

FRRC Obstacle Course Rules

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I. **Goals:**

The Obstacle Course events are intended to be a fun, educational, equine/rider confidence building, family event that promotes horsemanship, sportsmanship, safety and community. It is expected that all participants contribute to making these events possible by pitching in to help.

II. **FRRC Rules and Release of Liability:**

It is each competitor's responsibility (adult parent/guardian for children under 18) to know the specific rules. A copy of these rules will be available at each event and will be posted on the FRRC website www.fountainridingandropingclub.com. A signed "Release of Liability" must be signed by each rider (adult parent/guardian must sign for children under 18).

III. **Location:**

All FRRC Obstacle Course point competitions are held at the FRRC arena inside Metcalfe Park in Fountain, Colorado. The Obstacle course is open to members and non-members with the exception of any closed competitions.

IV. **Event Fees:**

Member fees are \$5.00 for each competition course. Non-member office fee is \$10. Exhibition runs (non-competitive horse) is \$5. Exhibitions will be run after each course. No contestant will be entered until these fees are paid. (FRRC only accepts cash or personal checks.)

V. **Attire and Equipment:**

a.) Proper attire will be required at all events by all contestants.
Long pants and boots with a heel are required. (no slip-on shoes, or tennis shoes). NO slip-on spurs.
NO tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, or bare midriff style shirts.
Long sleeve shirts are preferred, but t-shirts with crew neck are acceptable.
Helmets are recommended for everyone but is required for anyone under the age of 10.
If you have a medical condition wherein you are unable to wear required clothing or boots, a doctor's release is needed. See FRRC General Rules for complete details.

b.) Horses must have complete tack. (unless a bareback event is held)
This includes a saddle, saddle pad, and headstall.
NO halters allowed for riding on the course.
English, Australian, or Western saddles may be used.
Contestants are responsible for the maintenance and safety of their equipment
No re-rides will be available due to equipment failure

VI. **Disqualifications:**

- a.) Breaking the event pattern/sequence of obstacles
- b.) Crossing the finish line prior to completion
- c.) A knocked over barrel, pole, cone, jump, etc. will result in a 10 second penalty (fault) and will be placed AFTER clean (no fault) runs.
- d.) For lead-liners or unconfident riders, safety spotters are required and must be present in the arena; however, if it becomes necessary for the spotters to touch the horse or rider, the rider will be placed AFTER clean (no fault) runs.
- e.) No unconfident horse and rider combination will be allowed to participate in these events for safety reasons.
- f.) Mistreatment of animals will not be tolerated! The competitor may be asked to leave the grounds – See FRRC General Rules

- g.) Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct – this includes profanity, disorderly conduct, or an unmanageable or unsafe horse. The competitor may be asked to leave the grounds – See FRRC General Rules
- h.) Failure to wear proper attire – See FRRC General Rules

VII. Running of Events:

- a) The announcer, if applicable, will be an adult member of the club and will be responsible for keeping the competition on schedule. He/she will announce each contestant's name and horse's name as given on the entry list. Refunds are not given to contestants who fail to show at the gate when called, with the exception of an emergency.
- b.) A time keeper, if applicable, will be an adult member of the club, will operate the timer, relay the time to the announcer (if not using the electronic timing equipment), and record the time. Times for each contestant will be put in proper order and announced at the end of the day. Points earned for each event will be recorded on a master sheet and high point standings will be tallied.
- c.) Contestants will have a set time in which to complete the course, and exit the arena with the exception of lead line contestants, if any are present.
- d.) The arena gate must be closed during the running of the event, contestants must enter and exit the gate with their horse at a walk, and under control. Gate keeper must be at least 18 years of age for safety reasons.
- e.) No spectator, horses or riders may stand within 20 feet of the gate with the exception of the gatekeeper. This area is for horses entering and exiting the arena. The gatekeeper and arena director will help maintain the safety zone.
- f.) Obstacle Course committee members will be responsible for the care and upkeep of the equipment for the obstacle course.
- g.) Horses MUST be kept at a walk in the parking lot area unless in a designated warm up area.
- h.) If your horse kicks, PLEASE tie a red ribbon on/in the horse's tail so that other riders know to stay back, and PLEASE park away from other trailers to keep everyone safe.
- i.) All dogs MUST be kept on a leash as per Metcalfe Park rules.
- j.) Participants are responsible for cleaning around their trailers to include; trash and manure

VIII. Re-runs:

Re-runs will be allowed at the discretion of the Obstacles Committee for the event and may be granted for such things as: Timer malfunction, obstacle malfunction, or anything that interferes with or interrupts the contestant not in contestant's control. NO re-runs will be given for rider errors or tack/equipment failure.

IX. Competition points:

Points will be awarded for completion of each obstacle, as well as for speed but placings will be awarded up through 6th place.

- a.) Points will be given as follows:
 - i.) For each completed obstacle: +5 points
 - ii.) Time to complete obstacles: points by placings
(clean runs place before any time added (fault) runs, or assisted runs)

1 st place - 10 points	6 th place - 5 points
2 nd place - 9 points	7 th place - 4 points
3 rd place - 8 points	8 th place - 3 points
4 th place - 7 points	9 th place - 2 points
5 th place - 6 points	10 th place - 1 point
- b.) Competition points will only be awarded on one entry per contestant.
- c.) No points are given for exhibition runs.

X. Year End Award Points: (for FRRC members only)

- a.) You must be a member of FRRC in good standing and compete in a majority of points competitions during the season to be eligible.

- b.) All member contestants who participate in a majority of points competitions during the season, yet do not otherwise earn a competition award *MAY* receive a participation award.
- c.) Adult competitors must comply with the FRRC General rules to be eligible for any year end awards. Parents or guardians can meet eligibility requirements for minor competitors. – See FRRC General Rules for more details.
- d.) In the event that a competitor accumulated enough points to receive a year end award but did not meet eligibility criteria, the competitor will keep their standings but will not receive an award.
- e.) Calculation of year end standings will be figured by discarding any non-members points from each competition and moving member placings up, if applicable.

XI. Cancelled dates:

Cancelled dates may be rescheduled if there is an open, practical date. Any and all updated information will be posted to the FRRC Facebook page. In case of inclement weather, please all before you haul or check Facebook, we will post any last-minute changes.

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