

## MISSIONVIEW SADDLE CLUB GYMKHANA RULES

- 1) Every participant agrees to ride and abide by MVSC rules. (A copy of the MVSC rules will be posted at the announcer stand.)
- 2) The MVSC committee is to check out the arena prior to the show and inform gate personnel of the rules.
- 3) The MVSC Gymkhana Committee consists of the MVSC elected officers.
- 4) Any prop changes must be approved by the MVSC Gymkhana Committee prior to the start of any MVSC gymkhana.
- 5) For safety and in fairness to the competitors, spectators shall be required to remain in authorized areas and away from the arena fences.
- 6) No unauthorized persons shall be allowed in the arena during an event.
- 7) All entries must be signed by the contestant and the contestant's birthday must be given. Proof of age must be provided if requested by an official. In case of a minor, (under 18 years) the entry form must be signed by a parent or guardian. Age is determined by your age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- 8) An individual under the age of 18 must purchase a family membership in order to be a member of the club.
- 9) Age groups shall conform to the age divisions set by MVSC which shall be: 13 & under, 14-30, 31 & over.
- 10) Any entrant who has a check returned to MVSC will be fined \$50 for each check. The fine and check must be paid in cash before the entrant is allowed to enter the next show. All subsequent entries must be paid in cash.
- 11) A shirt, long pants and boots with clearly defined heel must be worn.
- 12) A western saddle or speed competition saddle and a single roping rein (no split reins) shall be used.
- 13) If tack or equipment should break or the horse should cast a shoe while negotiating the course and the difficulty prevents the completion of the ride, the rider shall receive no time and no re-rides.
- 14) The arena judge is the final authority or the president of MVSC if a judge is not appointed.
- 15) Line judges will be used for any event requiring small barrels when the judge is not able to have a clear line of sight. Line judges will be chosen by the gymkhana judge.
- 16) The MVSC Gymkhana Committee reserves the right to remove a horse and /or rider from the gymkhana without recourse.
- 17) Should any questions or disputes arise not provided for in the governing rules, the same shall be referred to the arena judge, whose decision shall be final for the duration of the gymkhana. The judge's recommendation shall be forwarded to the rules committee for further consideration.
- 18) An act of discourtesy or disobedience to any gymkhana official in or out of the arena may result in disqualification for that event.
- 19) The use of profanity by any contestant in the arena will result in disqualification for that event.
- 20) At the end of each disqualified run the announcer will announce why the rider was disqualified per the judge and a would-have-been time will be given if the pattern was run correctly. This is left up to the judge's discretion. No re-rides will be given for disqualified times even if the time is not available.
- 21) A flip of a coin by the arena judge or an even split of the cash award will break a tie if it meets the approval of the contestants. If not, the bowtie event will be run as the tie breaker. Times will be given after each rider's run in the event of any ties.
- 22) Any protests about points should be made as soon as the show is over. No late protest will be allowed.

- 23) A contestant lodging a protest must first deposit \$25 cash or certified check with the secretary of the gymkhana, which sum will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Protest in writing, signed by the contestant, and filed with the secretary within 24 hours after the occurrence of the alleged violation. All protests will be handled according to the by-laws of MVSC.
- 24) Contestants may enter an event more than once given that they are riding a different horse. At no time may a contestant compete against himself/herself on the same horse. If riding multiple horses for points, the points will be tallied to the horse/ rider combination rather than just the rider.
- 25) If only entering one horse, points go to the rider so a different horse can be used for each event.
- 26) A contestant shall have 60 seconds (1 minute) from the time of his/her second gate call to start the timer. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification for that event.
- 27) A horse can be assisted into the arena by a person or another horse. The assisting person or assisting horse may not stay in the arena while the run is being made, exiting prior to the competitor crossing the start line/starting the timer.
- 28) Disqualification shall result if after entering the arena, the rider spurs, strikes or beats the horse in any manner forward of the cinch. However, the judge will be instructed to allow humane hand cues and a rewarding pat. HUMANE HAND CUE: touching is allowed, no reaching to slap, strike or whip will be allowed.
- 29) Excessive punishment for a horse at any time shall result in disqualifications for the duration of the gymkhana.
- 30) Equipment used in such a way as to cause excessive pain or injury to an animal is prohibited. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to: wire aids, head-ache chains, cables and sharpened spurs. Violation will result in disqualification for the duration of the gymkhana.
- 31) Any contestant not following exact pattern will be disqualified. The horse must maintain forward momentum once crossing the start timer. Any stopping or backing once the clock has started will result in disqualification,
- 32) Knocking down of any prop will be a no time.
- 33) No rider can intentionally interfere with any prop about to be knocked down.
- 34) A rider must have control of his/her horse from the time he/she enters the arena until he/she exits the arena. Examples of loss of control include getting off or falling off the horse whether purposeful or not prior to, during or after a ride, dropping the reins after completion of a run (safety concern), running through or into the gate upon entry or exit from the arena (safety concern). Violations of this rule are left up to the Judge's discretion.
- 35) In running off a tie in an event, if the first rider breaks the pattern or knocks over equipment, the second rider must ride within 5/10 of a second of his/her original time.
- 36) In case of timer failure on a good run the contestant will be given up to two re-rides or until the timer works correctly.
- 37) Jackpot times cannot be rolled over to age group times.
- 38) The number of D's in jackpot barrels will be based on the number of riders. 1-5 riders=2D, 6-10 riders=3D, 10+ riders=4D
- 39) A high point belt buckle instead of a saddle will be rewarded at the year end for any age group that does not have five riders or more in the age group competing in all regular events for at least the minimum required shows(see rule #41).
- 40) Year end awards will be given to riders with the most accumulated points in each age group. These points will include all shows ran during the year. Points will be recalculated at the conclusion of each show, so only members are awarded points towards the year end total.
- 41) To be eligible for year end awards a rider must have competed in the following total number of shows for the year. 12 shows(48 events)-38 events entered/completed, 11 shows(44 events)-35 events entered/completed, 10 shows(40 events)-32 events entered/completed, 9 shows(36 events)-28 events entered/completed, 8 shows(32 events)-25 events entered/completed, 7 shows(28 events)-21 events entered/completed, 6 shows(24 events)-19 events entered/completed, 5 shows(20 events)-16 events entered/completed, 4 shows(16 events)-13 events entered/completed. If a show is rained out and no events are completed then the show will not count towards the total number of shows for the year. If a show is rained out and

some of the events are completed; the show will count towards the year total. Entered/completed is defined as the entry fee paid and at least a riding point awarded.

- 42) In order to be nominated as royalty for MVSC the rider must have been a member of the club for 2 years and be a member in current good standing.
- 43) The two day show will consist of 8 events. Barrels and Bowtie will be run, plus 6 other events that will be drawn from the MVSC rule book.