

WOODLAND PARK SADDLE CLUB GYMKHANA RULES

REVISED 05/09

ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

I the undersigned (Contestant, Parent/Guardian) have received read and understand the Gymkhana Rules for this year for the Woodland Park Saddle Club Gymkhana season.

I, Contestant, Parent/Guardian, understand that violations of one or more of these rules may result in disqualification for a single event, the remainder Gymkhana for the day or for the entire Gymkhana season along with forfeiture of any points awarded and any entry fees paid.

I, Contestant, Parent/Guardian, understand that if I do not sign this Acceptance and Understanding document I will not be allowed to participate in this year's Woodland Park Saddle Club Gymkhana season.

Print Name of Contestant

Contestant Signature (If over 18 years of age)

Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name

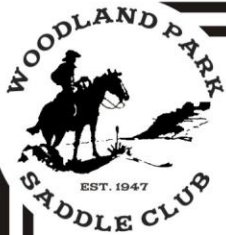
Parent/Guardian Signature (If under 18 years of age)

Date

These rules have been revised to better protect the safety and well-being of all members, spectators and equine. If you see any violations of these rules, you need to report them to the Announcers Stand immediately.

Thank You,

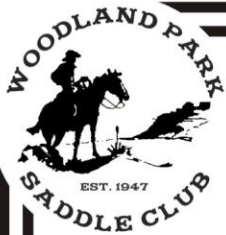
The Gymkhana Committee



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- RULE 1. Contestants shall compete in only one of the following age groups based on the Contestants age as of January 1st of the current year which will determine his/her age group for the entire year.
- **Lead and Assist**
Lead and Assist class is intended for children that are unable to ride and/or handle the horse alone. The child should be old enough to sit on the horse without assistance from a second person. The horse must be lead with a lead attached to a halter or bridle by a person 14 years of age or older.
 - **8 years old & under**
 - **9 years old to 13 years old**
 - **14 years old to 18 years old**
 - **19 years old to 39 years old**
 - **40 years old & Older**
- RULE 2. All paid contestants, club member and visitors may take part in the Grand Entry. Dress requirements will be the same for Gymkhana contestants. (See rule 20)
- RULE 3. No contestant shall be allowed to compete more than one time in any single event, the exception being a run-off due to a tie.
(Exhibition rides will be allowed but will not count for points)
- RULE 4. All contestants are expected to be ready when their name is called. Three (3) levels will be called "**You are up**," "**On deck**," and "**In the hole**." If you do not enter the arena within one minute of being told "**You are up**," you will be disqualified for that event and no points will be awarded.
- RULE 5. After entering the arena you will be given 30 seconds to start the event. That time being started when the arena gate closes. **NO** rider shall start an event without the arena gate being closed. If you start your event before the gate is closed you will be disqualified from that event and no point will be awarded.
This is a CLOSED arena.
- RULE 6. It is rider's responsibility to ensure that the arena is clear and ready before proceeding. The Arena Master will, by audio or visual signal, let the contestant know when they may start their run.
- RULE 7. There will be no congregating around the entry gate(s) as this area needs to be kept clear for safety reasons. Anyone asked to move more that two (2) times (at the recommendations of the gate keeper) may be asked to leave the grounds and will forfeit all entry fees and points for that day.
- RULE 8. It will be the responsibility of the contestant to understand the pattern of each event they will participate in. Event pattern examples will be available from the Gymkhana Committee members.
- RULE 9. After crossing the timing barrier, a contestant has a maximum of three (3) minutes to complete the pattern and exit the arena. If the contestant fails to



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complete the pattern in the allotted time they will be asked to leave the arena and no points will be awarded. (An exception for this rule will be if the event requires more time to complete i.e. a Trail Course)

- RULE 10. Disqualifications also include:
- Leaving the course or breaking pattern.
 - Return across the Start/Finish line before completing the pattern.
 - Abuses of his/her mount such as excessive whipping, beating, jerking of the reins or excessive spurring. Additionally striking his/her mount in front of the cinch with anything other than an open hand.
 - Displaying un-sportsman like conduct. This includes but not limited to profanity, disorderly conduct or an unmanageable/unsafe horse.
- RULE 11. Any non-therapeutic substance used as a stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or sedative for the purpose of altering a horse's performance is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification for the duration of the Gymkhana for that day
- RULE 12. An electronic timer will be used whenever possible. If for whatever reason the electronic timer cannot be used, a Flag Judge and two (2) timers will be used. One timer will be the primary and the other a back-up. If the Timer believes the time to be in error, they shall report to the Arena Master who may grant a re-ride.
- RULE 13. Contestants less than nine (9) years of age shall not be permitted to participate in any event requiring a dismount.
- RULE 14. Contestants may use different mounts for different events, however the same horse used by more than one person MUST be allowed adequate resting periods before running again.
- RULE 15. No alcohol will be allowed on the ground. Violators will forfeit awards and be excused from the grounds. Anyone found to be consuming alcohol off the grounds will not be permitted to show or enter the grounds.
- RULE 16. No running of the horses on grounds except while in the arena. All contestants must walk their mounts while on grounds. Anyone asked to stop running their mount more than two (2) times may be asked to leave the grounds and will forfeit all entry fees and points for that day.
- RULE 17. Discourtesy or disobedience towards any Gymkhana Committee Member/Official, in or out of the arena, by a contestant or contestant family member will not be tolerated and may result in a disqualification for the duration of the Gymkhana for that day.
- RULE 18. To qualify for year-end award the contestant must have ridden in at least 4 Gymkhanas for that year.



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- RULE 19. Hats are optional (helmets are recommended, required for Lead and Assist). If you choose to wear a hat and it comes off during your event, you will be penalized five (5) seconds.
- RULE 20. Dress code for WPCS Gymkhanas will be as follows:
- Shirts with sleeves are required and are to be rolled down. (Short sleeves, T-shirts are ok). Tank tops are not acceptable but can be covered with a sleeved shirt.
 - Long pants
 - Boots with a heel with a height of at least ½”.
 - Caps and hats are optional; helmets are recommended and are required for Lead and Assist.
- RULE 21. No re-rides will be given for broken equipment or your horse falling.
- RULE 22. No late entries will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes before the first event. Following events, contestants will be allowed to sign-up prior to the previous event completion. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
- RULE 23. No refunds once entries are paid. Refunds will not be given due to poor weather, dropped patterns, disqualifications or mount injury.
- RULE 24. Grounds for dismissal/disqualification will be enforced when necessary, regardless of the above stated rules. The Gymkhana Chairperson or designated Committee Member and The Arena Master will have the final authority to enforce these rules or handle any discrepancies. All rules **WILL** be enforced to protect the safety and well-being of all members and spectators.
- RULE 25. The order of authority for event rules is as follows:
- WPCS Gymkhana Rules (5/09 Update)
 - National Little Britches Rodeo Association

Other than stated above, any violations of the above stated rules may result in disqualification for the event entered, the entire gymkhana event, or the entire gymkhana season and forfeiture of any points or entry fees for said duration. This decision will be made by the Gymkhana Committee and the Arena Master and it will be final.

The Gymkhana Committee reserves the right to modify these rules without prior notification.