

FRRC Gymkhana Rules - 2020

1. It is each competitor's responsibility (adult parent/guardian for children under 18) to know the specific rules. A copy of the rules will be available at each event and posted on the FRRC web site www.fountainridingandropingclub.com. A signed "Release of Liability" and a "COVID 19 Release" must be signed by each competitor (parents or legal guardians must sign for children under 18 years of age). Competitors must also comply with all FRRC general rules and posted Metcalfe Park Rules.

2. LOCATION OF GYMKHANA and ORDER OF EVENTS

All FRRC Gymkhanas are held at Metcalfe Park Arena in Fountain. Gymkhanas will be open to non-members (except for any closed shows). An office fee will be charged to non-members. All Gymkhanas begin with the National Anthem. Order of events will normally be Barrel Racing, 75 Up and Back, Flag Racing, Pole Bending and one Wild Card event pattern. All Lead Line classes will be run in their entirety before the other age groups. A shortened pattern may be utilized for these events. All other Age Groups will follow lead line but will not start earlier than one hour after the start of leadline classes. Cancelled gymkhanas may be rescheduled if there is an open date and it is practical. The most currently updated info will be posted to the FRRC group Facebook. Please check Facebook for last minute cancelations or changes.

3. EQUIPMENT and ATTIRE.

a. Western attire to include long pants and boots with a heel (not tennis style shoes) will be required of all contestants. Long sleeve shirts are recommended, but crew neck t-shirts are allowed (absolutely no tank tops, no low-cut necklines, and no exposed mid drifts). Helmets are strongly recommended. Doctor's releases will be accepted if a rider is medically unable to comply.

b. Horses must have complete tack, which includes at least a saddle, pad, and headstall with reins (no halters). Exception may be made for specific bareback events which may be run. Contestants may ride with either Western, Australian, or English tack. Competitors are responsible for the maintenance and safety of their equipment. No re-runs will be given due to equipment failure.

4. AGE DIVISIONS: Ages will be determined as of January 1st of the current year. Competitors must ride in their age division unless approved in advance by the Gymkhana Committee to "ride up" one age division, and must ride in this age division for the entire year. Age brackets are as follows:

- a. Lead line
- b. PeeWee 6 and under (if there are at least 2 competitors)
- c. Buckaroo 7 - 10
- d. Youth 11 - 13
- e. Juniors 14 - 17
- f. Adults 18 - 49
- g. Seniors 50 and over

5. FEES: For 2020 a special price of all 5 events for one gymkhana will be \$20.00 is in effect. Member fees are \$5.00 per class, per rider (if not entering all 5) and no office charge. Non-member fees include a

\$10.00 office charge per family plus \$5.00 per class per rider (if not entering all 5). No contestant is entered until fees are paid. Exhibitions are \$5.00 ea.

6. DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- a. Breaking the pattern of the event being run.
- b. Flag Race: A dropped flag or barrel or bucket knocked over in the flag race is a disqualification, except for lead-liners and Pee Wees which will be assessed a 10 second penalty for a dropped flag.
- c. All other events: A knocked over barrel or pole will be assessed a 5 second penalty.
- d. Crossing over the finish line prior to the completion of the race.
- e. Failure to wear appropriate attire.
- f. Mistreatment of horses will not be tolerated and the competitor may be asked to leave the grounds.
- g. Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct – this includes profanity, disorderly conduct or an unmanageable/unsafe horse.
- h. For safety reasons lead-line competitors will not be allowed to exceed a trot; if the competitor exceeds a trot he/she will be dropped down in placement after all qualified and clean runs.
- i. Lead-line competitors must be led on foot; there is no riding double or leading from another horse.
- j. If leaders assist the lead-line rider such as placing the flag in the bucket in the flag race, that competitor will be assessed a 10-second penalty and placed after clean runs.
- k. For beginner riders safety spotters may be in the arena; however, the rider will be placed after all clean rides if it becomes necessary for the spotters to touch the horse or rider.

