

SPRUCE VIEW GYMKHANA CLUB
GENERAL RULES
2019 EDITION

1. THE RULES CONTAINED IN THIS RULE BOOK ARE TO APPLY FOR A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR. ANY CHANGES REQUIRE AN UNANIMOUS VOTE
2. EVENT MANAGEMENT OR THE ARENA DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT ALL RULES ARE CARRIED OUT.
3. CONTESTANTS MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FOR ABUSING HORSES IN ANY MANNER OR FOR MISCONDUCT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT SHOW AT WHICH THE INFRACTIONS OCCUR. THIS RULE APPLIES TO ARENA AND SHOW GROUNDS. ANY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PRESIDENT OR THE EXECUTIVE.
4. ALL CONTESTANTS COMPETING AT ANY SHOW OF THE ASSOCIATION MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET DOWN IN THE RULE BOOK. THESE RULES SHALL BE ENFORCED.
5. HORSES TO BE RIDDEN UNDER CLEAN SERVICEABLE WESTERN TACK AND RIDER TO BE DRESSED IN SUITABLE ATTIRE FOR ALL EVENTS. WESTERN ATTIRE BEING A LONG OR SHORT SLEEVED WESTERN SHIRT TUCKED IN, FULL LENGTH JEANS, COWBOY BOOTS THAT HAVE A MINIMUM CLEARANCE OF A ½" ON EITHER SIDE OF THE STIRRUP. HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR AGE 15 AND UNDER. **NO T-SHIRTS OR RUNNING SHOES.**
- 6. 15 AND UNDER PROPER FITTING HELMETS ARE MANDATORY**
7. IN ALL EVENTS RIDERS MAY USE HUMANE TYPE BITS OR A HACKAMORE. ANY HUMANE BOSAL MUST ALLOW TWO FINGERS TO BE PLACED BETWEEN THE BOSAL AND THE HORSES CHIN, EXCLUDING ONES WITH METAL DEVICES, MAY BE USED.
8. BATS ARE TO BE STANDARD RIDING CROPS OR QUIRTS, LENGTH NOT TO EXCEED 30 INCHES
9. IN ALL EVENTS RIDERS MAY USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: STANDARD SPURS OR OVER AND UNDER ROPE. OVER AND UNDER ROPE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE SADDLE HORN AT ALL TIMES.
10. TIE DOWNS, ALL FORMS OF MARTINGALES AND HEAD MASTERS ARE ALLOWED. NO DRAW REINS OR SHAMBOAHS TO BE ALLOWED.
11. A CONTESTANT MAY RIDE TWO HORSES IN THE SAME EVENT AND MAY SWITCH HORSES FOR DIFFERENT EVENTS AND MUST BE DONE WITHOUT DELAY TO THE EVENT
12. TWO RIDERS MAY USE THE SAME HORSE
13. **NO STALLIONS ALLOWED**

14. A CONTESTANT WHO IS NOT READY WHEN CALLED FOR AN EVENT OR REFUSES TO PERFORM AS INSTRUCTED BY THE RING OFFICIAL MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE EVENT AND FORFEIT THEIR ENTRY FEE. **WILL BE CALLED 3 TIMES**. ALL TIMED EVENTS WILL START ON THE HORSES NOSE.
15. HORSES TO BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ARENA BEFORE THE SHOW COMMENCES, BUT HORSES ARE TO LEAVE THE ARENA ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE THE SHOW BEGINS, AT THE DISCRETION OF SHOW MANAGEMENT.
16. THE JUDGES ARE TO INSPECT THE ARENA BEFORE ANY SHOW FOR SATISFACTORY RIDING CONDITIONS.
17. DISQUALIFICATION WILL RESULT FROM CONTESTANTS HITTING WITH BAT, OVER AND UNDER, HAND OR SPURRING THEIR HORSE IN FRONT OF THE CINCH DURING ANY OF THE GYMKHANA EVENTS.
18. ANY RIDER INTERFERING, COLLIDING WITH OR CUTTING OFF OTHER RIDERS, WHILE IN THE ARENA SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED, IN THAT EVENT. THE RIDER THAT WAS INTERFERED WITH WILL BE OFFERED A RE-RIDE IF NOT ALREADY DISQUALIFIED. 12 AND UNDER IF THEY CROSS THE CENTER LINE BUT DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE OTHER RIDER, THEY WILL NOT BE DISQUALIFIED.
19. FOR ALL EVENTS EXCEPT BARRELS A WHITE LINE WILL BE DRAWN DOWN THE CENTER (LENGTHWISE) OF THE ARENA. CROSSING OR TOUCHING THE LINE BEFORE BOTH RIDERS HAVE COMPLETED RUNS AND RESPECTIVE 360 TURN WILL RESULT IN A NO TIME TO AGES 13 AND UP.
20. IF A RIDER/HORSE FALLS AFTER THE FINISH LINE, THIS IS NO CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION
21. HORSES MAYBE LEAD INTO THE ARENA AND MAY BE LEAD TO THE START LINE IF NECESSARY. HANDLERS MUST GO AND STAY AT THE OUTSIDE WALL AFTER THE WHISTLE AND MUST NOT STAND AT THE CENTER OF THE ARENA.
22. HANDLING REINS MAY BE DONE IN ANY WAY THAT THE RIDER SEES FIT AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT RESULT IN ROUGH HANDLING OF THE HORSE. REINS MAY BE HELD IN EITHER OR BOTH HANDS AND THE RIDER MAY CHOOSE THEIR OWN STYLE OF REINS IN GYMKHANA EVENTS.
23. NO RERUNS WILL BE ALLOWED ON ACCOUNT OF FAULTY TACK OR FALLING OFF HORSES.
24. FEET MUST BE IN STIRRUPS AT THE START OF EACH RIDE. FEET MAY NOT BE TIED INTO STIRRUPS. RUBBER BANDS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE EVENT MANAGER PRIOR TO USE.
25. RIDERS CANNOT CROSS THE START/FINISH LINE AFTER COMPLETING THE COURSE.
26. A PACER MUST HAVE ALREADY RUN A PRIOR RACE AND BEEN RECORDED.
27. DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH WHILE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS.
28. IF AT ANY TIME THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THE HORSE/RIDER OR EQUIPMENT IS UNSAFE THEY WILL BE GIVEN ONE NOTICE. THEN DISQUALIFIED IF NOTHING WAS DONE ABOUT IT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT ASK OR SHOW THE DIRECTOR BEFORE EVENTS START.

