



# KIT CARSON RIDING CLUB, INC.

2017

## GYMKHANA RULES

(Revised January 2017)

(Updates for the year are highlighted in yellow)

Gates will be open at 4:00PM.

Registration will begin at 4:45PM.

Start time will be at 5:45PM for lead line

Registration for each event will be discontinued at the start of that particular event.

After 6:00PM, the event registration will be moved to the announcer's booth.

Practice runs for Barrels and Poles only.

Practice runs will be just prior to those events..

**Prices:** The following prices are the same for all age groups.

\$2.00 per event, per rider, for club members.

\$3.00 per event, per rider, for non-members.

**RAIN CHECKS:** Rain checks will be given to participants if severe weather dictates cancellation of the evening's events. Rain checks will only be given out to those riders that did not have a chance to ride in any events that they signed up for. They will not be given if 3 points events have been finished. All rain checks will be honored for future events for the duration of that season only.

### Entries:

**Please be at the start gate for the start of your age group. The announcer will call you 3 times, if you miss your age group, you will not be able to run that event.**

⌚ your age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> is the age group you will be entered in.

⌚ Start time will be 5:45PM. Lead line will do all three of their events (barrels, flags and 75up and back)

⌚ Entries per event will close when the first rider of that group enters the arena.

⌚ Only two horses per rider will be allowed. As a KCRC member, it is the rider's responsibility to specify which one of the two horses is running for points for end of year awards when registering. Non Members will be responsible for specifying which one of the horses is running for the ribbon points that night. The announcer that night MUST be notified of a change of horses before the event is run, or there will be no points awarded for that run. There will be arena helpers with radios available for contacting ~~the announcer.~~

**Placing and Points:** Points will be given first place thru sixth place. Ribbons will be awarded in the same manner.

**Year End Awards:** To qualify for the Year End Award, the following must be met:

A. Individual Must be an approved club member on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year.

B. Must ride in correct age group.

C. Points acquired thru the whole season will determine the Year End High Point winner(s).

D. You must participate in at least 50% of the seasons Gymkhanas to qualify for buckles.

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**Events:** The standard events will be:

- A. Barrel Racing
- B. Flag Race
- C. 75 up and Back
- D. Pole Bending

A fifth event may be added at the Event Director's discretion.

**Warnings:** Contestants will have three warnings they are up next. At the time of the final call, the rider has 30 seconds to enter the arena. Rider's failure to do so will result in disqualification for the event.

**Electronic Timer:** Electric eye timer is the official time and cannot be challenged.

**Re-runs:** A re-run will only be given if due to an electric eye failure. A re-run must take place before the end of the event being re-run **or as Announcer deems appropriate.**

**Arena Area and Grounds:** Contestants must keep alleyway and gate area clear at all times, unless they are up for their run. Horses should be kept clear of the storage shed and grandstands at all times. Do not tie horses to the arena fence. Horses must be kept a minimum of 15ft. from the East Side and West side arena fences, excluding the N/W Corner of the arena.

## **ALL PERSONS ON HORSEBACK ON THE K.C.R.C. GROUNDS, WHETHER OR NOT COMPETING, WILL SIGN A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

Nonmembers will sign this agreement at each event. K.C.R.C. members need only the agreement that was signed on member application.

**Parking:** Trucks, trailers, and all other vehicles need to be parked clear of all alleyways and gates.

**Helmets:** Helmets and other protective equipment are not required, but are highly recommended.

To avoid any serious accidents, the Gymkhana Committee requests the following guidelines are observed at all times:

1. Any contestant who, through lack of control or poor sportsmanship, endangers the safety of other contestants will be penalized or disqualified for the event, at the Event Director's discretion.
2. Abuse of one's mount, excessive whipping, jerking of the reins, excessive spurring or kicking, striking the horse with any object etc., is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification for that event. Repeat offenses may result in disqualification for the entire evening,

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3. Riding carelessly around the grounds is prohibited. Trotting, cantering, loping, or galloping is allowed in either of the two arenas and the round pen. Trotting outside an arena is allowed along the North fence line only. .
4. Footwear with an appropriate heel must be worn.
5. When passing, pass well off to the side. In any event, warn the rider ahead and pass slowly.
6. Check and tighten all tack before entering the arena.
7. No bicycles will be allowed to be ridden in the vicinity of the horses or horse trailers.
8. Members are to present themselves in a respectful and professional manner at all times pursuant to the KCRC Code of Conduct set forth by the Board of Directors for Kit Carson Riding Club. These rules can be obtained from the club by request to any board member.

