

# Huachuca Saddle Club – Gymkhana Series General Rules

## GENERAL RULES

Rule 1: All Participants must adhere to the Huachuca Saddle Club General rules and Gymkhana Series General Rules.

Rule 2: All participants must sign required release forms to participate in any Gymkhana. Participants under the age of 18 must have a release form signed by a parent or legal guardian before they may compete. A parent or specified guardian shall be present and responsible at all times for the care and control of the child during any HSC event.

Rule 3: Any member who has been duly notified of a delinquent debt incurred at a function shall be barred from gaming until paid in full. A check returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$35 insufficient funds fee. If paid by check, check must clear the bank before he/she can participate unless all outstanding fees are paid by cash.

Rule 4: No person shall excessively strike in front of the cinch. No person shall excessively whip or spur any horse. Cruelty to horses shall not be tolerated inside or outside of the arena. Concerns of abuse should be reported to an HSC officer or board member. Infractions may lead to ejection from the event.

Rule 5: Uncontrollable, unruly horses or people shall be asked to leave the grounds and may forfeit any and all fees paid for the day. It shall be the rider's responsibility to mark any horses that might endanger other horses or people. HSC officers might require marking of the horse. All HSC officers shall enforce this rule.

Rule 6: Riders shall ride responsibly at all times. All HSC officers shall enforce this rule.

Rule 7: Riders shall enter the arena within one minute of their name being called.

Rule 8: No stallions to be handled or ridden by any person under age 18. "Stallion" to be defined as an ungelded male horse over the age of 1 year as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rule 9: Bridle/bit combination type is of choice to the rider, no rider may ride only with a halter. An English or Western Saddle may be used. Boots with heels and long pants are a requirement. NO shorts allowed. Children under the age of 10 and all 4H members must wear a helmet with secured harness when mounted.

Rule 10: All time only rides shall be held before all age groups have completed the event and before the course is changed.

## DIVISIONS

Rule 1: Divisions shall be as noted below:

1	Walk/Trot	4	Age Group: 20-39
2	Age Group: 0-9	5	Age Group: 40 & Over
3	Age Group: 10-19		

HSC will have the discretion to add or delete a division.

Rule 2: Age shall be determined by the rider's age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year.

## AWARDS

Rule 1: For 2019 there is one series of 6 gymkhanas. Need to ride in 4 out of the 6 gymkhanas to qualify for year-end awards.

Rule 2: Ribbons for first through sixth place will be given in each division.

Rule 3: A "Daily High Point Award" shall be presented to each of the divisions at the end of each gymkhana day. Points shall be awarded for each gymkhana event, by division, based upon the number of entries. For example, four riders compete in an event: 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 4 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 2, 4<sup>th</sup> = 1. If a rider is a DQ, they will receive zero points for the event. The division where a rider's most points are for the day shall count towards the Daily High Point Leader.

Rule 4: In case of a tie during any gymkhana event or for Daily High Point Awards, a count of first places on down shall break the tie. If needed, event #3 will be the tie breaker.

Rule 5: Four events shall count towards Daily High Point Awards in each division. The four events shall be Cloverleaf Barrels, Poles and two Random Events.

Rule 6: If two or more horses are ridden at one gymkhana event, the rider must declare which horse they wish to use for Daily or year-end points at signups for each gymkhana.

Rule 7: "Time only Runs" shall not be eligible for any points.

Rule 8: Non-members may ride and qualify for Daily High Point, but not qualify for year-end awards.

Rule 9: To qualify for year-end awards, a rider shall meet the following requirements:

- Must be a current paid member of the Huachuca Saddle Club
- Must have participated in at least 4 of the 6 gymkhanas.

Rule 10: Points for series awards shall begin on the day memberships are paid, prior to games starting.

Rule 11: All points shall be counted after each gymkhana.

Rule 12: Points shall be carried throughout the series for year-end awards. Buckles or other awards to be determined as per the sponsor and HSC to the "Total High Point" for each division.

Rule 13: Daily high point awards and/or ribbons must be picked up at the end of the gymkhana or the award is forfeited. Riders may designate someone to collect their award at the conclusion of the gymkhana.

## OBSTACLE MEASUREMENTS

When using barrels: From the center of barrel. When using poles: From center of pole base.

## DEFINITION OF "OFF COURSE"

The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed patterns. A horse is on course when any part of the horse crosses the start/finish line. It remains on course as long as it is run in accordance with the prescribed pattern for the event being run until every part of the horse crosses the start/finish line. If a rider goes off course, but corrects the course and completes the prescribed pattern, there will be no disqualification or penalty.

## DISQUALIFICATION

An unexpected dismount while "on course" shall result in a disqualification and zero points earned for the event.