

Parkland Horseman's Association

2019-2020 Obstacle Challenge

Information and Rules

PHA's Obstacle Challenge is a fun and easy introduction to obstacle events, which is untimed and open to any discipline. This is a family friendly way to better your horsemanship and strengthen the bond with your equine partner. Expect some obstacles to be similar to those found in trail classes. Judge's guidelines are available on our website or show office.

1. Please read the PHA General Rules.
2. All participants must be a member of PHA in good standing.
3. All Participants must present a current copy of a negative Coggins test and name must match the one on the entry form.
4. One horse/rider/handler pair per entry form. Participants may add classes or additional runs.
5. Riders/handlers may register the morning of the competition, but preregistration is greatly appreciated.
6. Attire: Show attire for your respective discipline is encouraged. Mandatory: SEI approved helmet for rider/handlers under the age of 18, long pants, boots, belt, and a sleeved, collared shirt.
7. Classes: A. In-Hand Novice; B. In-Hand Advanced; C. Under-saddle Novice; D. Under-saddle Advanced; E. Lead-line. Lead line riders may not cross enter. Once a horse/rider/handler has earned a score in Advanced, they may no longer compete in Novice. Advanced In-Hand participants may still enter Novice Under Saddle.
8. Fees: Obstacle/office fee \$20; Class fee \$10; additional runs \$5. (Additional runs do not qualify for placing in class and are available only after a score has been recorded for the class)
9. Scoring: Rider/handler 0-10 per OBSTACLE; Horse 0-10 per OBSTACLE; Equitation 0-10 per run; Partnership 0-10 per run; Overall presentation 0-10 per run. Scores will be totaled to determine placing. Ties will be broken by Partnership score. If Partnership scores are the same, winner will be determined by the judge.
10. Classes will be placed 1st through 6th. A Champion and Reserve In-Hand Horse and Under Saddle will be named to the horse earning the highest score it's first time on course.
11. After registering, riders/handlers will receive a back number and their score sheet will be given to the judge to hold. Once a rider/handler is registered, place your name on the order of go sheet at the gate. Qualifying score sheets will go to the office to be scored. Participants may take their additional run sheets with them upon completion of course.
12. Only one horse/rider/handler will be on the course at a time.
13. A half-hour walk-through will be available for riders/handlers at 9:00 am. Horses are NOT allowed on the course until competition begins.
14. Riders/handlers may do multiple additional runs but only AFTER performing their Class Qualifying run in that same class. IE. A handler may not do an additional run in In-Hand Novice then compete in that class.
15. The course must be performed as shown in the course diagram to be posted the day of the show.
16. 3 attempts at an obstacle are allowed, unless the judge deems it necessary to move to the next obstacle. The Judge may excuse a horse/rider/handler pair at any time for any reason. Dismounting to help a horse through an obstacle is allowed. Points will be subtracted for the obstacle but may be added in the Partnership score at the judge's discretion. Rider must remount before the approaching the next obstacle.

17. Once a horse/rider/handler have successfully completed an “Advanced” course, that pair cannot earn a qualifying score on a “Novice” course respectively in In-Hand or Under-Saddle Classes. In-Hand Advanced pairs may compete in Under-Saddle Novice. The same horse may compete in any class with a different rider/handler.
18. Lead-Line horses MUST successfully complete the course in another class before performing in the Lead-Line class. Lead-Line competitors may not cross enter another riding class.
19. An Individual horse cannot compete in a class more than once even with a different rider/handler in non-qualifying additional runs. The Judge has the right to disqualify any horse deemed stressed or over worked.
20. PHA may choose to offer a timed Jackpot class after the completion of all classes. Sign up sheets are available in the office the day of the show.
21. Year-End awards: Champion, Reserve, 3rd-6th , will be awarded for each class. A Youth award is available for riders/handlers 16 years and younger in combined In-Hand classes and combined Under Saddle classes. Horse/rider combinations that are receiving awards for Advanced In-Hand and Advanced Under Saddle will be excluded from the respective Novice classes. Please check under General Rules for specifics to qualify.

The Obstacle Challenge

Classes offered

In-Hand Novice

In-Hand Advanced

Under-Saddle Novice

Under-Saddle Advanced

Lead-Line 10 years and Under

Year End Awards for Classes listed

Champion through 6th place