

Johnstown Saddle Club General Rules

To maintain a family atmosphere during all events sponsored by the Johnstown Saddle Club Inc. any events sanctioned by Johnstown Saddle Club Inc. (JSC) will always follow the general rules of conduct.

General Rules -

Article 1. Alcohol

No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the leased property that Johnstown Saddle Club utilizes. Violators will forfeit awards and be excused from the grounds. Anyone found to have previously consumed alcohol on the grounds will not be permitted to compete or enter the grounds.

Article 2. Language

No vulgar language shall be used. Use of vulgar language may result in removal of the offending party and may further result in censorship of said party.

Article 3. Arena Use

a. Members using the arena during open hours shall be responsible for placing all equipment from the arena in its designated area when they are finished using it. This means that the barrels, poles, logging aides, obstacles, etc. should all be placed in their appropriate areas of the arena when you are done using them. The arena should never have any equipment left set up inside it. Courtesy for other members should always be observed.

b. At no time shall any horse be allowed beyond the fenced area, that is utilized for concessions and spectator seating. This also refers to any area surrounding the JSC office building. No exceptions to this rule.

c. Horses shall not be tied to the arena fencing at any time. Horses may only be tied to trailers which are secured to a vehicle.

Article 4. Stallions

No member, guest, or contestant shall be allowed to ride or handle a stallion on the Johnstown Saddle Club Inc. grounds – NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Article 5. Dogs

At no time shall dogs be allowed on the grounds during JSC Club/Royalty sponsored or sanctioned events: included but not limited to shows, gymkhanas, royalty fun days,

monthly meetings, roping practice, open roping, fun nights, BBQ's, etc. The only exception will be those of the landowner.

Article 6. Littering

No littering. All trash must be placed in garbage receptacles located around the grounds. Manure at trailers may be left from the day's event, but ABSOLUTELY NO DUMPING/CLEANING OUT OF TRAILERS ONTO GROUNDS! Violators will not be permitted back onto the grounds for future JSC competitions.

Membership -

Article 1. Dues

The annual dues for membership of this club shall be \$45.00 per family and \$35.00 for individuals. Memberships will expire as of December 31st of the current year, unless the dues for the new year have been paid prior to December 31st. Memberships are accepted throughout the year, however any points accrued prior to paying dues are null and void.

Article 3. J-town All Around & J-town Show Around

J-town All Around & J-town Show Around entry fees are \$50.00 each or \$75.00 if competing in both as a discounted fee. These fees must be paid prior to competing in order for points to be accrued. The June show/gymkhana will be the latest time to enroll for the J-town All Around & J-town Show Around.

Article 2. Awards Banquet

The annual Awards Banquet night will be held at a time and place to be determined and voted on at one of the monthly meetings. It is not to be held in conjunction with the annual October meeting.

Open Horse Show Rules

Article 1. Dates

The Open Horse Shows shall be held on Saturday of the beginning part of the month (May through September). In the event of a holiday or other scheduled events such as a County Fair, the show will be held on a voted on Rain Date set at the Oct Meeting.

Article 2. Rules and Attire

The Open Horse show events will be judged using the 4-H Rule Book, including tack and attire (helmets are not required for Western events but if worn will not be penalized). Dress attire must be appropriate for the class entered.

Article 3. Patterns

Reining patterns will be taken from the current 4-H Rule Book. Patterns for Showmanship, Horsemanship, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Walk-Trot, and Lead Line classes will be posted.

Article 4. Leadline Classes

The Leadline classes are intended for children that are unable to ride and/or handle the horse alone in a safe manner. The child should be old enough to sit on the horse without assistance from a second person. The horse must be led with a lead attached to a halter by a person 16 years or older.

By definition, a Leadline participant is not controlling their mount. Points earned in Leadline are non-transferable to another age division.

Article 7. Class Conduct

- a. Classes of three or less may be combined but will be judged and placed off the age divisions of the exhibitors.
- b. The same horse may be ridden by more than one exhibitor in the same class and age group, with the exception of rail classes. Hardships must be approved by Show Management.
- c. All horses that kick must be flagged with a red ribbon.
- d. The contestant's age is determined as of January 1st.
- f. All participants must wear shoes or boots with adequate heels. Pants are mandatory.
- g. No riding double or bareback riding is allowed on the grounds unless being run as a class within the arena.
- h. All individuals must sit astride of their mount at all times.
- i. While outside the arena the only speed utilized shall be a walk. The warmup arena at the south side of the arena can be used to warm up and for any type of lounging.

