a parent or guardian to participate in any event sanctioned by the Association or its divisions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

In accordance with Article VI of the By-Laws that govern the National Pony Express Association (NPEA) the Colorado Division establishes these instructions for official riders of the NPEA:

## **Riders MUST abide by the Pony Express Oath.**

### HORSE & WESTERN TACK INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Horse/Equine must be in reasonable condition for the ride or event.
- B. Horse/Equine must be trimmed or shod suitable for the ride terrain.
- C. Tack must be in good and safe condition.

### RIDER

- A. Riders must be able to mount and dismount their horse/equine.
- B. Must be at required location prior to starting time of ride and complete ride in allotted time.
- C. Must be familiar with the ride terrain and course.
- D. Must wear appropriate western attire (see uniform requirements below) and/or safety gear.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

*NOTE: Colorado rides are normally in dusk to dark conditions. Rider and mount must be capable and ready for a night-time ride.*

- A. Riders must be at least 14 years of age and have prior parental/guardian written consent to ride.
- B. Only Members may ride and MUST have signed insurance liability forms prior to the ride commencing.
- C. Riders may ride in pairs/shadow riders are acceptable.
- D. Riders MUST take the Pony Express Oath prior to the Re-Ride each year.
- E. For safety purposes, horses and equipment may be inspected by ride officials and can be disqualified if found unsafe or unsound.

### DRESS CODE INSTRUCTIONS:

#### 1. RE-RIDE

- Blue jeans, long sleeved red western shirt, yellow necktie/wild rag/scarf, brown vest, brown western hat, brown boots.
  - (Colorado minimum requirements are: blue jeans, long sleeved red western shirt, yellow necktie/wild rag/scarf, western hat and western riding boots.)
- XP patches and gear are encouraged.

#### 2. PARADES and other special events

- Re-Ride uniform minimum.
  - Some riders have additional XP gear like XP chaps/chinks and saddle blankets/pads.
  - Some members have vests and some do not. Riders will match as much as possible for parades and be in the minimum uniform requirements. Ride captains/event coordinators may ask riders to take extra uniform items off for the event.
- XP patches and gear are encouraged.

## **WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LINKS**

NATIONAL:

<https://nationalponyexpress.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/expressrider/>

COLORADO:

<https://nationalponyexpress.org/the-states/colorado/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalPonyExpressCoDiv/>