

## **GROUND RULES**

**NO CONTESTANT(S), HORSE(S) OR TRAILER(S) ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOARDING AREA AT ANY TIME UNLESS THE CONTESTANT(S) ARE BOARDERS AT SVRC**

*(Violating this rule may disqualify you from further participation in the SVRC Gymkhanas)*

**No rider will be allowed to participate in any activity if the Release of Liability forms are not signed and turned in.**

*Late sign-up will be taken at the discretion of a committee member on the grounds (not a member of the announcer booth staff). Once an event has started, the books are closed for that event.*

*No running through the gate. No crowding the gate.*

*Unsportsmanlike conduct as determined by the arena judge or any committee member will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification from the day's events and possibly any further event conducted at the SVRC.*

*The arena judge can excuse you from the arena for lack of control or unsafe situation as determined by the judge.*

*The arena judge penalty or disqualification calls are final*

*A rider will be disqualified in an event if the rider strikes his/her horse around the upper neck or head or treats his/her horse in any inhumane way.*

*Potential safety problems noticed by gate persons or committee members will be identified to the contestant and, if not corrected, access to the arena may be denied.*

*The announcer's booth is **OFF LIMITS** to everyone except committee members/Gymkhana workers (Secretary, Announcer, Timer).*

*If a stallion is brought to the Gymkhana, he must be under control of a handler at all times. Someone who is 18 years old or older can only ride a stallion. Other riders must be advised that there is a stallion in the area so that they may take any appropriate precautions. If there is a problem, the handler must remove the stallion immediately.*

*For humane reasons, no horse will be used more than twice in a particular event. (This does not pertain to buckaroo events.)*

*No rider may enter a point class more than once, however a point run and a time only run may be made in the same event.*

*Time-only (exhibition) runs are for schooling purposes. Maximum of **ONE TIME ONLY** run per person per event pattern. Time only runs are run **after** the point runs are made in any event. (Time only runs may be made after the conclusion of Gymkhana at the discretion of a committee member.)*

*Monthly awards are given at the end of each Gymkhana. If you suspect any discrepancy, the discrepancy must be brought to the attention of the Gymkhana secretary prior to the start of the next Gymkhana.*

*In case of timer failure, a contestant will only receive two chances to run a clean pattern.*

*Knocking over any obstacle will result in a 5-second penalty. Stepping outside a drawn or designated event pattern (ie keyhole) will result in a "no time" or disqualification.*

*Rerides will not be given for equipment breakage or horses falling.*

*A "**ROUGH RIDER**" Certificate may be awarded to a **NOVICE** rider who is disqualified for breaking a pattern.*

*In the event of a tie at a monthly Gymkhana, the arena judge will decide if another event will be run or whether the best overall average combined event times will be used for a tie breaker (the tie breaker event will be held as the last event of the day). Tie breaker events for the year-end standings will consist of three events run off at the end of the last Gymkhana for the year (events will not be re runs of an event run that day).*

***(Additional rules or changes to the current rules may be added at a later date and will be given out at the next Gymkhana)***