

NORTHERN ARIZONA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
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NAHA GYMKHANA RULES

1. All Gymkhanas conducted and/or sanctioned by Northern Arizona Horseman's Association will be governed by N.A.H.A. rules.
 2. Every participant agrees to ride and abide by N.A.H.A. Gymkhana Rules. (A copy of the
 3. N.A.H.A. Gymkhana rules will be posted at the announcers stand.)
 4. All entries must be made on forms provided by the Northern Arizona Horseman's Association and entry fees must accompany entries. If on-line entries are available, entries must be paid prior to the entrant's first event.
 5. All entries must be signed by contestant and contestant's ages must be given. In case of a minor, under 18 years, the entry form must be signed by parent or guardian. Age is determined as of May 1 of the current year.
 6. There will be a minimum of five entries to comprise a class. The management reserves the right to combine age groups in order to fill classes. Unfilled classes may be canceled by the management. Classes will be assigned at the first gymkhana.
 7. No contestant may enter in any pointed event more than once.
 8. Entries will be closed at 8:59 am. **No late entries will be accepted.**
 9. No minor under 18 years of age shall be allowed to show a stallion.
 10. Age groups shall conform to the age divisions set by N.A.H.A. which shall be:
Lead Line – Rider to be lead through the pattern by an adult. Open to all ages. Lead Line will not accumulate points as it will be a learning class. At the end of the year if the contestant has ridden in 14 of the gymkhana events, they will qualify for lead line year-end prize.
**8 and under, 9 through 10,
11 through 12, 13 through 14,
15 through 20, 21 through 34,
35 through 49 and 50 and over,
All men and women will ride in their age groups.
If classes are not filled at the first gymkhana, the youngest year will be moved down and the older year will be moved to the next older group.**
- (It is highly recommended that all contestants wear helmets)*
11. The arena judge is the final authority. His/her name will be announced before the start of the Gymkhana and shall be the arena judge for its duration. He/she shall be a qualified N.A.H.A. member. In case of an emergency, a new judge may be named with the approval of the officers and directors present.

12. 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. Judge's recommendation shall be forwarded to the rules committee for further consideration.
13. An exhibitor lodging a protest must first deposit \$25 cash or certified check with the secretary of the Gymkhana, which the sum will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protest must be in writing, signed by the protestant, and filed with the secretary prior to the end of the event being protested. All protests will be handled according to the By-Laws of N.A.H.A.
14. Any contestant not following exact pattern will receive a no time. A contestant that completes the pattern will receive a time, regardless of whether they make extra crossovers or back up to correct a mistake.
15. In case of timer failure on a correct run, the contestant will be given a re-ride.
16. Contestants shall enter/leave the gate at no more than a trot in a controlled manner. There will be a five second penalty for running through the gate.
17. Contestants or spectators must stay out of gate area unless it is their turn.
18. For safety and in fairness to the competitors, spectators shall be required to remain in authorized area and away from arena fences.
19. Boots with a clearly defined heel must be worn when riding with a saddle.
20. Excessive pulling reins, slapping, kicking, hitting, or any exorbitant punishment or abuse of a horse, at any time while in and around the arena shall result in disqualification for the duration of that day. This will be determined by the Arena Judge.
21. An act of discourtesy or disobedience to any Gymkhana official in or out of the arena will result in disqualification for the duration of that day.
22. The use of profanity by any contestant in the arena will result in disqualification for that event.
23. A person on foot may lead a contestant into the arena, but must not cross the timer line unless they are in the lead line class. No ponying horses shall be allowed past the start line unless contestant is entered in the lead line class.
24. 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 entry shall receive a no time and no re-ride.
25. In running off a tie in an event, the fastest correctly completed time wins.
26. In the event of a tie for the two-day event, awards will be given to the contestants of the tie.
27. The Board of Directors reserves the right to remove a horse and/or rider from the Gymkhana without recourse.

28. In order to qualify for year-end awards a contestant must be a member of N.A.H.A. and participate in 14 events each season.
29. The board reserves the right to change, alter or cancel any event; including but not limited to time onlys.
30. No more than three riders per horse. (Except in the non-competitive lead line class.)
31. To be eligible for year-end prizes, every rider 14 and over must help a minimum of 1 time per gymkhana that they participate in. Riders 13 and under must have an individual 14 or over help a minimum of 1 time per gymkhana that they participate in. Sign-up will be made before the Gymkhana starts in the rider's name. This rule will be enforced.
32. There are no alcoholic beverages allowed in or around the arena area. One warning will be given; any repeat offense will result in automatic dismissal of the rider and/or guest(s). No points or refund will be given to the rider for that day.
33. In all events, the horse has to have a rider, excluding the lead line class.
34. A rider that pays a family membership and is a single rider, pays the single arena fee.
35. Participants must enter the arena mounted and begin pattern within two (2) minutes.
36. Once the rider has been called upon to compete and does not enter the arena within three calls, the contestant will be turned out and receive a no time
37. Anytime the eye of the timer is broken during the pattern it will result in a "NO TIME".

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them, and understand that I may be disqualified by breaking them

Signature of Responsible Family Member/or Single Member Date

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