



# 2023-2024 ORE Gymkhana

## GOAL

To provide a safe, fun, learning environment for kids to gain confidence in their riding.

## Location

Olds Regional Exhibition Pavilion

5223-54 Street Olds

P: 403-556-3770 ext 8030 (Mon-Fri)

E: office@oldsregionalexhibition.com

Facebook: Olds Regional Exhibition Gymkhana Club

## Dates

November 12

December 10

January 7

February 4

March 3

April 7

Awards Date TBD

***Any cancellation of dates will be determined by Saturday at noon based on Weather Network Olds forecast for 10 am on Sunday. No equine activity permitted at -20 ° and colder to provide a benchmark for cancellations.***

## Time Slots

To minimize the number of people/horses in the arena the following time slots will be available to enter:

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (25 rider limit)
- 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm (30 rider limit)

\*\*pending entries times may change to add a third slot

There will be a closed gate for additional safety precautions.

## Entries

- Entry deadline (including payment): **Thursday before event at noon**
- Online entries via Google Sheets
  - o link will be emailed posted on ORE Gymkhana Page the Monday prior to event
  - o Select the Time Slot, fill out information and select from drop down menu on sheet the events
- No entries will be taken day of event
- Entry fees \$20/date/participant

\*\*payments can be made via etransfer: office@oldsregionalexhibition.com

**Age Categories** (as of November 1, 2023) **NOTE: The category you sign up for at the beginning of the year will be the one you remain in the entire season (i.e.) if you enter leadline, you will be in leadline all season**

Wee Pee

5 & under leadline

5 & under non-lead line

PeeWee

6 – 8 years

Junior

9-12 years

Intermediate

13-18 years

## **Events** (patterns will be staked)

Barrels, Poles, Thread the Needle, Hat Race

## **Points**

Points will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> 8, 4<sup>th</sup> 7, 5<sup>th</sup> 6, 6<sup>th</sup> 5, 7<sup>th</sup> 4, 8<sup>th</sup> 3, 9<sup>th</sup> 2, 10<sup>th</sup> and down 1, No times will receive 1 point; Ties will be broken by total number of events attended, total number of highest placings. Prizes will be awarded at the year-end awards night. You must attend 4 of 6 dates to qualify for high point.

## **Practices**

### **TBD (dependent upon volunteer management of collecting and building lock up)**

- \$10/horse (e-transfer to confirm spot – office@oldsregionalexhibition.com)
- All children must be supervised (those on horseback and those not)
- Dates will be announced on Facebook Page

## **Rules & Regulations**

To ensure the safety of all participants, please read General Rules & Regulations below:

### **Participants must:**

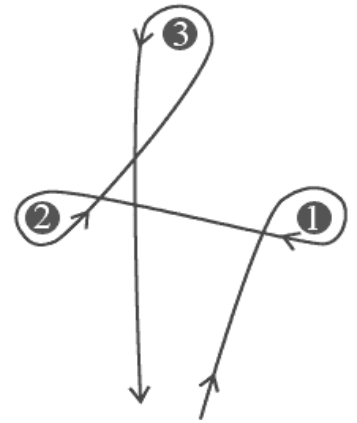
- **All participants must wear helmet, no matter the age category**
- **Riding boots are required** (no rubbers/muck boots)
- Long sleeved shirt (western attire strongly encouraged)
- Be ready to enter/exit the arena promptly when it is his/her turn
- Treat riders, volunteers and horses respectfully
- Have proper tack (saddles and headstalls must be used)
- Enter and leave arena on walk
- Flag a horse that kicks with a red ribbon in tail, be attended to at all times or tied outside

### **Participants must refrain from:**

- Elastic or any methods of tying feet into stirrups
- Velcro keepers on saddle seats, mandatory keepers on saddle fenders, lace up footwear
- Riding stallions, foals running at large
- Excessive use of crops, over unders, and spurs
- Tying horses to panels
- Sportsmanship is to be promoted at all times; unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated by any participants, families or guests
- In the event that the electronic eye malfunctions, a re-run will be issued.
- Participants may enter one horse.
- Horses not competing will not allowed in arena/holding areas.
- No tying to panels.
- No dogs allowed on premises.

## Barrel Racing

Riders enter at the red line, circle around the 1st barrel, proceed to the 2nd barrel, and then continue on to the 3rd where they will complete the pattern and finally exit the course crossing the red line a second time. This pattern is often referred to as a "Cloverleaf". The pattern may also begin with the left barrel first.



### Penalties

Add 5 seconds for each barrel knocked over

### Disqualification

Going off pattern

Crossing back over the starting line before completing the pattern

## Pole Bending

A rider and horse run past a timer line to the end of a line of six poles, then turn the end pole and weave down through the pattern, again turn at the last pole and weave back up, then run back home across the timer line. The fastest time will win.

