

Fullerton Recreational Riders

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Gymkhana Show Rules

It is the Rider's responsibility to know the rules.

This is a list of answers to some of the most frequently asked questions, it is not a substitute for reading and knowing the rules.

FRR will adhere to the FRR Gymkhana Rules and Club Bylaws, as well as the CSHA Gymkhana Rules. The complete rules can be found at: www.fullertonrecreiders.org and www.californiastatehorsemen.org

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Show Management:

- Ensures accuracy of computerized and handwritten timesheets.
- Responsible for submitting timesheets and rating fees to the CSHA State Rating Secretary.
- Responsible for posting any rating changes calculated by the CSHA State Rating Secretary.
- Has the authority to enforce all rule infractions that occur outside the arena.
- Designates the order in which all horse and rider combinations shall compete, aka the Order of Go.

Judge:

- The Gymkhana Judge's decision is final.
- The Gymkhana Judge may appoint one or more competent assistant judges to assist but the licensed judge's decision is final.
- The Gymkhana Judge enforces all rule infractions occurring inside the arena.

The Judge and Show Management shall work together to enforce all FRR and CSHA rules as needed.

Attire:

- An ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmet is required for all riders (under the age of 18) anytime while mounted at an event. Nothing that affects the proper fit may be worn under the helmet.
- T-shirts and/or tank tops, baseball caps and visors are not allowed.
- Shirts/blouses must be of a design that is intended to be tucked in. All shirts/blouses must be tucked in when the rider enters the arena. Female contestants may wear blouses with sleeves of any length (long, short or sleeveless). Male contestants may wear shirts with long or short sleeves only. Only the top two buttons or snaps, including the collar button or snap, may be left open. Long sleeve garments must be secured at the wrist.
- Spurs must be secured into the boot heel, no slip-on type.
- Western spurs must not have sharp points; rowels must be exposed and must spin. English spurs, if worn, must be of the un-roweled type.
- Western: Riders using a stock saddle must dress in western style without sacrificing safety.
- English: Riders using English saddles must dress in English style without sacrificing safety.

Tack:

- The judge may prohibit the use of any equipment he may consider severe, of unusual construction or arrangement or inhumane, abnormal or dangerous.
- Romels must be attached to the reins. An over and under must be attached to the saddle horn. No part of the Romel, the over and under, or the split reins shall extend further than the center of the horse's knee joint, when the horse is standing still.
- While on course, if tack or equipment breaks, or the horse casts a shoe the combination shall be allowed to continue so long as the course can be completed without cruelty to the horse or danger to the rider.

Breakage of tack or equipment shall not entitle the combination to a re-ride.

Divisions:

The rating events shall be Big T, Birangle, Cloverleaf Barrels, and Skill Barrels.

During the regular season, January 1st through September 15th, an individual rating record will be kept on all combinations that compete in a Rated Show. Exceptions: Rating records will not be kept for combinations that enter a Time Only or Lead Line division.

Ratings will be calculated by the CSHA Rating Secretary. Only ratings done by the State Rating Secretary or by individuals appointed by the State Rating Secretary will be considered official.

"Off Course" times will not be used to calculate ratings. The time from any run that is disqualified for any other reason will be used.

If a run is declared "Off Course" the combination may not re-run the event for rating purposes, placings or points.

A combination will begin the next season in their Year End Rating (YER) division.

Combinations will compete in their YER division until they receive a Current Year Rating (CYR).

In the new season, after a combination has three (3) qualified times in each of the Rating events; they will receive a CYR.

Event Rating Chart:

| Event | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Big T | 16.999 | 17.799 | 18.799 | 20.599 | 22.999 | 27.599 | → |
| Birangle | 14.999 | 15.799 | 16.799 | 17.999 | 19.999 | 24.999 | → |
| Cloverleaf 1 | 18.999 | 19.799 | 20.799 | 21.999 | 23.999 | 28.999 | → |
| Skill Barrels | 16.999 | 17.799 | 18.799 | 20.599 | 22.999 | 26.999 | → |

Average Division Rating Chart

| Average | Division |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.000 – 1.499 | 1 |
| 1.500 – 2.499 | 2 |
| 2.500 – 3.499 | 3 |
| 3.500 – 4.499 | 4 |
| 4.500 – 5.499 | 5 |
| 5.500 – 6.499 | 6 |
| 6.500 – 7.000 | 7 |

Start & Finish of Course:

After a combination has been announced as "On Course" and the previous combination has cleared the arena, the rider shall have one minute to begin the course.

