

BASIC RULES for HLPHA Obstacle Challenge Aug. 21 SHOW

Order of Go will be random with the "C" division running first, then "B" then "A"

Course and Point Value will be posted at the beginning of the course set up time.

The time for the course is will be posted with course. There will be a 30 second warning sound to completion. If an Obstacle has been started when the 30 second alarm goes, the competitor may complete that Obstacle before crossing the finish line.

Each horse may go through the course only once.

Each horse must be sound and in good condition for the task at hand. Open to all breeds

Stallions must be shown by a person over the age of 18 years

Kickers to be marked with red ribbon on tail

There will be 10 minutes for a course walk prior to the start of each Division. No horses allowed in the arena during course walk or any time other than when in competition

The rider will complete each obstacle as described in the course walk and/ or as per posted course instructions order to receive a "completed" score for that obstacle.

Knocking down or dislodging of any component of the obstacle will constitute an **incompleted** obstacle, Zero score for that Obstacle.

All obstacles will be re-set for the next participant, in the event of a knockdown

A dismount where the rider touches the ground will be considered a disqualification from competition

Riders may complete each obstacle on the course in any order they choose but may only complete each obstacle **once**. There is no time limit for each obstacle

Time will be calculated from the front hooves crossing start to hind hooves crossing the finish line. The start and finish line will be the same marked entry.

Point ties will be broken by the fastest time.

Maximum two (2) horses to be shown per rider

Good serviceable English or Western tack may be used, along with discipline appropriate attire and all riders MUST have a boot with a heel. If tack breaks during competition the rider may continue if it is safe to do so. If it unsafe to do so the rider must excuse themselves and will receive a disqualification. It is up to the rider to maintain good equipment.

ALL riders under 18 years MUST wear an ASTM approved helmet and it is recommended that all riders wear protective headgear.

Horses should be well groomed. Horses are permitted to wear protective leg wraps, boots or other leg gear.

All leverage bits must be equipped with a proper leather or flat chain chinstrap.

All other bridles are acceptable

Crops, bats, quirts, over-unders or use of reins or any other equipment is NOT ALLOWED to strike a horse, the result of use will be disqualification

The use of mechanical hackamores, gag-bits, draw reins, or martingales is NOT allowed

Any bits, spurs or other equipment deemed to be severe or inappropriate by the Ringmaster will NOT be allowed. The Ringmaster will evaluate the tack on the horse when it enters the ring.

The Event committee reserves the right to disqualify any entrant for what is perceived to be abuse, rider misconduct, failing to observe the facility or show rules, or for failing to keep their horse under control.

Presentation for Each Division will be UNMOUNTED and will occur during the course walk for the upcoming Division.

Rules and obstacles may be subject to change at the discretion of the Event Committee