7. RUNNING OF EVENTS.

- a. The announcer will be an adult member of the club and responsible for keeping the gymkhana on schedule. He/she will announce each contestant's name as up, on deck and in the hole. A contestant must be ready to enter the arena and ride when called or within 45 seconds (3 calls total with 15 second increments.) Contestants who fail to show when called will not receive a refund.
- b. The time keeper will be an adult member of the club and operate the timer, relay the time to the announcer and record the time. Record points earned for each event and tally high point standings.

- c. The contestant has a maximum of 2 minutes to complete the pattern and exit the arena (except lead line & Pee Wee).
- d. Arena gate must be closed during the running of the event. One must enter/exit gates walking the horse, and with the horse under control. Gate keeper must be at least 18 years of age. After closing the gate, the Gate keeper must NOT stand behind the gate for safety reasons.
- e. No spectator, horses or riders shall stand within 25 feet of the gate, except the gatekeeper. This area is for horses entering/exiting the arena. The gatekeeper and arena director will help maintain this safety zone.
- f. No stallions may be ridden, or handled on the grounds by anyone under 18 years of age unless approved in advance. Those with stallions must maintain the horse's acceptable behavior and need to park their trailer away from other horses.
- g. Horses must be kept at a walk at all times in the parking lot as well as outside the arena area, unless in a designated warm-up area.
- h. If your horse kicks, tie a red ribbon on its tail to warn other riders and park your trailer away from other horses.
- i. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
- j. Participants are responsible for cleaning up around their trailers.

8. RE-RUNS: Re-runs will be at the discretion of the Arena Director and or Chairman and may be granted for such things as a mal-function of the timer, acts of God, interference with the contestant. They will not be given for equipment mal-function of the rider.

9. AWARDS:

a. GYMKHANA DAY AWARDS.

(1) Ribbons are awarded for each age division for each event through 6th place as follows:

- 1st Place – 7 Pts
- 2nd Place – 6 Pts
- 3rd Place - 5 Pts
- 4th Place – 4 Pts
- 5th Place - 3 Pts
- 6th Place - 2 Pt

(Additionally 1 participation point will be given to each additional competitor for each event successfully completed all the way down to the last competitor. Participation ribbons will be given in age groups 17 and under.)

(2) High Point and Reserve High Point awards (gifts or trophies) will be awarded for each age group. In case of a tie the rider with the most 1st place standings for the day will be awarded high point, if still tied the fastest time in the barrel race will be the tie breaker.

(3) Points are awarded based on one entry per event, per contestant. If you ride more than one horse in an event, you must designate which horse counts for points. The second horse must be an exhibition and will be charged a \$5.00 exhibition fee and will not count toward points.

(4) Contestants are requested to not interfere with the announcer during competition to pick up ribbons. Either locate the club Royalty to pick up ribbons or wait until the end of the day's events. After each round of competition (Barrels, 75, poles, flags, etc) royalty will pass out ribbons.

b. YEAR-END AWARDS:

(1) You must be a member of the FRRRC and complete in a majority of gymkhana competitions to receive year-end awards.

(2) Adult competitors must comply with the FRRRC general rules for eligibility for year-end awards. Parents and/or grandparents can meet the eligibility for minor competitors.

(3) In the event that a competitor accumulated enough points to receive a year-end award but did not meet eligibility criteria the next qualified competitor will move up providing they have met the requirements.

(4) Calculation of points will be figured by discarding the non-members' points from each gymkhana and moving members' placings up (if it applies).

(5) Year-end winners for each division may be awarded trophies, buckles, tack and riding equipment or other western themed items – to be determined as the budget allows.

10. HAVE FUN: The Gymkhanas are intended to be a fun, family event that promotes horsemanship, sportsmanship, safety and community. It is expected that all club members competing contribute to making these events possible by pitching in to help.