

## General Rules and Regulations

All contestants competing in any Olds Regional Exhibition (ORE) Gymkhana must abide by the rules and regulations set down by the ORE. Failure to know and understand any rule or regulation will be no excuse. The Co-ordinators, Executive and Directors present are responsible for seeing that all rules are carried out, their decision will be final.



Contestants will be dismissed for the following:

- A. Abusing horses or person(s) in any manner.**
- B. Personal misconduct.**

Contestants will be disqualified for the remainder of the event at which the infraction occurs and may be subject to loss of membership.

Competitors must wear riding boots, western attire, cowboy hat or helmet at all events.

No elastic or any methods of tying feet into the stirrups will be allowed.

All humane tack or equipment is permitted.

In all divisions, crops, reins, over and unders ropes and spurs may be used with discretion.

Some type of saddle must be used for competition.

All horses should be up to date on vaccinations.

Horses to be timed on the **NOSE** both start and finish.

No stallions, no foals running at large and no dogs unless leashed and under control.

A horse that kicks or is suspected of kicking must wear a red ribbon in it's tail.

The ORE staff present will make the decision regarding postponing or cancelling a show/gymkhana at any point.

Each contestant must be ready to enter the arena promptly when it is his/her turn to compete or miss the class.

ORE will endeavor to start on time and those who are late will forfeit the class.

Riders and spectators should not interfere with timers.

Horses to enter and leave the arena at a walk.

Horses may be led into the arena but **NOT** to starting line (except - Wee Pee and Pee Wee divisions)

A child in leadline will not be disqualified for any reason but will receive a 3 second penalty if the pattern is incorrect or if any errors occur. We (ORE Staff & Volunteers) feel that at this age the children are learning and should not be disqualified while trying their best.

Anyone who brings two horses must designate the point horse while entering. Both point and non-point horses can receive ribbons and the entry fee is paid for each horse. The top six horses receive a ribbon for their placing. This can result in two ribbons for the same placing being awarded but only one of those placing will be receiving points.

Please remember that the gymkhana and show rules are subject to change. If you are riding in and Open show/gymkhana or at another club, be sure to check the rules as they may be different. ORE will not make major rule changes in the middle of the season unless it is a safety factor or more that 50% of the club members (16 years of age and older) have expressed interest that the rule needs to be changed. Any other changes and ideas are welcome but will not be implemented until the next season.