



Breakaway Farm Horse Event Rules

2021

WARNING

Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A. § 1039.

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Ground Rules

1. The purpose of the rules are to ensure equal opportunity for the contestants, maximize the safety of the horse and rider, establish a reasonable code of dress and conduct, and ensure humane treatment of horses.
2. Any rider/driver under 18 or entered in a youth class is required to wear a helmet while mounted or in a cart on the grounds.
3. A current negative coggins test and rabies vaccine will be required within one year of date.
4. No horse will be allowed to participate when unsoundness or injury is sufficient to be considered an act of cruelty. The existence of a Veterinarian's note does not automatically grant an exemption. The final decision belongs to Breakaway Farm
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct by contestants, parents or relatives of the contestant, inside or outside of the arena, may result in disqualification of the contestant and possible dismissal from the show grounds. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:
6. Willfully causing trouble by constant complaining, aggravating judges, horse show manager or other personnel.
7. Accusing or making derogatory statements relative to the performance of judges or show officials.
8. Unsafe conduct inside or outside of the arena
9. conduct considered by the judge to be detrimental to Gymkhana, including foul language, will not be allowed in the arena
10. Riding boots or shoes with heels are required. Sneakers or flat soled shoes are not allowed.
11. Use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on the grounds by participants, handlers, relatives, judges, officials and spectators during any active horse-related event is strictly prohibited.
12. All riders ride at their own risk and are responsible for damage done by their horse.
13. Abuse of horses or any animals will not be tolerated. Any indication of cruelty such as welts, cuts, bleeding or marks on the animal will be deemed cruelty. Riders will be asked to leave and will receive no refund. The show organizers decision is final. If you have concerns about the treatment of any horse, please address it with show personnel
14. Horses must be under control at all times. A horse that cannot be controlled in or out of the ring and may cause injury will be asked to leave without any refund
15. All dogs must be leashed, attended at all times and kept away from all riding rings or you will be asked to remove your dog from the grounds. If your dog barks excessively, please leave them at home.
16. The use of offensive or derogatory language including excessive cursing is discouraged. If any person has an issue with any other member during an event please address it with show personnel
17. Use of the arena or farm outside of organized events is by permission of the owners of Breakaway Farm
18. Horses are not to be turned loose under any circumstances
19. Please clean up around where you park, pick up and dump manure and hay in the designated area. Thank you!

Gymkhana Rules

1. Helmets are required for anyone under the age of 18 when mounted and are recommended for every rider.
2. Current Coggins and Rabies are required
3. Two or more classes in the same event may be combined if there is an insufficient number of entries in either class.
4. The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed pattern
5. After the course is completed, the horse must be brought under control before leaving the arena
6. Any obstacle knocked over equals a disqualification. Touching an obstacle with the intent of keeping it from going down shall not result in a penalty.
7. Falling off the Horse while on Course equals a disqualification
8. Riders ride at their own risk and are responsible for all damages done by their horse(s).
9. A rider may be assisted through the gate and up to the timing line. The assistant cannot pass the timing line inside or outside of the timing poles
10. A rider must ride their horse into the arena and after entering the arena, the rider must begin the course within one minute
11. Time shall start when any part of the horse crosses the starting line and shall end when any part of the horse crosses the finish line.
12. Any ties will be broken by a rerun of the tied riders
13. All riders are expected to be on deck when they are called. Riders are to be at the gate by the third call or they will be disqualified.
14. Time Limit - There is a two (2) minute time limit per game. Please leave the arena if you are timed out.
15. It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure the ring is ready, and the ring crew is clear of the arena and the chute.
16. Once you are in the arena and start your run there will be no reruns for competitor defective equipment. CHECK YOUR TACK!
17. The only time a rider will be required to rerun an event is if the timers malfunction or a course is improperly set. If a rider has successfully completed a legal course and then it is determined there was a problem (for instance the ground is/was unsafe or there was some sort of interference) the affected riders will be given the option for a re-ride
18. Patterns or games are subject to change based on arena condition to be determined by the show personnel
19. No refunds will be made due to weather conditions. If the weather causes cancellation it is for the horse and riders safety.
20. Final decision is up to Show Management.
21. Riders must enter the arena with suitable attire and/or equipment including a Saddle with stirrups and bridle and
22. Any rider/horse team competing in the Novice/Green Horse Walk-Trot Division CANNOT canter/lope at any other timed or judged event.

Divisions

Novice/Green Horse: WALK TROT ONLY (Novice Rider or Green Horse)

Youth: WALK TROT CONTROLLED CANTER

Youth Open: CANTER OR GALLOP

Adult: WALK TROT CONTROLLED CANTER!

Adult Open : CANTER OR GALLOP

Special "Lead Line" Rules for Riders who need assistance.

Lead Line Riders may participate in the Novice/Green horse division but will NOT be eligible for awards.

Show management may choose to offer a special award for lead line riders

A rider may be led through the course by a parent or responsible party provided the rider is not able to complete the course without assistance. Such assistance is allowed to ensure the safety of the rider but does not extend to the assistant touching the poles, flags or other obstacles.

When leading the animal across the timing line, the assistant must be at or behind the shoulder of the animal to prevent any timer malfunctions

Protests

Written protests, accompanied with a fee of \$25.00 cash must be submitted to show within 30 minutes after completion of the protested event.

Approved protests will result in a refund of the \$25.00 fee.

Fees from unapproved protests are not refundable

All protests will be reviewed with the intention of eliminating ambiguities that might exist in the rule book.