

# 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.

1. Please read the PHA General Rules and Obstacles Class Guide. Any questions, please ask the Obstacle Chair IN WRITING as they have the final decision.
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, 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. No tank tops.
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. 17 and Under, Adult and Open classes will have 2+ more obstacles than the Lead-line, 10 and Under and Novice classes. Open classes may be asked to trot or canter between obstacles.
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.  
Classes are run in number order starting with in-hand. Any competitors cross-entering from the Hunter/Jumper runs will be able to run out of order. Please contact the gatekeeper on the day of the show to coordinate.
10. Be courteous at the in-gate. Do not crowd other participants, and work together to help keep the show flowing.
11. Only one horse and rider/handler permitted on the course at a time except for lead-line classes and during open-schooling during the first break (max 6 horses at a time).
12. Fees: Obstacle/office fee \$25; Class fee \$10; Open Schooling fee \$10. Open schooling will be during the first break between the In-hand and under-saddle classes.
13. The course must be performed as shown in the course diagram that is posted the day of the show.

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Daily awards: Classes will be placed with 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons. If there are 3 or more participants in a class, 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes will be available the day of show. Prizes must be collected day of show.
18. Year-end Awards: Year-end high points will be determined by the following: 1<sup>st</sup> placed participants in every class during the year will earn 7 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 6 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 5 points; 4<sup>th</sup> place = 4 points; 5<sup>th</sup> place = 3 points; 6<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points. All other participants will earn 1 point. Highest number of points will determine Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest will determine Reserve Champion. Please see general rules to be sure to qualify for year-end awards.

## **PHA Obstacle Challenge Classes Offered**

1. In-Hand Youth 10 and Under
2. In-hand Youth 17 and under
3. In-hand Novice (1<sup>st</sup> year of competition)
4. In-hand Adult (non-professionals only)
5. In-hand Open (no restrictions)
6. Lead-line Under-saddle (10 years and younger)
7. Under Saddle Youth 10 and Under
8. Under Saddle Youth 17 and under
9. Under Saddle Novice (1<sup>st</sup> year of competition)
10. Under Saddle Adult (non-professionals only)
11. Under Saddle Open (no restrictions)