

# HDH Trail Trial General Rules

Please make sure you pay the \$5 parking fee and place your receipt on the dash of your vehicle.

**\*\*\* Complete and follow the directions on the Emergency Information Cards\*\*\***

**Score Cards MUST be returned to Registration - it is how we know when to bring the judges in and your Score Card is your ticket to the Rider Participation Raffle!!!!**

- ★ **Be aware: there may be wasps & cattle in the area the Trail Trial is being held in.**
- ★ There will be 10 Obstacles throughout the route. **See the route map.**
- ★ Obstacles can be done in any order and will be natural and unnatural.
- ★ The course trail is marked with pink and orange flagging, each obstacle is marked with a sign with the obstacle number on it.
- ★ If you bypass an obstacle notify the judge of that obstacle so they can keep an accurate count.
- ★ If you need to pull out of the trail trial notify registration so we can keep an accurate count.
- ★ Each rider is responsible for his/her own safety and the safety of his/her mount. Earned points and resulting awards are to be considered secondary to safety.
- ★ The course is to be completed on horseback. No ponying or riding double is allowed!
- ★ This is a 1 horse - 1 rider event. A horse may only be ridden by one rider in the event and a rider may only ride one horse in the event.
- ★ Any type clothing suitable for riding is acceptable. Appropriate riding footwear is required.
- ★ Helmets are required for youth riders and recommended for all riders.
- ★ Any style of tack may be used, a saddle and bridle (or bosal or hackamore) are a must!
- ★ Halter with lead rope, hoof pick and a knife on your person are required equipment. Youth are **not** required to carry a knife.
- ★ The judge reserves the right to ask horse and rider to move onto the next obstacle if he/she feels an unsafe situation has arisen or after 3 refusals!
- ★ The rider must have the judge's attention before starting the obstacle. Once a horse starts the obstacle, the scoring will begin.
- ★ Present your score card to the judge at each obstacle. You may not argue or ask the judge any questions about the scoring. Any judging disputes must be taken to the Ride Manager.
- ★ Voice commands are permitted, along with aids to cue your horse (such as crops and spurs).
- ★ Excessive use/abuse of aids may cause penalties and/or disqualification at the judge's discretion.
- ★ Horse must be lead by a halter/lead rope, halter-bridle combo unclipped from the reins, or bosal and mecate appropriately tied.
- ★ Scoring ties will be broken by using the scores of an obstacle picked at random before the event.
- ★ Back-ups may occur at obstacles. Please be patient & courteous to the other riders & the judges!

**It is the responsibility of the rider to know and understand the rules.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO COACHING! THE RIDER BEING JUDGED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!**

Please clean up after your horse in the trailer parking area. We have manure forks and muck buckets in the parking area if needed. Thanks for your help.