

# Parkland Horseman's Association

## 2018-2019 Obstacle Challenge

### Information and Rules

PHA's Obstacle Challenge is a fun, easy introduction to obstacle events. Untimed and open to any discipline, this is family friendly way to better your horsemanship and strengthen the bond with your equine partner. Expect some obstacles to be similar to those found in trail classes.

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 name must match the one on the 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 the competition.
6. Attire: Show attire for your respective discipline is encouraged. Mandatory: SEI approved helmet for rider/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 \$5. (additional runs do not qualify for placing in class).
9. Scoring: Rider/handler 0-10 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 will be determined by the judge.
10. Classes will be placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. A Champion and Reserve Horse award (per class) will be given to the highest scoring run by an individual horse on his/her 1<sup>st</sup> time on the course for the entire day. IE. A horse that is competing 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, marked as either a qualifying or a additional run. Once a rider/handler is registered, place your name on the order of go sheet at the gate. When it's your turn present your score sheet to the judge for the run. Qualifying score sheets will go to the office to be scored. Additional run sheets can be kept by rider/handler.
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.

15. The course must be performed as shown in the course diagram that is posted the day of the show.
16. 3 attempts at an obstacle are allowed, unless the judge deems it's necessary to move to the next obstacle. The Judge may excuse a horse/rider/handler pair at any time for any reason. Dismounting to help a horse through an obstacle is allowed. Points will be subtracted for the obstacle but may be added in the Partner score at the Judge's discretion. Rider must remount before the approaching the 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 or 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 the Lead-Line class. Lead-Line competitors may not cross enter another riding class.
19. An Individual horse cannot compete in a class more than 3 times with different riders/handlers. The Judge has the right to disqualify any horse deemed stressed or over worked.
20. PHA may choose to as a timed Jackpot class after the completion of all classes. Sign up sheets are available in the office the day of the show.
21. Year-End awards: Champion, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will be awarded for each class.

## **The Obstacle Challenge**

Classes offered

In-Hand Novice

In-Hand Advanced

Under-Saddle Novice

Under-Saddle Advanced

Lead-Line 8 years and Under

Year end awards for classes listed

Champion through 6<sup>th</sup> place