



## **Bear River Riders Gymkhana Rules** **Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

1. **All Fairground Rules** must be followed: No fires, fireworks, or firearms allowed.
2. **All riders** are highly recommended to wear helmets, cowboy boots, long pants (jeans), long sleeve shirt, and use a western type saddle, for safety reasons.
3. **NO REFUNDS** for any reason.
4. **NO tying horses** along the arena fence in the entry/exit area. Only riders who are in the current or next division are allowed in the entry/exit area. Anyone not mounted on a horse is advised to remain in the bleacher or parking areas for safety reasons.
5. **NO riding double**, unless an adult over the age of 18 is leading the horse.
6. **NO running** horses anywhere on the grounds unless inside an arena.
7. **NO running** horses through the entry/exit gate. Horse must be **ridden** through the gate at a walk. The arena gate is to remain CLOSED during ALL runs, for safety reasons. Horses will be allowed help when entering the arena as long as it is done in a safe manner.
8. **A BROKEN PATTERN** constitutes a NO TIME = 0 score/0 points.
9. **There is a 5 second** penalty for knocking over a barrel or pole.
10. **If a timer** failure occurs, the rider has the option of up to TWO (2) re-rides. If during the first re-ride an obstacle is knocked over, the rider may take a second re-ride. If the second re-ride is taken, it voids the first re-ride and the rider must take the time given during the second re-ride. When the first re-ride is successful (no obstacles were knocked over) the rider is required to take that time and a second re-ride is not allowed.
11. **The age** of the rider as of **January 1st** will determine the division the rider will ride in for that year.
12. **A maximum** of TWO riders may use the same horse for Open Divisions. (No limit in Lead-line or Walk-Trot)
13. **There must be** at least TWO riders entered in a division, or it will be cancelled or combined with another division for the day. Points will go with the rider.
14. **If a rider** wishes to move into a different division and intends to carry points over, the move **MUST** be made by the **START** of their 2nd gymkhana of the year. After that time, the rider will forfeit his/her points and start with a zero (0) in the new division.

15. **LEAD-LINE DIVISION:** Open to any age rider, the horse must be led with a lead rope. All three patterns will be modified (shortened) and ran consecutively. All participants must be at the gate and ready to enter the arena when the division is called. No points/times will be given: Ribbons or prizes will be awarded to all Lead-line riders at the end of the division.
16. **WALK-TROT DIVISION:** Open to any age rider, walk or trot only. There will be a 1 second penalty added to the rider's time for loping, per stride. A parent, or parent's designated coach, is allowed in the arena (please be careful to NOT trigger the timer). The rider must be in control of the horse at all times. All three patterns may be modified (shortened) in the interest of saving time, if needed. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in the all-around, Overall High Point (1<sup>st</sup>) and Reserve (2<sup>nd</sup>) prizes will also be awarded.
17. **SCHOOLING DIVISION:** This is an Open/All Ages division intended for schooling purposes and will be ran after the Classic Division, in each pattern. Any rider wishing to run a second horse or wishing to school (train) a horse must ride that horse in this division. There will be NO day or year-end awards for this division.
18. **MEMBERSHIP** - Only BRR members can earn points for year-end awards. Membership fees must be paid before the start of the gymkhana. ALL riders sharing a family membership must reside at the SAME address.
19. **YEAR END AWARDS: POINT HORSE:** A substitution is allowed in the case of illness or injury to the point horse, or if horse is sold/was borrowed/etc. A rider may only enter one horse in their age division (2<sup>nd</sup> horse must be entered in the Schooling Division and will not earn any points). Rider must ride this same horse in ALL three patterns in order to earn points for year-end awards. If a rider has entered (paid fees for) all three patterns and failed to ride in the last pattern (due to having to scratch/leave early), a 0 score will be awarded for that pattern. Points from 10 on down for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place, per pattern, will be awarded.
20. **YEAR END AWARDS: RIDE REQUIREMENTS:** Rider must ride in a minimum of **FOUR** gymkhanas during the current year for points to count toward year end awards: the rider is allowed to miss one gymkhana only.
21. **YEAR END AWARDS: VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:** Rider, or a family member, must volunteer time at a minimum of **TWO** Gymkhanas in order to qualify for Year-End Awards.
22. **At a BRR Officer's discretion**, a rider may be disqualified for violation of these rules, violation of the Code of Conduct, horse abuse, un-sportsmanlike conduct, lack of control, or other unsafe situations. The **BRR Officer's** decision is FINAL.
23. **Any grievance** must be submitted to a **BRR Officer** in writing, BEFORE the end of the gymkhana, and may NOT be discussed in the announcer's stand/crow's nest.

