

WMHA Gymkhana/Trail Rules/Information

NO REFUNDS ARE ALLOWED, NO EXCEPTIONS. MONIES WILL CARRY OVER TO NEXT GYMKHANA, EXCEPT FOR THE JACKPOT MONIES.

Rules:

Must have boots on, unless it is a barefoot event.

Must have saddles to compete, unless it's a scheduled bareback event.

No double riding in the area unless it's a scheduled event, with the exception of a parent/guardian riding with a child.

At no time is a rider or contestant under age 18 permitted to be tied to or affixed to a horse or any part of the saddle or equipment with the exception of a standard rubber band around foot and stirrup.

Riders may use more than one horse, but they must choose before an event if riding more than one, which horse they are competing for points on. Any additional runs on another horse will be considered a time only and will be run in the "Second Horse Group."

Riders must be ready to ride when their name is called. Any contestant who does not attempt to enter the arena by the third call will be disqualified.

No children unless with permission are allowed in the announcers stand. Please keep interruptions to a minimum so as not to disrupt the flow and timeliness of the gymkhana.

Each contestant will be required ride in a minimum number of events to be eligible for year-end awards. The number of events will be determined at the beginning of the season and communicated via Facebook and the web site.

Points toward year-end awards will not start accruing until membership for current calendar year is paid.

Alcohol is strictly prohibited at the Taylor Rodeo Grounds per city ordinance.

Children are not allowed to play on the bleachers. They are to be used for spectator purposes only.

Please leave dogs at home unless they are carried or on a leash at all times.

Stallions over the age of 2 are not permitted at WMHA events.

Mares with foals are not allowed at WMHA events unless both mare and foal can be tied safely and lead safely. Both must be halter trained/broke. If mare is being shown, foal must be able to be safely tied at the trailer as they are not allowed to compete with mare.

No unattended horses tied to arena or any other structures.

No one will be allowed in the designated alleyway of the start gate except the contestant running. Alleyway will be designated by chalk lines or other barrier. Only contestants running that particular age group will be allowed in the warm-up area.

It is allowed to be moving faster than a walk going into the gate.

Draw will be posted and a copy given to the gateman.

After books close, no more entries will be taken.

Remember our manners and language.

Be safe and have fun!

Point System: WMHA tallies points based on placing, i.e. 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points, 3rd place = 8, points and on down to 2 point. Everyone who participates gets at least 1 point, even if disqualified. Points will be posted after events to Facebook page and web site so members will know their standings throughout the season.

Points for the day will be totaled and a high point trophy or other award will be given for 1st place in each age group as well as 2nd through 4th place ribbons and participation ribbons for each child up to age 10.

If a jackpot event is held, it will be open to anyone, not just members, and prizes to be given are gift cards which will be commensurate with money gathered in entry fees for jackpot. **NO POINTS ARE GIVEN FOR THE JACKPOT RACE.**

Ties: It was decided at a meeting May 28, 2019, that ties would be broken by aggregating times of all events for the day or if in a year-end tie situation, aggregating times for all year. The fastest time will win.

Re-Runs: If the rider is bucked off or the horse goes down one re-run is permitted and will receive a time if the pattern is completed.

Leadline: In an effort to encourage our young riders to develop and progress in their riding skills and to discourage a foot race of the assistants, the assistant leading the horse from the ground must remain beside the horse at all times possible. The horse must cross the line first to trigger the timer on and off at the completion of the pattern or a no time will be given to the rider. An invisible leadline may be used.

Questions, comments, or concerns should be brought to the attention of the gymkhana coordinator or Sergeant at Arms.

At meeting 6/27/23, it was decided to update these rules. We removed the entry fees, the point system (A, B, C, etc.), and updated wording for jackpots as well as for number of events to attend. The point system is still intact in the old version of the rules (WMHA Gymkhana Rules).