Article 8. Daily Highpoint

All classes will have ribbons through 5th place. Daily High Points are open to members and non-members alike in each age group. To be eligible for the daily high point, contestants must enter at 2/3rds of the Western or English events.

Points are awarded with first place receiving 6 points, second place 5 points, third place 4 points, fourth place 3 points, fifth place 2 points, any person with a qualifying class/

run receiving 1 point (participation point). Any ties in point totals will be broken by the highest placing contestant in Showmanship.

Gymkhana Rules -

Article 1. Dates

The Gymkhanas shall be held on Sunday of the beginning part of the month (May through September). In the event of a holiday or other scheduled events such as a County Fair, the show will be held on a voted on Rain Date set at the Oct Meeting.

Article 2. Rules and Attire

The Gymkhana events will be run using the 4-H Rule Book, including tack and attire with two exceptions. T-shirts may be worn in place of long sleeve western shirts and baseball caps or visors are allowed. No string tops are allowed. Tank tops are acceptable as long as the strap is a 3-finger width. Pants are mandatory. Western hats are optional. The use of approved ASTM/SEI helmets is encouraged.

Article 3. Safety

For safety reasons, it is permissible and encouraged to dismount and lead your horse into the arena if there is any difficulty riding in. The Show Management will determine and dismiss any horse deemed uncontrollable. No riding double or bareback riding is allowed on the grounds. All individuals must sit astride of their mount at all times. While outside the arena the only speed utilized shall be a walk. The warmup arena at the south side of the arena can be used to warm up and for any type of lounging.

Article 4. Leadline Classes

The Leadline classes are intended for children that are unable to ride and/or handle the horse alone in a safe manner. They should be old enough to sit on the horse without assistance from a second person. The horse must be led with a lead attached to a halter by a person 16 years or older. See additional rules under Article 4. Leadline Classes, Pleasure Horse Show Rules.

Article 5. Gymkhana Conduct

- a. All horses that kick must be flagged with a red ribbon.
- b. The contestant's age is determined as of January 1st.
- c. All participants must wear shoes or boots with adequate heels.

d. A 5 second penalty is assessed for each downed barrel, each downed pole, knocked pole in cross poles and any item dropped once timer has started.

e. Disqualification occurs when contestant crosses back over the timer, has a broken pattern, drops the flag/fails to place the flag/fails to pick up the flag, causes the flag bucket to fall, circling the barrel in flags and patterns taking longer than 90 seconds with the exception of leadline and 8 and under.

Article 6. Daily Highpoint

Points are awarded with first place receiving 6 points, second place 5 points, third place 4 points, fourth place 3 points, fifth place 2 points, any person with a qualifying class/run receiving 1 point (participation point). Any ties in point totals will be broken by the fastest time in Barrels.

Fun Day Rules-

Article 1. Dates

The Fun Day events shall be held on dates to be determined by the Club/Royalty and presented to the members at a monthly meeting. Usually held in the months of April/ May and October.

Article 2. Rules and Attire

The Gymkhana events will be run using the 4-H Rule Book, including tack and attire with two exceptions. T-shirts may be worn in place of long sleeve western shirts and baseball caps or visors are allowed. No string tops are allowed. Tank tops are acceptable as long as the strap is a 3-finger width. Pants are mandatory. Western hats are optional. The use of approved ASTM/SEI helmets is encouraged.

Article 3. Safety

For safety reasons, it is permissible and encouraged to dismount and lead your horse into the arena if there is any difficulty riding in. The Show Management will determine and dismiss any horse deemed uncontrollable. See above Article regarding use of helmets. No riding double or bareback riding is allowed on the grounds. All individuals must sit astride of their mount at all times. While outside the arena the only speed utilized shall be a walk. The warmup arena at the south side of the arena can be used to warm up and for any type of lounging.

Article 4. Leadline Classes

The Leadline classes are intended for children that are unable to ride and/or handle the horse alone in a safe manner. They should be old enough to sit on the horse without

assistance from a second person. The horse must be led with a lead attached to a halter by a person 16 years or older. See additional rules under Article 4. Leadline Classes, Pleasure Horse Show Rules.

