



PINAL COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE

2016-2017 GYMKHANA RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The contestant or the contestant's legal guardian must once a year sign a Release and Waiver Claims form before entering the arena.
2. There will be no refunds made once the gymkhana has started
3. The age of the rider as of start of gymkhana series September 17, 2016 will determine the age group contestant will ride in for that year. The age groups are:
 - 7 and under; lead line will have + 10 seconds added to time
 - 8-10
 - 11-14
 - 15-24
 - 25-Open
4. The rider must ride the same horse in all point events to qualify for highpoint of the day with the exception of an injured horse. In this case, another horse may be substituted with the permission of the event chairperson.
5. The rider may ride more than one horse, but points will only count for one of the horses. The rider must determine which horse will earn points prior to the start of the show.
6. There will be **no running/loping** outside of the arena, **no hitting** in front of the cinch or **running in or out** of the arena gate. This is for your safety as well as for your horse and the spectators.
7. There will be a 5 second penalty added to a rider's time for knocking a prop down or over.
8. It is the responsibility of the rider to understand the pattern of each event. If a rider has a break in pattern, the rider will receive a no time.
9. Any discrepancies in times or patterns must be brought to the attention of the event judge immediately after the rider completes his/her run.
10. If a timer failure occurs, the rider has the option of up to 2 re-rides. If an obstacle is knocked over during the first re-ride, the rider may take a second re-ride. If the second re-ride is taken, it voids the first re-ride and the rider must take the time given in the second re-ride. When the first re-ride is successful, the rider is required to take that time and the second re-ride is not allowed.
11. All riders must wear boots or closed toe shoes with a clearly defined heel and long pants must be worn while in the arena.
12. To qualify for high point awards for the day, the rider **must compete in all four events**.
13. To qualify for year-end awards, the rider must have ridden in at least (5) gymkhanas for the year. Any year-end awards are depended upon the organization's accumulated funds.
14. Year-end awards will be given to riders with the most accumulated points in each age group.
15. Payouts for the Gymkhana high Point riders will be as follows:

6-9 Riders	\$20.00 for High Point/ \$10.00 for Runner-up
10+ Riders	\$30.00 for High Point/ \$20.00 for Runner-up / \$10.00 for 3 rd Place
16. The fee structure is:
 - Show fee: \$5.00 per event, \$10.00 Arena Fee/ \$ 5.00 Posse Member Arena Fees, for a total amount of \$30.00 for all four events per show.
 - Additional Horse fee \$5.00 per event, \$0 Arena/Office fee
17. Points are awarded to each rider after each event: 6 points for 1st, 5 points for 2nd, 4 points for 3rd, 3 points for 4th, 2 points for 5th and 1 point for 6th. Each rider will be awarded 1 point for participation even if a no time is awarded.