Upon entering the arena, the rider must have his horse under control. After entering the arena, the rider must momentarily break the horse's forward motion by coming to a four-footed stop, backing, circling, or turning the horse 180 degrees away from the start/finish line.

The horse must come to a halt after finishing the course and before leaving the arena but may turn or circle before coming to a halt.

Before leaving the arena, the rider must acknowledge the judge and wait for the judge's signal that indicates a good ride or disqualification.

Timing:

Timing shall start when any part of the horse crosses the start line and shall end when any part of the horse crosses the finish line upon completion of the course, or when disqualified by the judge.

Timer Malfunction: If there is a timer malfunction, and a backup time is not available, the combination shall be given the option of a re-ride.

In all cases, the time shall be from the final run made.

If the first run was ruled "Off Course" there shall be no additional runs. Only if the first run was disqualified for an infraction other than "Off Course", will the second and/or third run be for time only. If the first run was clean (no downed obstacles), but the second run is not the rider shall be given the option of a third and final run.

If the first run was clean: the time and the penalty (if any) shall be from the final run.

If the first run was not clean: the penalty shall be from the run with the most downed obstacles.

Example: If the first run was not clean, and the second and/or third run is clean the penalty from the first ride shall be added to the final run's time.

If the first run qualified and the second run was disqualified due to "off course" the combination shall be given a third ride.

If the second ride was disqualified for any other reason, there shall be no third ride.

Placings:

Show placings are based on the "Actual Time", not the Base Time.

In the case of a tie for an event placement all combinations shall be awarded the same placing and points.

The subsequent number of placings shall not be awarded.

Example: Three combinations tie for first place. All three receive first place points. No second or third place points are awarded. The next combination receives fourth place points.

Distribution of the event awards shall be at the discretion of show management.

Breaking a Show High Point Tie

In the event of a tie for a show's high point award, the tie shall be broken using the following procedure:

When all combinations involved competed in all the events:

If any combination involved in the tie was disqualified, in one or more events, the award shall be given to the combination that had no disqualifications.

If there were no disqualifications, the tie shall be broken by combining the actual time ran in each event. The combination with the lowest overall time shall be declared the high point winner.

If all the combinations involved were disqualified, in one or more events, the tie shall be broken by combining the time from those events in which none of the involved combinations were disqualified.

Example:

Sue and Jim tied for 1st place. Both were disqualified in one event.

Sue disqualified in Quadrangle and Jim disqualified in Birangle. Only the times from the shows remaining events would be added for total time. Quadrangle and Birangle would be omitted from both competitor's total time.

When a combination involved did not compete in all the events:

The combination that did not compete in all the events shall relinquish the award for the tied position and accept the award for the next lower placing.

Penalties, Disqualifications and Expulsions:

Penalties:

A two second penalty shall be assessed for each obstacle knocked down. The combination must remain "On Course" as if the obstacle were still standing.

Any obstacle that is knocked down and then rights itself will be considered a downed obstacle.

Entering the arena with improper attire, tack, or with long sleeves of any garment that are not secured at the wrist shall result in a ten (10) second penalty.

Electing to execute Hurry Scurry with the jumps down is an automatic twenty-second (20) penalty.

Off Course (OC):

The following actions will result in either an invalid or no time being recorded. An invalid time cannot be used for Rating purposes. Therefore, the ride will be declared "Off Course."

Negotiating obstacles in other than the specified order

Negotiating obstacles in the wrong order or direction

Correcting the improper passing of an obstacle by backing or changing the direction of movement

Backing which continues past the previous obstacle

Fall of the rider while on course.

If any part of the horse crosses or comes in contact with the start/finish line after crossing the start/finish line to enter the course and before completing the course.

If the combination does not start and finish the course by crossing the start/finish line between the two markers.

In Hurry Scurry, if the horse goes around a jump or jumps on the outside of the jump.

The jump must be judged as if there were full upright standards, and the entire horse must go over the jump (all four of the horse's feet must go over the jump).

Disqualifications (DQ):

Any of the following infractions shall disqualify a ride. The time from a disqualified ride can be used for Rating purposes. Therefore, the timekeeper must be able to enter a time for a disqualified run.

Failure of the rider to break the horse's forward motion.

Failure of the rider to begin the course within 60 seconds of being announced "on course".

Failure of the rider to enter the arena mounted.

Prior to leaving the arena, failure of the rider to acknowledge the judge and wait for the judge's signal indicating good ride or disqualification.

After entering the arena, kicking, striking, or beating the horse in any manner whatsoever forward of the cinch. Touching or patting the horse to calm, praise or encourage the horse shall not be considered striking or beating the horse.

