

FRRC Gymkhana Rules - 2018

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" must be signed by each competitor (parents or legal guardians must sign for children under 18 years of age). Competitors must also comply with FRRC general rules posted Metcalfe Park Rules. Remember – there is absolutely no alcohol allowed at the park or the arena and surrounding areas.

2. 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 barrels, flags, poles and one wild card event. All Lead Line classes and Pee Wee 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 run by event.

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 allowances will be made for hot summer days (absolutely no tank tops, and no exposed mid drifts). Helmets are strongly recommended. Doctor releases will be accepted.

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

4. 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. Non-member fees include a \$10.00 office charge per family plus \$5.00 per class per rider. Member fees are \$5.00 per class per rider and no office charge. 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. A dropped flag or barrel or bucket knocked over in the flag race, except for lead-liners and Pee Wees which will be assessed a 10 second penalty for a dropped flag.
- c. Crossing over the finish line prior to the completion of the race.
- d. Failure to wear appropriate attire.
- e. Mistreatment of horses will not be tolerated and the competitor may be asked to leave the grounds.
- f. Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct – this includes profanity, disorderly conduct or an unmanageable/unsafe horse.
- g. 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.
- h. Lead-line competitors must be led on foot; there is no riding double or leading from another horse.
- i. A knocked over barrel or pole will be assessed a 5 second penalty.
- 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 and under control. Gate keeper must be at least 18 years of age.
- e. No spectator, horses or riders shall stand within 20 feet of the gate, except the gatekeeper. This area is for horses entering/exiting the arena. The gatekeeper 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 acceptable behavior and need to park 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 away from other horses.
- i. All dogs must be kept on a leash.
- 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. 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 awards (usually trophies) will be awarded for each age group. In case of a tie the rider with the most 1st places 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 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.

b. Year-end awards.

(1) You must be a member of the FRRC and complete in 3 or more gymkhanas competitions to receive year-end awards.

(2) All eligible contestants who do not otherwise qualify will receive a participation award.

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

(4) 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.

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

(6) 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. 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.

Gymkhana Dates for 2018 are:

Saturday	28 Apr	10:00 am
Saturday	19 May	10:00 am
Sunday	10 Jun	4:00 pm
Sunday	15 Jul	4:00 pm
Sunday	12 Aug	4:00 pm
Sunday	9 Sep	10:00 am
Sunday	14 Oct	10:00 am (Halloween Show)

All lead line and pee wee events will be run first. Leadline and PeeWees will run on a shorten pattern. All other Age Groups will follow lead line but will not start earlier than one hour after the start of leadline. Cancelled gymkhanas may be rescheduled if there is an open date and it is practical. There will be no make-up shows after Jul. Updated info will be posted to the FRRC group Facebook. In case of inclement weather, please call before you haul.

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