29. IF MORE THAT 25 HORSES, NO EXHIBITION RIDES ALLOWED.
30. NO ALCOHOL/DRUGS PERMITTED DURING THE GYMKHANA FROM THE START TIME UNTIL IT IS DECLARED FINISHED FOR THE NIGHT. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL/DRUGS ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING AT ANYTIME DUE TO BUILDING REGULATIONS AND INSURANCE

AGE GROUPS

5 AND UNDER

6 - 8

9 - 12

13 - 15

16 AND UP

AGE WILL BE TAKEN AS OF JANUARY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR

15 AND UNDER HELMETS ARE MANDATORY

LEAD LINE WILL BE PERMITTED FOR 12 AND UNDER

IF THERE IS ONLY 1 PERSON IN AN AGE GROUP, THAT PERSON WILL EITHER BE MOVED TO THE AGE GROUP ABOVE OR BELOW DEPENDING ON THEIR ABILITY.

THIS WILL BE DECIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE

POINTS

1ST PLACE - 3 POINTS

2ND PLACE - 2 POINTS

3RD PLACE - 1 POINT

THESE ARE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE BTH WILL RECEIVE FULL POINTS.

FOR YEAR END POINTS A RIDER MUST HAVE PAID A FULL MEMBERSHIP

POINTS ARE CALCULATED ON THE RIDERS TOP 3 SHOWS

POINTS CALCULATED FOR THE RIDER ONLY(NOT AS A HORSE & RIDER SET)

A RIDER CAN ONLY COLLECT POINTS ON ONE HORSE AT ANY GIVEN EVENT. IF THE RIDER CHOOSES TO RIDE MORE THAN ONE HORSE ON THE SAME DAY, IT MUST BE DECLARED BEFORE THE EVENT STARTS WHICH HORSE WILL BE FOR POINTS THAT DAY AND WHICH HORSE WILL BE FOR EXHIBITION THAT DAY.

EQUIPMENT

ALL EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE WHITE AND RED FOR A PROVINCIAL SHOW

BARRELS - THE BARRELS SHALL BE STEEL 45 GALLON DRUMS

POLES - POLES SHALL BE 6 FEET LONG SET IN TORQUE CONVERTERS

STAKES - STAKES WILL BE 6 FEET LONG SET IN TORQUE CONVERTERS

FLAGS - FLAGS SHALL BE 4 FOOT STAKES WHICH ARE 1 INCH IN DIAMETER WITH A 4 INCH BY 6 INCH TRIANGULAR FLAG ATTACHED 12 INCHES BELOW THE TOP. THE FLAG

HOLDERS SHALL BE EITHER FLAT OR ROUNDED. THE FLAG BARRELS SHALL BE

APPROX. 2 FEET 3 INCHES DEEP, AND APPROX 1 FOOT 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER.
THERE SHALL BE APPROX. 4 INCHES OF DIRT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE FLAG BARREL.

JUDGES

ANY JUDGE WHO HAS BEEN CONTRACTED TO JUDGE A SHOW APPROVED BY THIS
COUNCIL MUST BE WELL VERSED ON THE RULES CONTAINED HEREIN, AND MUST
JUDGE ACCORDINGLY.

JUDGES SHOULD BE PRESENTED A COPY OF THE CURRENT RULES 30 DAYS PRIOR
TO THE SHOW.

EACH PARTICIPATING ASSOCIATION WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A FIELD JUDGE
AND/OR JUDGING PANEL.

JUDGES DECISION WILL BE FINAL