

Parkland Horseman's Association

2017-2018 Obstacle Challenge

Information and Rules

PHA's NEW Obstacle Challenge is a fun, easy introduction to obstacle events. Untimed and open to any discipline, this is a family friendly way to better your horsemanship and strengthen the bond with your equine partner. Expect some obstacles to be similar to trail classes and then others may be a step above such as walking on a tarp, "car wash" of pool noodles and a noise maker.

1. Please read the PHA General Rules.
2. All participants must be a member of PHA in good standing.
3. All participants must present a current copy of a negative Coggins test and names must match entry form.
4. One horse/rider/handler pair per entry form. Participants may add classes or additional runs.
5. Riders/handlers may register the morning of competition.
6. Attire: Show attire for your respective discipline is encouraged. Mandatory: SEI approved helmet for riders/handlers under the age of 18, long pants, boots, belt and a sleeved, collared shirt.
7. Classes: A. In-hand Novice; B. In-Hand Advanced; C. Under-saddle Novice; D. Under-saddle Advanced; E. Lead-line.
8. Fees: Obstacle/office fee \$20, Class fee \$10, additional runs (scores do not qualify for placing in class) \$5.
9. Scoring: Rider/handler 0-10 per OBSTACLE. Horse 0-10 per OBSTACLE. Equitation 0-10 per RUN. Partnership 0-10 per RUN. Overall presentation 0-10 per RUN. Scores will be totaled to determine placing. Ties will be broken by Partnership score. If Partnership scores are the same, winner to be determined by judge.
10. Classes will be placed 1st through 6th. A Champion and Reserve Horse award (per class) will be given to the highest scoring run by a individual horse on his/her 1st time on course for the entire day. IE. A horse that is competing in Under-saddle Novice is qualified for Champion in that class but not if the same horse competes again in Under-saddle Advanced, even with a different rider.
11. After registering, riders/handlers will receive a back number and a score sheet marked with their class and if it is qualifying or a additional run. Once a rider/handler is registered, place your name on the order of go at the gate. Present your score sheet to the judge at your turn. Qualifying score sheets will go to office for compilation. Participants may take their additional run sheets with them upon completion of course.
12. Only one horse/rider/handler will be on the course at a time.
13. A half-hour walk-through will be available for riders/handlers prior to the start of the show. Horses are NOT allowed on the course until competition begins.
14. Riders/handlers may do multiple additional runs but only AFTER performing their Class Qualifying run in that same class. IE. A handler may not do an additional run in In-hand Novice then compete in that class but may compete in In-hand Advanced or Under-saddle classes (note: in this scenario, the horse would NOT be eligible for Champion or Reserve Horse in any class).
15. The course must be performed as shown in course diagram to be posted the day of the show.

16. 3 attempts at an obstacle are allowed (unless the judge deems necessary to move to the next obstacle). The judge may excuse a horse/rider/handle pair at any time and for any reason. Dismounting to help a horse through an obstacle is allowed. Points will be subtracted from that obstacle but may be added in Partnership score at judges discretion. Rider must remount before approaching next obstacle.
17. Once a horse/rider/handler have successfully completed an “Advanced” course, that pair can not earn a qualifying score on a “Novice” course respectively in in-hand and under-saddle classes. In-hand advanced pairs may compete in Under-saddle Novice. The same horse may compete in any class with a different rider/handler.
18. Lead-line horses MUST successfully complete the course in another class before performing in their lead-line class. Lead-line competitors may not cross enter another riding class.
19. An individual horse can not compete in a class more than 3 times with different riders. The judge has the right to disqualify any horse he/she may deem to be stressed or overworked.
20. PHA may choose to add a timed Jackpot class after the completion of all other classes. Please look for a sign up sheet at the office on show day.
21. Year-end awards: Champion, Reserve 3rd-6th will be awarded for each class. A Youth award is available for riders/handlers 16 years and younger in combined In-Hand classes and combined Under-saddle classes. Horse/rider combinations that are receiving awards for Advanced In-hand and Advanced Under-saddle will be excluded from the respective Novice