

Parkland Horseman's Association

2020-2021 Obstacle Challenge

Information and Rules

PHA's Obstacle Challenge is a fun and easy introduction to obstacle events, which is 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 those found in trail classes. Judge's guidelines are available on our website or show office.

1. Please read the PHA General Rules and Judge's Guidelines. Any questions, please ask the Obstacle Chair IN WRITING.
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 the horse's name must match the one on the entry form
4. One horse and rider/handler combination per entry form. Entry forms are available online and will be provided the morning of competition. Adding classes and additional runs are allowed the morning of the competition.
5. Riders and handlers may enter the morning of the show, however, entries close at 11:00 the morning of the show and preregistration is encouraged.
6. Show attire for your respective discipline is encouraged. SEI approved helmets are mandatory for all riders/handlers under the age of 18 and encouraged for all participants. Long pants, boots, belt, and a sleeved, collared shirt are required.
7. After registering, riders/handlers will receive a back number and their score sheet will be given to the scribe to hold. Participants are responsible for making sure the correct back number and class is listed on their score sheets.
8. Amateur and Open courses will have 2 more obstacles than the Lead-line, youth, and novice courses, and a higher level of horsemanship is expected. Lead-line, youth, and novice participants cannot cross enter into Amateur or Open.
9. A walk-through is available 1/2 hour before the start of the show. No horses are allowed on the course until competition begins.
10. There is no "class order of go," and riders do not have to wait until all the in-hand is finished before trying their under-saddle courses. However, a running "general order of go" is kept on a dry erase board by the in-gate (on a first come, first served basis). Please be sure to write your name, include your back number, pay attention to who is going before you, and be ready to enter at your time. If you are not "on deck" at your time, you miss your slot, and must add your number to the order again.
11. Be courteous at the in-gate. Do not crowd other participants, and work together to help keep the show flowing.
12. Only one horse and rider/handler permitted on the course at a time except for lead-line classes.

13. Fees: Obstacle/office fee \$20; Class fee \$10; additional runs \$5. (Participants may enter the course for an additional run toward the end of the show and for a \$5 fee. Only the scores earned by the first run will count toward the class results).
14. The course must be performed as shown in the course diagram that is posted the day of the show.
15. Scoring is determined by a 0-10 points awarded per obstacle, then 0-10 points awarded for Equitation, and another 0-10 for Partnership. Please see judge's guidelines for an explanation of what is expected. The points will be compiled, and the highest number points determine class placings. Ties will be broken by the partnership score. If that is the same, then the judge decides placings.
16. No more than 3 attempts at an obstacle are allowed, unless the judge deems it is necessary to move to the next obstacle. The judge may excuse a participant at any time for any reason. Dismounting to help a horse through an obstacle is allowed, however, points will be subtracted from that obstacle score, but may be added to partnership score at the judge's discretion. Rider must remount before approaching the next obstacle.
17. Lead-line under saddle horses must successfully complete the course in another class before performing in the lead-line under saddle class. Lead-line competitors may not cross enter into any other under saddle classes.
18. Daily awards: Classes will be placed 1st-6th. High Scoring In-hand Champion will be determined including all in-hand classes. High Scoring Under Saddle Champion will be determined including all the riding classes.
19. Year-end Awards: Year-end high points will be determined by the following: 1st placed participants in every class during the year will earn 7 points; 2nd place = 6 points; 3rd place = 5 points; 4th place = 4 points; 5th place = 3 points; 6th place = 2 points. All other participants will earn 1 point. Highest number of points will determine Champion and 2nd highest will determine Reserve Champion in the following divisions: In-hand Champion (includes ALL in-hand classes); Under Saddle Champion (includes ALL under saddle classes); Lead-line Under Saddle (includes only lead-liners); Youth division; Amateur division; and Open division. Division placings will be determined by combining In-hand and Under Saddle classes per same horse/rider combination. Please be sure to see general rules to be sure to qualify for year-end awards.

The Obstacle Challenge

Classes Offered

1. In-hand Youth (Handler is 18 years old or younger)
2. In-hand Novice (Handlers 1st year of competition)
3. In-hand Amateur (non-professionals only)
4. In-hand Open (no restrictions)
5. Lead-line Under-saddle (10 years and younger)
6. Under Saddle Youth (Rider is 18 years old or younger)
7. Under Saddle Novice (Rider's 1st year of competition)
8. Under Saddle Amateur (non-professionals only)
9. Under Saddle Open (no restrictions)