Pack Trial Sanctioning Protocol

Introduction

This protocol was approved by the PLTA Board of Directors (Lisa Wolf – President, Debra Langley-Boyer –Vice President, Gayle Noga –Secretary, and Susan Gawarecki – Director at Large, on December 16, 2014. It identifies the process the PLTA Secretary or their delegate will go through to sanction a PLTA Pack Trial.

Step One: Is the Host Prepared?

Has a Trial Chairperson been identified?
Has a Certifier been assigned?
Have appropriate fees been paid?
Is the date free from conflict with other llama activities in the area?
Is the proposed venue appropriate?
Is the host experienced? If not, is the Certifier available to provide mentoring? If the Certifier is not available for this, who is assigned as mentor to the host?
Does the host remain in good standing, after any trials they have hosted previously?

After these questions have been positively answered, then the trial can be officially sanctioned and the following actions taken:

Step 2: Announce the Event

1) Notify the host that their trial has been approved.
2) Notify interested parties of the dates, location, trial levels, and host including

- The PLTA board of directors
- the insurance company
- the Backcountry Llama Newsletter

3) Post the information on

- PLTA Facebook page
- PLTA website
- PLTA newsletter
- email to all members

Once this is done, further communication with the host can be undertaken.

Step 3: Provide the host with support materials

- Current forms
- website urls for forms and information
- A copy of the Pack Trial Manual if they don't already have one.
- A copy of the PLTA Handbook ('Mad's Manual' how to host a pack Trial)

- The Media Packet (Yet to be created. Tells how to contact and who to contact to get the message out to local and regional radio, newspaper, interested parties and other venues.)
- A 'Pack Trial in a Box' (yet to be created. Includes a list of everything you need to have with you on trial day, e.g., all the things needed on trial day to make it work.)