

Rider with Dog Class Rules

The score will be based on 75% Rider/25% dog. The course may include the dog in front, next to, or behind the rider. There may be obstacles the dog is placed in a hold position while the rider and horse navigate the obstacle. An out of control dog shall result in disqualification.

Equipment Requirements:

Dogs must have a harness on. The harness must go across the chest and behind the front legs in a comfortable manner. There cannot be a buckle on the harness in the armpit area of the dog. Training harnesses that tighten/compress are not allowed. The harness must be safe and in good condition and fit the dog well. The harness must also have identification tags on.

Dogs are NOT allowed to wear a collar. Long leashes are allowed but not required.

Examples of allowed harnesses:



Examples of harnesses not allowed:



How to tell if your harness is allowed:

If you can safely and comfortably pick up your dog from the back of the harness, it is allowed.

During the class:

Your dog must be well behaved at all times. You are allowed to throw treats to your dog, but cannot stop forward movement of your horse. The obstacles must be done safely at all times. You can decide to either have your dog wait while you ride over obstacles, or follow onto the obstacles. For certain obstacles, the dog will not be allowed to follow behind the horse onto it for safety. These will be explained in the pattern.

During the show:

Dogs must be kept in crates during the show. The crate must be large enough for the dog to stand up in. **DO NOT** keep a dog in a vehicle or trailer, especially if the temperature outside is 65 degrees or higher. When not in the crate, dogs must be on leashes at all times. The only exception is when a dog is on the course competing. Keep your dog away from the course to avoid distractions to competitors. Please be considerate of others and keep your dog safe and comfortable during the whole event.

Your dog must be up to date on vaccinations. Please provide proof of vaccinations to the show office when you arrive.

Remember this is a fun event for you and your dog, and we want to keep it that way!