



CHILLIWACK RIDING CLUB

GYMKHANA RULES

- 1) Fees are payable by the due date established by the Club. Late entries, if they are permissible, will be subject to a \$10 fee.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Any rider going off course will be disqualified.
- 4) If a competitor's hat hits the ground and \$2 fine (per hat-fall) must be paid before the next event.
- 5) 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.
- 6) A rider will be disqualified if a handler crosses the timer line with the exception of the Leadline and Peewee classes.
- 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 four individually run events for all Year End Awards: Pole Bend, Stakes, Barrel Race, Keyhole. Other fun games will be added, but will not accrue to a speed award.
- 10) Late entries pay full price (plus applicable late entry fee), 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. Entrants must inform the Gymkhana Committee of their special request at the time of registration. Order of ride shall be by random draw.
- 12) If the rider or horse becomes injured and cannot finish the day, the rider will not lose points for Year End. In the case of a horse being injured, the rider may borrow another horse for the remainder of the events to be run.

13) Gymkhana point system:

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| 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, the rider must have full control of their 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):

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| Leadline | No age limit |
| Peewee | 9 and under |
| Junior | 13 and under |
| Youth | 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 3 CRC events***. To qualify for the "Fast Times" awards the member is not required to have competed in 60% of gymkhanas, nor have 3 volunteer points, but is required to be Chilliwack Riding Club member.

*** Riders competing on more than one horse must obtain 3 volunteer points for the first horse. There is no extra requirement for volunteer points for the subsequent horses. Points are given to the rider, not the horse.**

Children four years and younger are *not* required to have volunteer points for Year End awards.

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