

Orleans County Fairgrounds Gymkhana 2025 Buckle Series

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One Form for Each Horse & Rider Team

RIDERS NAME: _____ HORSES NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) - ____ - _____

Current Negative Coggins and 2025 Rabies Please remember if you are coming to the event from out of state, Vermont State requires you have a current Health Certificate!

Dates: May 24 ___ July 4 ___ July 19 ___ August 16 ___ September 6 ___

Please check each date you plan to attend. This form will pre-enter you for each event

Lead Line (6&under): \$35 Total \$ _____

Walk/Trot (any age): \$35 Total \$ _____

Youth: \$35 Total \$ _____

Open Youth: \$35 Total \$ _____

Intermediate: \$35 Total \$ _____

Open Adult: \$35 Total \$ _____

JACKPOT BARRELS: \$20 Total \$ _____

Per game fee # of games \$10 Total \$ _____

Games at all events will include: Barrels and Pole Bending or Stake Race, 3 more games to be determined.

THIS IS A DANGEROUS SPORT. I, BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, DO HEREBY RELEASE, ORLEANS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND ALL OUR SUBSIDIARIES INCLUDED BUT NOT LIMITED TO: OUR INSURANCE COMPANY, AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES OF ANY LIABILITY FROM ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO MYSELF OR PERSONAL PROPERTY. ADDITIONALLY, I HEREBY WAIVE RIGHTS FOR REPRESENTATION FROM ORLEANS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS REGARDING ANY DISPUTES WITH ANY AFFILIATED GYMKHANA SHOWS I AM PARTICIPATING IN. I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL POSTED RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORWARD BY ORLEANS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ALONE. ALSO, BY ENTERING ORLEANS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SHOWS I GIVE ORLEANS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS THE RIGHT TO USE MY PHOTOGRAPH(S) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT & PROMOTION OF ORLEANS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.

RIDER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(IF UNDER 18, PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE) _____

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.

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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 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.
- 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 (i.e.: alcohol use, abusive treatment, etc.) will be automatically disqualified from the day's events. NO EXCEPTIONS**