



Lubbock Saddle Club Playday Rules

Revised as of 01/26/2026

1. COST:

Regular Events: \$3.00 per run Exhibition Rides: \$3.00 per run
There is a \$50.00 cap for a family of four or more.
Non-members will also be charged a \$5.00 arena fee.

There shall be NO REFUNDS and NO TRANSFER of fees made after sign-up is complete, for any reason.

2. AGE CLASSES: Determined by birth date as of January 1 of current year. (Ladies always ride first!)

Lead-Line	Any assisted* rider
Super Pee Wee	6 years & under, Unassisted
Pee Wee	7 through 10 years
Junior	11 through 15 years
Intermediate	16 through 24 years
Senior	25 through 44 years
Super Senior	45 and over
Walk/Trot	Any age rider, co-ed
Buggy Class	Any age driver, one-horse/two-wheeled buggy

*Assisted riders are those helped by a person on foot via lead-line that also crosses the timer without penalty.

Contestants cannot ride outside of their class. Riders must be able to hold themselves in the saddle – no ponying is allowed.

3. BOOKS:

Playday books open one (1) hour prior to the start of events.

4. EVENTS:

Six (6) events will be run at each playday. There are a total of eight events available to be run the playdays. Events will be determined at the first meeting of the year in January by members present at the meeting.
Poles and Barrels are set events and will always be run at each playday. We will have two event that rotate. At each playday with one set being run on even months and the other set being run on odd months,

5. ELIGIBILITY:

- a. To be eligible for year-end awards, contestants must be a member of the Lubbock Saddle Club or the Association and have completed a minimum of 30 events. (Awards will be determined at the end of the play day season.)
- b. Riders in the Junior Class and up must work one full event per play day in order for the points earned during that play day to count. You must set-up the event, work the event (except when you are riding) and then break-down the event. If you do not work the event in its entirety (except while you are riding), you will forfeit all points earned during that playday. A relief judge will be available to allow your participation in the event you are judging. A sign-up sheet will be available at registration for each playday. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SIGN YOURSELF UP TO WORK YOUR EVENT. You may have someone work your event for you; however, they must be signed up with a note that their working counts for you.
- c. All riders must be signed up BEFORE an event. A rider arriving late may sign-up to compete in the first event if the sign-up is prior to the completion of the last age group in that event.
- d. Any rider under the age of 18 MUST have a parent, guardian or designated responsible adult present while riding.
- e. The ride must be a qualified ride as determined by the Arena Judges and /or timekeeper in the event of a broken timer line.
- f. A no-time will count as a completed ride; however, no points will be awarded for a no-time. The rider must cross the timer-line and start the clock and then attempt the pattern and ride across the timer-line to stop the clock for the no-time to count as a completed ride. In the event that a rider enters the arena and does not ever cross the timer-line to attempt the pattern and then exits the arena, a No-Ride will be entered as the time for the ride. No points

will be awarded nor will the ride count towards the number of completed rides, even though the ride was paid for.
No refunds will be provided for any reason.

g. If riders at the end of the year are tied in points in their individual class, a ride off will occur at the last playday with the event being determined by a random drawing conducted by the timekeeper/bookkeeper.

6. **PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

- a. If a second person crosses the timer during the ride of an assisted rider with the intent to assist a rider, the rider will be disqualified.
- b. A rider will be called three (3) times. If the rider does not enter the arena, the rider will be dropped to the end of the roster for that event and then be allowed to ride. If the rider does not enter the arena at that time, the rider will be disqualified for that event.
- c. Judges in the arena for each event will determine broken patterns and penalties.
- d. All protests must be made to the Vice President/Chairman of the Rules Committee. The decisions of arena judges and Chairman of the Rules Committee and members serving on the Rules Committee for each play day shall be final.
- e. A rider will be granted a re-run in the event of an equipment or tack malfunction. Whatever the outcome of the re-run, the re-run will stand as ridden. If the rider's re-run results in a no-time, the no-time will stand as the completed ride.
- f. Each playday event is governed by its own set of rules as set out by the play day rules of the AASP&RC; however, any rules set forth by the Lubbock Saddle Club will take precedence.

7. **ATTIRE:**

- a. Footwear: appropriate riding shoes are necessary for safe riding. Boots are preferable. Footwear must have a riding heel; youth who are unable to reach the stirrups can wear shoes without a heel if necessary.
- b. Clothing: Jeans and a suitable shirt are recommended.
- c. Riding Helmet: May be worn at the desire of the rider but is not required.

8. **AWARDS:**

- a. Year-end Awards: will be determined at the end of the playday season. Year-end awards are based on riders meeting the minimum number of competed rides, required number of events worked and total points earned at each playday.

9. **POINTS:**

- 1st – 5 points
- 2nd – 4 points
- 3rd – 3 points
- 4th – 2 points
- 5th – 1 point

Non-member points do not count. If membership dues have not been paid, no points will be earned or will be awarded. Places will be ranked, and points awarded for 1st through 5th place; however, when listing the point standings throughout the year, anyone that has received points will be listed so the year-end running totals may be calculated.

10. **EXHIBITION RIDES:**

Exhibition rides will be grouped at the end of each event. If there are more than 40 riders, exhibitions will be limited to one ride per person per event. Officers may, at their discretion, prohibit exhibitions based on number of riders or time available to complete a playday series. If you plan to exhibition, please be lined up at the gate promptly and ready to go when exhibition time is announced.

11. **RAINOUTS:**

- a. Playday make-ups will be conducted on the next available Sunday immediately following the rained-out playday.
- b. The President, Arena Director and Vice President will be responsible for determining if the arena is suitable for riding as well as parking.
- c. Decisions regarding cancellations will be made no later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled playday start time. Rainouts will be posted on the website immediately after a determination to cancel has been made.

12. **UNMANAGEABLE HORSES:**

(kickers, biters, etc.) Must be marked with a large RED ribbon (available in the office if needed) or bow on the tail and must be isolated so as not to endanger other horses or animals. Be aware of where you stand yourself and/or your horse in reference to others. Allow room between your trailer and the one parked next to you!

13. COGGINS TEST: proof of a negative EIA Coggins test within the past 12 months is required for each horse on the property.
14. GENERAL SAFETY RULES: horses must be kept at a walk south, east and west of the arena. The north end (plowed area of the arena) is there for you to warm-up, run, etc. –all other areas of the arena must be taken at a walk.
15. NO SMOKING in the restrooms or up top in the announcer/bookkeeping area. Please be respectful of others that do not smoke.
16. TRASH: dispose of your trash in the proper place. We have trashcans and a dumpster for disposal of your cups, etc.
17. FENCES: do not tie your horse to the fence and leave him unattended. This is especially true around the concession area.
18. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: we prefer no alcohol. If you do wish to partake, please keep it in a concealed container and no glass containers.

Please keep in mind, equine sports by their very nature are dangerous.

The Lubbock Saddle Club is not responsible for accidents.

Please keep the safety of yourself, your family, and your horses in mind.

Welcome and we are happy to have you riding with us!