

# Orleans County Fairgrounds Gymkhana 2024 Buckle Series

**Helmets are required for anyone under 18 years of age and are recommended for everyone**  
Current Negative Coggins and 2024 Rabies Please remember if you are coming to the event from out of state, Vermont State requires you have a current Health Certificate!

**Entry Fee \$35.00 per event or \$10.00 per game**

May 25  
Barrels

July 6  
Barrels

August 17  
Barrels

September 7  
Barrels

October 12  
Barrels

2024

**Final Gymkhana of the 2023 Buckle Series will be held on 10/12/2023 Year End Awards will be handed out at the end of the day**

**PLEASE READ THE RULES ATTACHED TO THE ENTRY FORM!!!!!!**

**Fair Grounds Gate Fee: To be paid by ALL Competitors!!!!**

**Please fill out the information below completely. Please Print Clearly**

Divisions: Lead Line (6&under), Walk/Trot ONLY, Youth, Youth Open, Intermediate Adult, Open Adult

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Negative Coggins Okay ( ) Checked

Riders Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horses Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Liability Waiver

This entry for the Orleans County Fair "Gymkhana" Buckle Series, to be held during the 2024 season, shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that the person making it (rider below) shall be subject to the rules of the Orleans County Fairgrounds. As part of this agreement, I WILL NOT hold the sponsors, their officials, directors, organizers or employees responsible for any action taken or for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the event. I further agree to enter my horse at my own risk, and to be responsible for any damages he/she may cause to property or individuals while on the Orleans County Fairgrounds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature required if rider is under 18 yrs. old

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Vermont Equine Activity Statute

## 1039. EQUINE ACTIVITIES; ACCEPTANCE OF INHERENT RISKS

(a) As used in this section

(1) "Equine" means a horse, pony, mule or donkey.

(2) "Equine activity" includes but is not limited to:

(A) Equine shows, fairs, competitions, performances or parades that involve any or all breeds of equines and any of the equine disciplines, including but not limited to dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, Grand Prix jumping, three-day events, combined training, rodeos, riding, driving, pulling, cutting, polo, steeple chasing, English and western performance riding, endurance trail riding, gymkhana games and hunting;

(B) Equine training or teaching activities, or both;

(C) Rides, trips, or hunts.

(3) "Equine activity sponsor" means an individual, group, club, organized camp, club, partnership or corporation, whether or not the sponsor is operating for profit or nonprofit, which sponsors, organizes or provides the facilities for an equine activity, including but not limited to pony clubs, 4-H clubs, hunt clubs, riding clubs, school and college-sponsored classes, programs and activities, therapeutic riding programs, stable and farm owners and operators, instructors and promoters or equine facilities, including but not limited to farms, stables, clubhouses, pony ride strings, fairs and arenas at which the activity is held.

(4) "Participant" means any person, whether amateur or professional, who engages in an equine activity, whether or not a fee or other consideration is paid to participate in the equine activity.

(b) No person shall be liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, insofar as those risks are necessary to the equine activity and obvious to the person injured.

(c)(1) An equine activity sponsor may post and maintain signs which contain the warning notice specified in this subsection. Such signs shall be placed in a clearly visible location in the proximity of the equine activity. The warning notice shall appear on the sign in black letters, with each letter to be a minimum of one inch in height.

(2) Every written contract entered into by an equine activity sponsor for the providing of professional services, instruction or the rental of equipment or tack or an equine to a participant, whether or not the contract involves equine activities on or off the location or site of the equine professional's business, may contain in clearly readable print the warning notice.

(3) The signs and contracts described in this subsection shall contain the following warning notice:

### WARNING

**Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A. § 1039.**

**Ring Judge's Ruling is FINAL!** Our judge(s) will provide us with rulings on each riders run. It is their job to watch every rider and judge whether or not the pattern was done correctly and to issue a disqualification ruling if necessary. Should a disqualification be deemed appropriate then it is the sole responsibility of the judge(s) to indicate so. No one will be allowed to alter the ruling including the show advisors, gymkhana committee or the other disgruntled people. All entries are accepted with the understanding that Orleans County Fair and/or volunteers will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any horse exhibited or any article of any kind. All horses shall be under the control and direction of the gymkhana committee but solely at the risk of the rider, who shall be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by them, their agent or employees or by any animal owned or exhibited by them shall identify the Orleans County Fair committee against any and all loss, damage and liability thereof. The submission of any entry form to the gymkhana shall constitute and acceptance by each person signing same of the revisions herein set forth.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS** (violation will result in disqualification)

- 1.) Negative Coggins test dated within the past 12 months and Rabies vaccination dated between 30 days and 12 months \*MUST be presented at check in, papers will be verified to each horse. You will not be allowed to unload without the proper papers. **Health certificates \*\* Out of state equines imported into Vermont are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days prior to entry, or a CVI issued for the 6-month duration of the exhibition permit.**
- 2.) No reruns for defective equipment ~ **CHECK YOUR TACK PRIOR TO YOUR RUN!!!!**
- 3.) **Must wear shoes or boots with a heel. No sneakers or flat-soled shoes allowed.**
- 4.) Riders ride at their own risk and are responsible for any damage done by them or their horse(s).
- 5.) Any horse that cannot be controlled in or out of the ring will be deemed a threat to the public and the horse and rider will be disqualified and asked to leave. All entries forfeited.
- 6.) Any unsportsmanlike behavior (including excessive profanity) or abusive treatment to any animal will not be tolerated. Riding crops and spurs are allowed, but excessive use will not be tolerated. The event directors will have the authority to dismiss any offenders from the fairgrounds and all entry fees will be forfeited.
- 7.) Timing lights will be used to keep track of time. All decisions will be final upon event committee ruling. Final decisions are made by the committee. Any and ALL objections MUST be addressed before the next event begins.
- 8.) Helmets: Any rider under 18 years old must wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet which carries ASTM/SEI approval with secured chin harness properly fastened at all times when mounted. Use of helmets by all riders is highly encouraged. All riders compete at their own risk and assume full responsibility (see liability disclaimer which MUST be signed and turned into Secretary before showing.)
- 9.) **NO alcohol permitted.** Violators (breathalyzer test may be administered) will be disqualified from competition, all entry fees will be forfeited and offender(s) will be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
- 10.) **All riders are expected to be ready when their name is called! Three levels will be called..... 1. Who is up 2. Who is on deck 3? Who is in line? You MUST be in the ring within 30 seconds after your name is called (when you are up) or you will be disqualified for that game.**
- 11.) Be at the IN gate when your class is called. Do not congregate in front of the gate. This area needs to be free and clear for safety reasons. Entry and Exit of the ring will be at a walk.
- 12.) It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure the ring is ready and the ring crew is out of the ring before they enter!
- 13.) Only one entry per horse and rider combination – you may enter multiple horses, but you must use a separate entry form for each horse.
- 14.) **Grounds for disqualification: –Incorrect run of a pattern or traveling back through timer before run is complete. –If a barrel or pole falls over; ball & chain is dropped; flag is dropped you will be disqualified.**
- 15.) There will be no refunds given. If, in the event the event is cancelled due to inclement weather before the event starts, entry fees can be held by the management and used for the next event.
- 16.) **Any contestant that is asked to leave the grounds during any event in this series ( ie: alcohol use, abusive treatment, etc.) will be automatically disqualified from the day's events. NO EXCEPTIONS**