

SEAHA Gymkhana Rules

1. ALL Judges' and/or Announcers' decisions are final.
2. The walk is the only gait permitted outside the arena, excluding the warm-up area.
3. A one-minute gate call will be enforced.
4. A horse may be assisted into the arena.
5. Event cancellations will be at the Judges' and/or Announcers' discretion. In this case refunds will be given.
6. We reserve the right to adjust these rules if necessary for the safety of the horses and/or riders.
7. Re-rides will be given at the Judges' and/or Announcers' discretion only.
8. In the case of timer malfunction, a re-ride will be given.
9. A re-ride will NOT be given and a no-time received 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 run.
10. A re-ride will NOT be given if a horse or rider falls.
11. In pointed classes a 5-second penalty will be added to your time if a barrel or pole is knocked down. No penalty will be added if you prevent a pole or barrel from falling to the ground.
12. You will be disqualified and receive a no-time for the following:
 - a. Breaking the pattern. Failure to execute the exact pattern. No backing.
 - b. Breaking the timer during your run.
 - c. In the Flag Race, if the flag falls to the ground, or on barrel, or is not placed in the sand of the bucket.
 - d. Using a prop to encourage the horse. Example, hitting the horse with the flag in the flag race.
 - e. In Jackpot classes, if a barrel or pole is knocked down or if you try and prevent them from falling.
13. Dress Code for Rider: Shirt, long trousers, appropriate riding shoes with a clearly defined heel. Helmets are strongly encouraged but not required. Hats are optional.
14. Dress Code for Horse: Appropriate tack including a saddle and head gear. Tack deemed to be unsafe or inhumane will not be allowed. This is at the sole discretion of the judge.
15. Excessive punishment of a horse, including spurring or striking forward of the cinch at any time shall result in disqualification for the duration of the gymkhana.
16. Rider must maintain control of horse from the time of entry into arena until exit from arena. It is the judge's discretion to disqualify rider for lack of control, including running into fence or horse running off.
17. Show officials reserve the right to remove a horse and/or rider from the gymkhana without recourse.
18. In the case of a tie for high point trophy, a runoff will occur. The runoff event will be one that has not been run that day. The judge will decide which event it will be.
19. Age divisions will be 7 & under, 8 to 13, 14 to 18, 19 & over, and 40+.
20. Ribbons will be given to places 1st thru 5th for the pointed classes.

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21. The pointed year end classes will go to one horse/one rider. The one horse must be run first in each class and clearly noted on entry sheets. Additional runs on different horses will be allowed, but no points awarded.
22. Points will be given as follows: 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points 3rd place = 3 points, 4th place = 2 points, 5th place = 1 point, 1 point for each qualified run.
23. You must be a SEAHA member to be eligible for year-end awards. Points are tabulated from date membership is received and will not be retroactive.
24. Awards not claimed within 3 months of being awarded will be forfeited back to the club.
25. Only members of the show staff are allowed in the announcer's booth.
26. Anyone paying for entries and payment of check does not clear for insufficient funds; their points will be frozen until arrangements have been made to bring debt current.
27. Age divisions based on your age as of January 1st of that year.
28. Contestants must compete in all 4 pointed classes in 2 out of 3 gymkhanas to be eligible for year-end awards.