



New York State
Horse Council

2018 UCHC OBSTACLE CHALLENGE – Rules:

1. **Parking** – Many grassy areas may be too soft for parking. Please remain on paved or gravel areas unless otherwise directed. If your rig gets stuck in the mud, you will be responsible for your own towing and restoration of the rutted area!
2. **Coggins and Rabies** certificates must be presented upon arrival and should be dated within current or previous year.
3. **Stallions** – must be handled and ridden by adults, and under control at all times. Office must be notified when on the grounds.
4. **Dogs** must be on leash and under control at all times. Current license and rabies are required. Disruptive animals may be asked to leave.
5. **Children** under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or trainer when around horses.
6. **Tack**- all disciplines are acceptable; no bit restrictions or requirements. In-hand entries require a halter with attached lead.
7. **Dress Code** – comfortable but safe and presentable. Boots with riding heel required when mounted and recommended when handling horses. Approved riding helmets mandatory for all riders under 18, and highly suggested for adults when mounted.
8. **Entries** – Pre-registration is encouraged, but must be received by April 15, 2018. Checks should be made payable to: Ulster County Horse Council, noted Obstacle Challenge. On-site registration starts at 8:00 am. Please register at least 15 minutes before division starts and be ready at the in-gate. Horses/ponies entered and not exhibited for any reason shall forfeit entry fees. Divisions will be held in order of decreasing difficulty after the benefit class, as listed. Riders may enter the same or multiple horses on separate entries in any division they are eligible for. Horses may also be entered with different riders, as judging will be influenced by the teamwork between them.
9. **Liability** – Loss, injury or damage to the horse, rider or spectators is in no way the responsibility of the Ulster County Horse Council or the Ulster County Agricultural Society. Excessive speed outside the ring or reckless horsemanship is not permitted. Offenders will be excused from the remainder of the event and no reimbursement of fees will be given.
10. **Event Committee** – Questions shall be referred to the event committee at the booth, whose decision will be final. No one shall approach the judge with regard to a decision. The event committee shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place if warranted. These rules may be adjusted by the aforementioned parties at any time if necessary for the safety of the horses and/or riders.
11. **Recycling, trash and manure** receptacles will be placed near the in-gate and the booth. Please pick up after yourself and your horse.