

Huachuca Saddle Club (HSC) – Gymkhana Events

General Rules:

1. Members of all ages, race, and riding abilities will be eligible for HSC membership. A single membership is one single person (adult or youth). A family membership is defined as parents or legal guardians and children. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. will need to apply for their own membership. Youth membership is under 18 years. Written parental consent is required.

2. All participants must sign required release forms prior to participating in any HSC activity. Participants under the age of 18 must have release forms 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 minor during any HSC event.

3. HSC events are open to any equine, i.e. horse, pony, donkey, mule.

4. All dogs must be on a leash.

5. Horses or exhibitors causing an undue disturbance will be disqualified from the class or the grounds, at the board's discretion. Spectators causing a disturbance will be asked to leave the grounds. Good sportsmanship by all HSC members, non-members and spectators shall prevail at all times.

6. Riders shall ride responsibly at all times. **HORSES WILL WALK IN THE PARKING/GATE AREA**. All HSC officers shall enforce this rule.

7. Children must be supervised at all times.

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 1st.

9. Age Division shall be determined by the rider's age as of January 1st of the calendar year.

10. Only event staff allowed in the announcer's booth.

11. HSC will have the discretion to add or change a division.

12. The decision of the board is final.

13. **Helmet Rule:** Riders under the age of 18 are required to wear an approved equestrian helmet when on horseback.

14. 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. Concerns of abuse should be reported to an HSC officer. Infractions may lead to ejection from the event.

15. A check returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$35 fee. The debt must be paid before rider can compete again.

Gymkhana Rules:

1. **EQUIPMENT:** 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.

2. **DIVISIONS:** 1. Leadline 2. Walk/Trot 3. Age 0-9
4. Age 10 – 17 5. Age 18 – 39 6. Age 40+

3. **AWARDS:** Ribbons for 1st through 6th place will be given in each division.

A "Daily High Point Award" shall be presented to each of the divisions at the end of each gymkhana day (subject to the 75% rule of having participated in 3 of the 4 classes).

Points shall be awarded based upon the number of entries in the class. For example, four riders compete in a class: 1st Place = 4 points, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 2, 4th = 1. If a rider is a DQ, they will receive zero points for the class

There are two gymkhana series: Series I and Series II. Each series is a separate series of 4 gymkhanas.

To qualify for series-end awards, a rider shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Must be a current paid member of HSC
- b. Must have participated in at least 3 of the 4 gymkhanas
- c. 75% rule: Must have participated in at least 3 classes at each of the required 3 gymkhanas

Points for series awards shall begin on the day memberships are paid.

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

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.

DEFINITION OF "OFF COURSE": The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed pattern. 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.

DISQUALIFICATION: If a rider goes off course, but corrects the course and completes the pattern, it is a disqualification. An unexpected dismount while "on course" shall result in a disqualification. Zero points earned for DQ.

TIMER MALFUNCTION: If the timer malfunctions, a second run is allowed. If rider knocks over an obstacle during the second run, a third run is allowed and 3rd run will be the official time recorded.

PENALTY POINTS: 5 seconds for each obstacle (barrel or pole) knocked over.