



2017 IOWA HORSE FAIR

EXTREME TRAIL RIDER CHALLENGE

A course designed to challenge your horsemanship skills.
Open to all riders. - Two Divisions: Novice & Open

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Check in: 7:30 – 8:00 AM

Walk-thru: 8:00 AM sharp. No Horses.

Begin: 8:20 AM sharp

Awards: 12:45 PM

EAST ARENA

Open to first 40 paid entries.

JUDGES: Dustin Gean, Bill Paynter and Jerry Sharer

Entry fee: \$45

TO ENTER: Complete entry form which follows

RULES:

Exhibitor Order will be determined by show management by drawing and posted. Accommodations are made for exhibitors with multiple horses.

TYPICAL OBSTACLES:

Most obstacles will come from this list. Show management has the right to be creative.

1. GATE - Opening, passing through and closing
2. CROSSING OBSTACLE – logs, bridge, tetter- totter, water, ditch, or tarp
3. DRAGGING OBSTACLE – log, tire, pallet
4. ROPE A STATIONARY STEER
5. LOADING INTO A TRAILER
6. REMOVE, CARRY AND REPLACE AN ITEM
7. BACK thru and/or around obstacles or up/down hill
8. SIDEPASS over a single pole or poles.
9. JUMP – Lope or trot over a jump
10. MAILBOX
11. THROUGH – Cowboy curtains, tunnels
12. NATURAL TERRAIN - brush, ravines, hills
13. MOUNTING – From fence, block, log, windmill
14. CIRCLES or Straight Lines, lead changes
15. MAZE or tight fit
16. PICKING UP HORSES FEET
17. PONY A HORSE (Extreme division)
18. MANUEVERS - Pivots, rollbacks, stops
19. WATER – crossing, sprinkler, carry, creek
20. DEBRIS

A **course walk through** for competitors will be 15 minutes before competition begins. It is the competitor's responsibility to fully understand the course and rules at this time. Obstacles must be completed in the designated order.

SAFTEY

Obstacles are designed with safety in mind. However, if you feel an obstacle is beyond the abilities of you and/or your horse you may skip that obstacle. You will receive a zero for that obstacle and a 30 second time penalty but will still receive a score for the course. Helmets are encouraged but not required. **Helmets are required for riders under 17 years of age.**

RULES

1. Open to any discipline and breed(s) of horse.
2. Horse may go through course only once.
3. All riders must sign a release form. Riders 17 years or age and under must have parent/guardian signature on release form. Competitors and parents/legal guardians of youth assume all responsibility when on the grounds and participating in the event.
4. Riders must pay a non-refundable entry fee.
5. Equines must be serviceably sound and in good condition as determined by the judge.
6. It is expected that each horse shall be treated humanely with kindness and respect at all times.
7. The judge always has the option of disqualifying an exhibitor for safety reasons, disrespect or misconduct.
8. No whining, moaning, or complaining. The object is to have fun and to better our horsemanship. Suggestions are welcome.
9. No horses on the course before their turn.
10. If you choose to lead your horse through an obstacle you must remount before moving toward the next obstacle.
11. If you happen to fall off your horse and you can regain control without assistance and remount you may do so.
12. The judge will blow whistle and ask contestant to move on to next obstacle upon the third refusal or after 30 seconds of not completing an obstacle. The rider **MUST** move to the next obstacle. Riders who do not move on will be disqualified!
13. Failure to complete an obstacle results in a zero for that obstacle. Rider will still receive a score for the course.
14. It is permissible to change rein hand to work with an obstacle.
15. Show management has the right to add additional rules if necessary. Rule additions will be posted at registration table.
16. Stallions are allowed if rider is over 18 years of age.

TACK & ATTIRE

*Attire: Boots with a heel, long sleeve western shirt, English shirt or jacket, pants or jeans without holes are required. Show clothing not required. A Cowboy hat or helmet is mandatory.

Helmets are required for riders under age of 17.

*Numbers: The number will be displayed in a visible manner.

*Tack: must be safe, humane and in good working condition.

*Snaffle Bits and Bosals: Any horse may be shown two-handed using a snaffle or bosal. Horses that are shown in bit with a shank should be ridden one-handed. Use of two-hands on reins when using a shank bit are penalized 1 point per occurrence.

NO: Mechanical hackamores, tie-downs, draw reins, martingales, or wire chinstraps.

JUDGING

Each contestant will perform the required trail pattern individually. The best trail horse will be willfully guided with no apparent resistance. Any movement made by the horse on it's own or deviation from the pattern must be considered a lack of control. Credit will be given for horsemanship, smoothness, calmness, finesse, forward motion, control, attitude, quickness and authority in performing the various obstacles while using controlled speed. This event is intended to display the versatile working ability of a solid trail horse.

A good horseman will never endanger themselves or their horse. A good working relationship between horse and rider should be rewarded. Riders will abide by the ruling of the judge. All judges' decisions are final. GOOD LUCK!

SCORING

Each obstacle will be worth 10 points. Points can be given in .5 increments.

Obstacles not completed will receive a zero. Riders will still receive a score for the course.

Scoring system:

NEGATIVE MARKS

0 – Not Attempted or Not Completed

1 – Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 3 refusals then completed

2 – Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 2 refusals then completed

3 – Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 1 refusal then completed

4 – Obstacle complete with hesitation, rough but done

5 – Obstacle completed w/ slight deviation or hesitation

POSITIVE MARKS

6 – Obstacle completed as expected

7 – Obstacle completed smoothly and willingly

8 – Obstacle completed willingly with finesse

9 – Obstacle completed willingly w/ a higher degree of difficulty

10 – Obstacle completed willingly w/ a higher degree of difficulty and extreme finesse

TIME

The official timer will have the final time decision and may not be challenged.

A time limit, usually 4 or 5 minutes, for each course will be announced at walk through.

When time ends, the rider must leave the arena immediately. Points will be given for obstacles completed.

In the event of a tie score, the fastest time will win.

Extreme Trail Rider Challenge: Time points are given in 15-second increments.

Time points are given in addition to the exhibitors score for obstacles.

The fastest time is awarded 10 pts

Exhibitors within 15 seconds of the fastest time receive 9pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 8pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 7pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 6pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 5pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 4pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 3pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 2pts.

Exhibitors within the next 15 seconds will receive 1pts.

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Entry Form - Entry deadline - March 10

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Breed: _____ Color: _____

Novice (Has never placed in Trail Competition - Horse or Rider): _____

Open (Has received 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Trail Competition): _____

A few interesting things for the announcer:

Enclose \$45 Entry Fee

Stall reservations must be made thru Linda Spain, Barn Manager.

Stalls are \$40 for the weekend and include a 3-day pass.

You may NOT show out of your trailer. If you need a stall for only Sunday it is still \$40.

A release of liability form will be signed at check-in

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Iowa Horse Fair, C/O Linda Spain, 3234 Nevada St., St. Charles, IA 50240

QUESTIONS: Contact Linda Spain - rollwood.ls@gmail.com, 515-205-6983