Article 5: Fun Day Conduct

- a. All horses that kick must be flagged with a red ribbon.
- b. The contestant's age is determined as of January 1st.
- c. All participants must wear shoes or boots with adequate heels. Pants are mandatory.
- d. A 5 second penalty is assessed for each downed barrel, each downed pole, knocked pole in cross poles and any item dropped once timer has started.
- e. Disqualification occurs when contestant crosses back over the timer, has a broken pattern, drops the flag/fails to place the flag/fails to pick up the flag, causes the flag bucket to fall, circling the barrel in flags and patterns taking longer than 90 seconds with the exception of leadline and 8 and under.

Article 6. Fun Day Highpoint

Fun Day Highpoint is open to members and non-members alike and will be given in each of the age groups, including Lead line. Highpoints will be tallied for the day and Awards will be given by the Royalty the same day.

Point system is ran as the following:

1st place: 5 points, 2nd place: 4 points, 3rd place: 3 points, 4th place: 2 points and 5th place: 1 point.

J-town All Around or J-town Show Around-

Article 1 Requirements

In order for a Johnstown Saddle Club member to qualify for the J-town All Around Award or J-town Show Around Award at the end of the year they must; see Article 3 under membership for dues.

- a. Attend at least four monthly meetings throughout the qualifying period of January through September of that particular award year. Unless you are considered a NEW JSC member then you are required to attend 3 monthly meetings. Previous JSC members returning after a period of absence are not considered new members.

b. Provide at least eight volunteer hours at any of the Johnstown Saddle Club events per person competing for J-town All Around and/or J-town Show Around. Hours may be obtained by family members.

c. Compete in at least 3 Shows and 3 Gymkhanas. Must compete in all disciplines English, western and gymkhana to qualify for All Around Award.

d. Compete in at least two-thirds of the classes in their age group offered at the event.

e. Have no outstanding debt owed to the Johnstown Saddle Club.

f. Be a member in good standing at the time the points are earned.

g. J-town All Around Awards will be awarded to the Top 5 competitors across all age groups excluding Leadline. J-town Show Around Awards will be awarded for the top 3 competitors across all age groups excluding Leadline.

Year End High Point Awards -

Article 1 Requirements

In order for a Johnstown Saddle Club member to be considered for year-end high point, they must;

a. Attend at least four monthly meetings throughout the qualifying period of January through September of that particular award year. Unless you are considered a NEW member then you are required to only attend 3 monthly meetings. Previous JSC members returning after a period of absence are not considered new members.

b. Provide at least eight volunteer hours at any of the Johnstown Saddle Club events per person competing for highpoint. Hours may be obtained by family members.

c. Compete in at least 3 shows for the Show Year End High Point (by discipline, i.e., 3 shows for Western high point or 3 shows for English high point) or 3 Gymkhanas for the Gymkhana Year End High Point.

d. Compete in at least two-thirds of the classes in their age group offered at the event.

e. Have no outstanding debt owed to the Johnstown Saddle Club.

f. Be a member in good standing at the time the points are earned.

Code of Conduct -

No Johnstown Saddle Club member shall receive monetary payment for work performed at any Johnstown Saddle Club sponsored event except in the event that a member is hired as a Judge or Scribe.

No Johnstown Saddle Club member shall receive payment for show and/or gymkhana entries for work performed at any Johnstown Saddle Club sponsored event.

Mistreatment and neglect of any horse at any Johnstown Saddle Club sponsored event is prohibited. Mistreatment includes every act which causes or unreasonably permits unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering. Neglect includes failure to provide care which is normal or proper for a horse's well-being.

Exhibitors/riders shall support the judges and the judging system. If there is cause for a legitimate protest, exhibitors/riders shall bring their protest to Show Management for resolution. Exhibitors may discuss their placings with the judge but must do so in the presence of JSC Show Personnel.

Anyone paying with a check which is returned and marked as "insufficient funds" will owe the Johnstown Saddle Club the monetary amount written on the check and will owe an additional \$50 above the written amount as an NSF charge. Anyone not fulfilling a debt owed to the Johnstown Saddle Club will be considered not in good standing and all services will cease until the debt and any additional charges are re-paid.

Keep in mind that disregarding any of these rules listed above could result in disciplinary action being taken against the offenders by the Officers and Board of Directors. Said action could result in the loss of membership.

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_____ Date: _____

Member Name

Member Signature

By signing these general rules you are agreeing to the terms stated among them and agree to follow them in their entirety.