

## PHA GYMKHANA HORSE SHOW RULES and NOTES: \*revised 5/2020

1. Show management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes with less than three entries.
2. For all age division classes, the age of the exhibitor as of January 1, 2020, will be the age to show under.
3. Stallions not to be handled or ridden by anyone 17 years or younger. Stallions not to be left unattended.
4. Ponies are allowed in all classes, any age division.
5. \*One horse CANNOT be ridden twice by two riders in the "AA & AAA" Speed divisions in any event! However, the same horse may be ridden by a different rider in the "A division and Rookie Division".  
(Example1: Horse 1 can be ridden by (1) one rider in AAA or AA, but cannot be ridden by a (2<sup>nd</sup>) second rider in the same division - example in this case, both riders are in AAA/AA division). (Example2: Horse 1 can be ridden by (1) one rider in the "AAA/AA" division, and then ridden by a (2<sup>nd</sup>) second rider in the "A, Rookie or Lead-line" Division. Same horse but ridden in two different speed divisions for that class. A maximum of TWO (2) riders may use the same horse. (No limit in lead-line/peewee classes) \*AAA/AA horse cannot win (2) awards by (2) different riders in these divisions.
6. No refunds given except for obvious injury or illness to horse or rider to be determined by show management. Refunds will not be given due to poor weather, time constraints or if you simply withdraw your horse
7. One minute gate rule will be enforced unless a tack issue is on file with entry booth. Riders should be fully prepared to run when called, be in proper dress, have equipment in good shape and horses warmed up ready to compete.
8. A rider who remains mounted may be assisted through the gate.
9. \*The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed pattern (which will be posted at the horse show). A horse is on course when any part of the horse crosses the start/finish line(or timer plane). It remains on course as long as it is run in accordance with the prescribed pattern for the event until every part of the horse crosses the start/ finish line. If a rider goes off course, but corrects the course, and completes the prescribed pattern, there will be no disqualification or penalty.
10. After the course is completed, the horse must be brought under control before leaving the arena.
11. \*Once an event has started, no more entries will be taken for that event!
12. The judge and/or show management may disqualify a contestant for the following: Failure to show control of the horse. Failure to enter the arena within one minute when called and/or begin the course within one minute after entering the arena. Unruly horse if the judge feels the safety of the rider might be in jeopardy. Falling off the horse while ON course. Failure to complete a course. Bad or abusive language. This is a family event!
13. A two second penalty is added to the exhibitor's time for each pole or barrel that is knocked down in a course.
14. If a timer failure occurs, the rider has the option of up to TWO (2) re-rides. If during the first re-ride an obstacle is knocked over, the rider may take a second re-ride(only if the original ride was a clean run). If the second re-ride is taken, it voids the first re-ride and the rider must take the time given during the second re-ride. When the first re-ride is successful (no obstacles knocked over) the rider is required to take that time and a second re-ride is not allowed. NO RE-RIDES for broken equipment, falling off your horse, or if your horse falls down while on course.
15. Ties: In case of ties for highpoint and/or reserve, the tie will be broken by the amount of 1<sup>st</sup> places the riders have earned. If the 1<sup>st</sup> places are tied, then move on to 2<sup>nd</sup> places, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc... until the tie is broken.
16. One Rider may NOT win both Highpoint and reserve at the same show on the same horse. Rider will receive award in highest division won, or in most cases, whichever division they accrue most points in.
17. RIDING APPAREL: must wear boots and long pants; any shirt (long sleeve, short sleeve, T-Shirt, or sleeveless).  
**ALL YOUTH RIDERS (17 YEARS AND UNDER) MUST WEAR A RIDING HELMET WHILE MOUNTED IN THE ARENA.**
18. TACK: Any appropriate, neat and humane Western and/or English equipment may be used with the following exception: the judge and/or show management may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she may consider severe or unsafe. Riders are permitted to use whips, crops, quirts and spurs if used sparingly, so long as these aids do not result in abuse of the horse. A rider may use any part of the horse or saddle to maintain balance.
19. The judge and/or show management shall not allow any horse to participate when unsoundness or injury is sufficient to be considered an act of cruelty. Show management reserves the right to prohibit any person or horse from showing or attending any horse in the arena, and to remove any person or horse from the grounds without being liable for compensation. Show management reserves the right to refuse any entry at any time because of disrespect for the rules, unsportsmanlike behavior, rough treatment of animals, or any other reason officials may deem reasonable cause.
20. Any and all dogs must be on a leash while show is in progress and not allowed to run the arena fence line.
21. Show management will not be responsible for any injury or loss that may occur at the show. Owners, exhibitors, riders, agents, managers, trainers, etc. shall hold the show management, Paradise Horsemen's Association (PHA), and Paradise Recreation and Park District harmless and indemnify them against any proceedings arising from such injury/ loss.