

Saddle Up Winter Buckle Series Gymkhana Rules

Updated 11-4-24

1. Buckles will be the year-end award for high point champion per division except Lead line. Additional awards for the point leader of each event per division except Lead line. Ribbons for 1st Place through 4th Place (if wanted) for each event and division to include Lead line.

A. The most points to be won in an event are 6 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place, 3 points for 2nd place, 2 points for 5th place, and 1 point for 6th place.

B. Points will not be awarded for a disqualified ride. In all timed events, under no circumstances, shall a "no time" receive points.

C. Lead line class does not accumulate points nor get year-end awards.

D. To be eligible for awards contestants must participate in at least 3 Gymkhanas and more than one event (for example Barrels and Flag Race).

2. If timer fails, a rerun is required. A re-run must take place before the end of the event or as organizer deems appropriate.

3. Anyone writing a bad check may not be allowed to participate in any future Saddle Up Gymkhanas until the bad check is made good with cash.

4. Riding disqualifications include: 1) Crossing finish line before finishing the pattern 2) Rider or horse falling during pattern 3) Dismounting horse during pattern 4) Not doing the pattern correctly or completing pattern.

5. Your age as of January 1, 2024 will determine the division to enter.

6. All contestants must wear boots and jeans to participate in gymkhana. Riding helmets are not required but are strongly recommended! Hats are not required, however if you wear a hat it must stay on your head. We don't want to spend the day chasing hats, it is a waste of everyone's time! No open toed shoes in barn. Wearing tennis shoes while riding in gymkhana will constitute disqualification without a refund.

7. Contestant has 60 seconds from time arena is cleared and contestant's first gate call to cross the eye/timer and begin their run or be disqualified. Rider will be called 3 times and if rider misses their run they forfeit their ride without a refund. If contestant scratches their run NO refund will be given.

8. Practice runs may be purchased per rider per event for \$5 for all events except fun run. Cost is \$10 per event per rider. Office fee of \$5 per rider \$10 per family. If rider registers for 5 or more events office fee will be waived. No office fee for Lead line. **No refunds for scratched events.**

9. No stallions, exceptions can be made by event organizer if pre-approved.

10. **Due to insurance NO dogs allowed at event. Please keep them at your trailer.**

11. Horse manure must be picked up by rider, if not an additional fee will be charged.

12. Abuse of one's horse, such as excessive whipping, beating, whipping on head, excessive jerking of reins or spurring cannot be permitted. No abusive treatment of horse will be tolerated. The first infraction of this rule will result in a verbal warning. Second infraction will result in loss of points for event. The third infraction will result in loss of all points won for the calendar year.

13. Any contestant who, through lack of control or poor sportsmanship, endangers the safety of others can be penalized at the event. Penalty can include ejection, loss of points and suspension without a refund.

14. No congregating in front of arena gate. Keep children away from arena gate due to the volume of horses in the area. Riders entering and exiting the arena have the 'right of way' over pedestrians.

15. A make-up event may be scheduled if we have bad weather and need to cancel. Or we may do a later start until roads clear.

16. Electric eye timer is the official time and cannot be challenged. All official calls are final.

17. Riding carelessly around the grounds is prohibited. Trotting, cantering, loping, or galloping is ONLY allowed in the arenas.

18. Registration & open ride will be from 9 am to 9:45 am. Office will close at 9:45 am. Gymkhana starts at 10 am no registration accepted. Rider can pre-register before date of gymkhana with Suzan McCoy by phone with credit card payment 719-439-7510 or email (day before) suzanmccoy123@gmail.com.