



CHILLIWACK RIDING CLUB
2020

GYMKHANA RULES

- 1) Heeled boots and western or english attire must be worn, including helmet or western hat. Sleeveless shirts are acceptable, weather permitting. No golf shirts or t-shirts.
- 2) Any rider going off course will be disqualified.
- 3) If a competitor's hat hits the ground and \$2 fine (per hat-fall) must be paid before the next event.
- 4) A 5 second penalty shall be given for knocking over a barrel or pole in any given event. A rider will not be disqualified for manipulating game equipment.
- 5) A rider will be disqualified if a handler crosses the timer line with the exception of the Leadline and Peewee classes.
- 6) In the Peewee division the handler may not cross the timer line before the rider, nor may they touch the horse or rider at any point during the run. The handler may pass the timer line after the rider at the end of the run.
- 7) Any act, or series of actions, that in the opinion of the Judge, Directors or spectators can be defined as abuse of a horse, will be reported in writing. Such acts include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Persistent use of spurs, whips or bats;
 - b) Persistent abuse of the mouth through the bit;
 - c) Riding of an exhausted, obviously lame, or ill or excessively underweight horse.
Owner and/or rider will be asked to leave for the day and will forfeit any and all points or prizes for the day.
- 7) Points go to the rider, not the horse.
- 8) Riders may compete in two different divisions, riding two or more horses in one or more divisions, collecting points, ribbons, and fastest times.
- 9) Gymkhanas consist of five individually run events for all Year End Awards: Pole Bend, Stakes, Pole Turn, Barrel Race, Keyhole. Other fun games may be added, time permitting.
- 10) Late entries pay full price, but ride only the events left from the time of registration.
- 11) All riders must ride in the order of schedule, however, special consideration will be given, at the discretion of the Gymkhana Committee, to those that must leave early and to those who share a horse/equipment. Entrant must inform the Gymkhana Committee of their special request at the time of registration. Order of ride shall be by random draw.
- 12) If rider or horse becomes injured and cannot finish the day, rider will not lose points for Year End. In the case of a horse being injured, rider may borrow another horse for the remainder of the events to be run.

13) Gymkhana point system:

First Place	6 Points
Second Place	5 Points
Third Place	4 Points
Fourth Place	3 Points
Fifth Place	2 Points
Sixth Place	1 Point

- 14) The Judge will signal the adult gate person when to let the next rider in the arena. Riders may start as soon as they are in the arena. Riders may use run-ins when available, however, rider must have full control of horse when entering the gate.
- 15) The Novice division is designed for inexperienced riders and/or horses to participate in gymkhana events. A novice horse or rider must move into the next most appropriate rider age division after no more than two years in the novice class. If the rider wins High Point in the Novice division after their first year, they must automatically move into the most appropriate age division in the following year.
- 16) The Judge's decision is final.
- 17) Age divisions (rider age as of January 1st):

Leadline	No age limit
Peewee	9 and under
Junior	13 and under
Intermediate	14-17
Senior	18+
Novice	Inexperienced horse and/or rider (rule 15)

- 18) To qualify for Year End Awards in the gymkhanas, eligible Chilliwack Riding Club **members must compete in at least 60% of the gymkhanas held by the CRC**. In addition, all eligible **members must volunteer for at least 5 CRC events***. To qualify for the "Fast Times" awards the member is not required to have competed in 60% of gymkhanas, nor have 5 volunteer points, but is required to be Chilliwack Riding Club member.

*** Rider must obtain 5 volunteer points for the first horse on which they are competing, and three points for each subsequent horse, to qualify for year end awards.**