

2025 RULES

OCHC



SPEED EVENTS

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Speed Event Rules

1. Orange County Horse Council and Orange County Park will not be responsible for any accident which may occur to any rider, driver, groom, spectator, animal or carriage at the show, nor for the loss or destruction of any article of any nature whatsoever.
2. Health requirements: **Coggins** test and proof of **rabies** vaccination via a vet certificate or letter dated within 12 months of event date are mandatory and have to be submitted at time of registration. No exceptions!
3. **Release forms** must be signed by all riders and a parent if under 18 years old. All adults must sign their own entry forms.
4. Any checks returned as non-negotiable will be subject to a \$25 returned check fee.
5. All riders must wear appropriate clothing to include long pants, shirt, heeled boots or approved riding sneakers. T-shirts and sleeve-less shirts are acceptable. No belly shirts, halter or tank tops. **Hats or helmets and collared shirts are mandatory for evening shows.**
6. ASTM approved riding **helmets** recommended for every participant but required for all riders under 18 years old as of 1/1/2025. Helmets must be worn and correctly fitted and secured whenever the rider is mounted. No Exceptions. OCHC will not supply or fit helmets.
7. ***Maximum of 14 rides per horse per show.*** If used in jr, Sr, open divisions 1 rider per division. If in Rookie riders may be in the same division, max rides still apply. Leadline doesn't count towards 14 rides for the day.
8. **Aids** such as tie downs and martingales only are accepted.
9. Excessive use of spurs, crops or over-unders will not be tolerated.
10. Equipment should always fit the rider and horse.
11. Unsound horses will be disqualified at the discretion of the OCHC Event Committee.
12. The Gymkhana Event Committee will dismiss any unruly horses, riders or spectators from the premises. Abusive language or behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
13. No **stallions** allowed.
14. Rookie **point system** will be 6-5-4-3-2-1
15. Running in the gate is optional for all divisions.
16. **Reruns** for timer failure or equipment breakage to include bit, reins, girth or bridle. No reruns for improper fitted equipment.
17. **Penalties:**

- Five seconds for each obstacle knocked over.
 - Off course for any class is a No Time.
 - Attempts must be made at all obstacles such as poles, etc. or no time will be given.
18. Horses refusing to enter the arena may ask for assistance, 3rd time refusal may result in disqualification from the class.
 19. **Spotters** may be allowed in the arena during Rookie or exhibition runs only.
 20. All **Exhibitions** will run at the start of each class type.
 21. The arena will be raked after every 5th rider.
 22. No horses will be permitted in the refreshment area.
 23. No **alcoholic beverages** will be permitted on the premises.
 24. **Dogs** must be kept on a leash at all times.
 25. Stalls are available for a \$5 fee. A \$25 stall deposit is required, which will be returned after the stall has been cleaned by the user. Manure needs to be bagged and deposited in the trash cans, or taken off the premises. A heavy duty garbage bag will be provided free of charge. It is against park rules to deposit manure in the adjacent wooded area.
 26. All exhibitors are asked to clean after themselves.
 27. In the case of any **disputes**, the decision of the Speed Event Committee shall be final.

Divisions

Lead-Line

At beginning of Junior Rookie Division. Lead-line riders cannot enter in any other divisions. Special prizes for participants. Pointed for Year-End Awards independent from Junior Rookie.

- Barrel Dash
- Pole Bending
- Navajo Blanket
- Cloverleaf Barrels

Junior Rookies <19

Open to all beginner riders and riders new to Gymkhana under 19 years of age as of January 1st 202. **No gallop!** 1st to 6th place pick a prize, day-of Champion and Reserve ribbons.

- Barrel Dash
- Pole Bending
- Navajo Blanket
- Cloverleaf Barrels

Adult Rookies ≥19

Open to all beginner riders and riders new to Gymkhana, age 19 years or older as of January 1st 2025. **No gallop!** 1st to 6th place pick a prize, day-of Champion and Reserve ribbons.

- Barrel Dash
- Pole Bending
- Navajo Blanket
- Cloverleaf Barrels

Junior <19

Open to riders under 19 years of age as of January 1st 2025, any speed. 3D payout, no ribbons.

- Barrel Dash
- Pole Bending
- Navajo Blanket
- Cloverleaf Barrels

Senior ≥19

Open to riders age 19 and older as of January 1st 2025, any speed. 3D payout, no ribbons.

- Barrel Dash
- Pole Bending
- Navajo Blanket
- Cloverleaf Barrels

Open

Open to all riders, any speed. 3D payout, no ribbons.

- Barrel Dash
- Pole Bending
- Navajo Blanket
- Cloverleaf Barrels