### Penalties

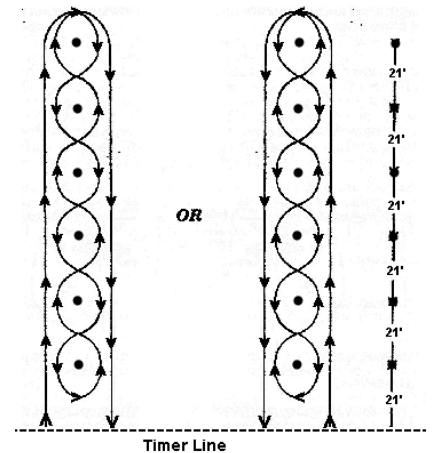
Add 5 seconds for each pole knocked over

### Disqualification

Going off course

Going over finish line before completing course

When running doubles, going over centre line



## Thread The Needle

Course will be set up using 5 poles as shown on the diagram.

The rider will run from the start line between the first four poles, turn around the 5th pole (in either direction), run back through the four poles to the finish.

### Penalties

Add 5 second penalty will be added for any of the first four poles that are knocked over

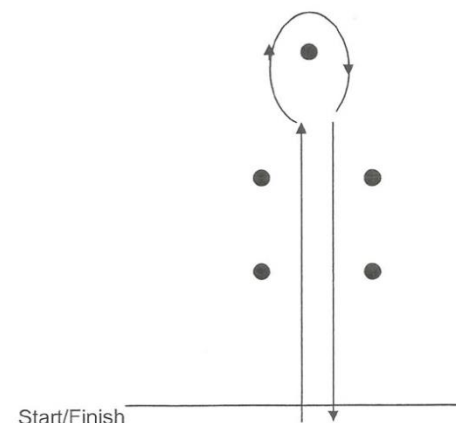
### Disqualification

Knocking over the 5th pole (end pole).

Going off course - If the horse and rider do not enter the poles through the middle of the first set, the rider may stop the horse, back him up and continue with the pattern as it should be. The rider may not turn the horse and return to where they broke the pattern or they will be disqualified.

Crossing the center line if running two at a time.

Going over finish line before completing course



## Hat Race

Use the end pole from Thread the Needle with a hat/cap on it.

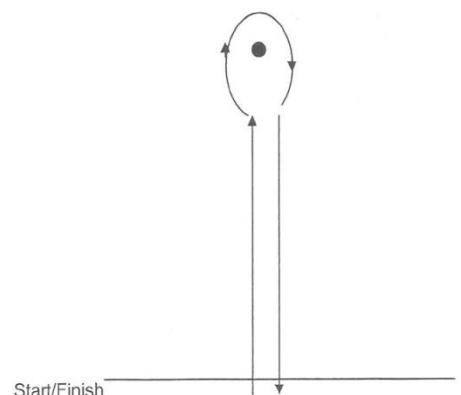
Riders ride down, **go around pole** and take hat off and head for finish.

### Penalties

Add 5 second penalty will be added if pole is knocked over

### Disqualification

Going over finish line before completing course





# 2023-2024 ORE Gymkhana Participant Form

Please fill out one per participant and email to  
office@oldsregionalexhibition.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of November 1, 2023): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Freedom of Information and Privacy Act:

I hereby give permission for any of the above names and pictures to be used for the ORE Gymkhana Club material such as programs, websites, etc. I, hereby understand, that I take full responsibility and I WAIVE ALL CLAIMS against the Olds Regional Exhibition and the ORE Gymkhana Club, its executives, directors, members, agents, contractors, employees, and facilities, thereof for any and all injury, loss or damage, which I or my property may sustain.

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Warning: THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. BY SIGNING IT, YOU ARE GIVING UP IMPORTANT CLAIMS. DO NOT SIGN IF YOU HAVE NOT READ IT, UNDERSTAND IT, OR HAVE ANY QUESTION ABOUT ITS MEANING.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Olds Regional Exhibition and the ORE Gymkhana Club equestrian program, related events, and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including:
  - a. The potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and
  - b. That medical attention and resources may not be immediately available should I be injured, and
  - c. That other participants may, through no involvement of the Olds Regional Exhibition and the ORE Gymkhana Club, cause injury or death, and
  - d. That activities involve live animals, which are inherently unpredictable and dangerous.
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If however I observe an unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representative and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Olds Regional Exhibition and the ORE Gymkhana Club, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

## FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant(s) as listed on the ORE Gymkhana Club Membership, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assign, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

X \_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS SIGNATURE

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_