Horse being unruly or out of control.

Any kind of cruelty to the horse whether or not specifically mentioned in this rule.

Excessive use of spurs, crop, bat, Romel and/or over and under.

Dismounting while in the arena without obtaining permission from the judge prior to dismounting.

If a horse or rider falls, while not on course, it shall be considered a granted request for permission to dismount.

Failure of the rider to end the course at a halt.

Helmet Requirement:

If a rider (under 18) enters the arena without an ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmet:

First occurrence of the show - before they start the course, the combination shall be excused from the arena, allowed to put on the helmet, and then return to compete.

Second occurrence in the same show - they will be disqualified from the event.

Third occurrence in the same show - they will be expelled from the show.

Excessive abusive language will not be tolerated in or around the arena.

No running/loping or fast trotting outside of the two arenas. It is the rider's responsibility to be at the gate for their assigned start time.

Un-sportsman like conduct will not be tolerated in or around the show grounds and could be cause for dismissal from the show.

If you are excused for the day by the judge or show management for any rule violations, you will forfeit your points earned that day for that show, with no refund of entry fees.

If your check bounces, you will forfeit your points for that show, and you may not earn anymore points thereafter until your NSF check and all applicable fees have been paid in full.

Events:

The following events shall be offered during the season:

Every Year

Rated:

Big T
Birangle
Cloverleaf
Skill Barrels
Hurry Scurry
Single Pole
Speed Barrels

Even Numbered Years

Figure 8
Poles 2

Odd Numbered Years

Quadrangle
Poles 1

Event Points:

Points are given 1st – 9th place only.

| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th | 7 th | 8 th | 9 th |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

For single entry placings, refer to CSHA Time Charts – Page G 20-21

Buttons are given 1st through 5th place, with one ribbon going to each winning rider each day. For example, a rider earns 1st place in Birangle, and 4th place in Skill Barrels. The rider will receive one ribbon, a 1st place button and a 4th place button for the day.

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Daily Awards:

Daily awards are given to the Champion (first place) and Reserve Champion (second place) at the end of each show, in each division.

Year End Awards:

Eligibility

Each rider must be a member in good standing with FRR to earn points to be eligible for a year end award.

Each rider must ride in five of the seven offered Gymkhana shows as an FRR member to be eligible for year-end awards.

Each rider must attend at least three (3) regularly scheduled General Club Meetings held at the arena (May-September) on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month.

Each rider must work at the shows or have someone work for them, i.e., gate, obstacle setter, entry booth, club workdays, other volunteer jobs, etc. All non-show workdays will be announced in the Club newsletter (Trail Tales) and on social media. Non-show workdays are for members only.

Each horse/rider combination must ride in 4 of the 5 offered daily events for it to be considered a completed show. Four of the classes will be state-rated events:

Birangle
Big T
Skill Barrels
Cloverleaf Barrels

Exception

If a horse is injured or cannot be ridden, the rider may bring in another horse to ride. A veterinarian's note is required for the horse no longer able to compete.

Points from the first horse will not carry over to a new horse/rider combination.

The new horse/rider combination must start over in the Open division and get rated by the CSHA State Rating Secretary. Only the number of shows ridden on the injured horse will count towards the new horse/rider combination for shows ridden eligibility.

The rider must be the same as the one on the injured horse.

Volunteers:

Volunteer hours will be tracked. Each rider must have a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time recorded. If hours are not logged, the rider will not be eligible for year-end awards. It is the rider's responsibility to be sure their hours are logged.

Bumping:

Any horse & rider combination that moves into a new division will carry their points with them.

Exception: If the moving rider has more points than the rider in 1st place in the new division, the moving rider will only carry enough points to be placed 5 points behind the 1st place rider in the new division.

Tie Breaking: Individual Shows vs Year-End

Individual Shows: Ties that occur for daily high point awards will be broken using CSHA rules (Reference section 12.3 of the CSHA Gymkhana rule book).

Year-End Shows: Only the best fitting scenario below will be used to resolve a year-end tie.

1. If riders have ridden in the same number of shows as FRR members in good standing with a minimum of 5 shows, in the same speed division, then their times will be added up and the faster time will take 1st place, then 2nd and so on.
2. If the riders have ridden in a different number of shows, as FRR members in good standing with a minimum of 5 shows in the same speed division, then only the same number of shows ridden will be used to break the tie. Their times will then be added together, and the fastest time will take 1st place.
3. When there is a tie, only the shows ridden the same speed divisions as FRR members will be used to break ties.