### **Event Rules**

**Barrel Race:** Three barrels shall be placed 75 feet apart in a triangle formation conforming to accepted standards. The rider will cross the start line, ride to #1 barrel, circle to the right, ride to the #2 barrel, circle it to the left, ride to the #3 barrel, circle it to the left and ride across the finish line, passing between barrels #1 and #2. Or, rider will cross start line and ride to #2 barrel, circle it to the left, ride to #1 barrel, circle it to the right, ride to #3 barrel, circle it to the right and ride across the finish line, passing between barrels #1 and #2. The pattern may be run in a reverse manner if requested by the rider.

Disqualifications:

1. Violating general rules.
2. Breaking pattern, Not crossing finish line between barrels #1 and #2.
3. Crossing start/finish line before pattern is complete.

Penalty: A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over. Contestants are allowed to touch barrels.

**Flag Race:** Two containers (preferably 55 gallon drums) will be placed 75 feet apart, and 30 feet from the start/finish line. A five-gallon bucket filled with sand or soft dirt should be placed on top of each drum. The rider starts with flag in one hand and deposits it in bucket #1, proceeds to bucket #2, removes the flag from bucket #2 and proceeds to the finish line. Or, the rider starts with flag in one hand and deposits it in bucket #2, proceeds to bucket #1, removes the flag from bucket #1 and proceeds to the finish line.

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Disqualifications:

1. Violating general rules
2. Flag not remaining in bucket
3. Rider misses picking up other flag or drops it before the finish line.
4. Rider circling the barrel.
5. Knocking over bucket and/or barrel.
6. Crossing start/finish line before pattern is complete.

**75 Up and Back:** One barrel will be placed 105 feet from the start/finish line. Rider rides to the barrel, turns either to the right or left and rides to the finish line.

Disqualifications: Crossing start/finish line before pattern is complete.

Penalty: A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for knocking over barrel.

**Pole Bending:** Six poles should be placed 21 feet apart with the first pole set 21 feet from the start/finish line. The rider crosses start line, rides to either side of pole #6, turns around pole #6 to the left or right and then weavers (bends) around the opposite side of each pole to pole #1, turns around pole #1 and weavers (bends) around the opposite side of each pole to pole #6, turns around pole #6 and rides across the finish line. Contestants will not be disqualified for stopping motion unless it exceeds 30 seconds.

Disqualifications:

1. Violating general rules
2. Riding across start/finish line when circling pole #1.
3. Breaking pattern.

Penalty: A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each pole knocked over.

**Key Hole:** Pattern will be 105 feet from start/finish line. Neck of keyhole will be 6 feet long and 6 feet wide, opening into a 20-foot diameter circle. Poles, cones, or other will be used to mark neck and circle of pattern. The rider crosses the start line, rides into the neck of the circle (all four of the horses feet must be inside the circle) turns the horse and rides back out of the keyhole to the finish line.

Disqualifications:

1. Violating general rules
2. Stepping on or over keyhole pattern (including neck)
3. Not entering keyhole through neck.
4. Not exiting keyhole through neck.
5. Crossing start/finish line before pattern is complete.

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**Stake Race:** The course shall be laid out the two poles, 75 feet apart, and 30 feet from the start/finish line to pole #1. The rider must cross the start line, ride around pole #2 to the left, continue to pole #1, around pole #1 to the right, back to pole #2 to the left, and return to the finish line. Or, the rider must cross the start line, ride around pole #2 to the right, continue to pole #1, around #1 to the left, back to pole #2, around pole #2 to the right, and return to the finish line.

The Keyhole and Stake race events are NOT included in the year end points calculation for awards.

Disqualification:

1. Violating general rules.
2. Circling pole completely.
3. Crossing start/finish line before pattern is complete.

Penalty: A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each pole knocked over.

The Event Director can make the decision of which event, the Keyhole Race or the Stake Race will be run on any given night.

Gymkhana participant input is acceptable in making the decision.

In the event of an excessively late finish for the night's events, the Event Director may decide not to have the 5<sup>th</sup> event.

If severe weather approaches, The Event Director will advise Lightening procedures and rain delays at his / her discretion. All directors are aware of procedures for lightening and rain delays and **the director's decision is final**. If you are concerned for the safety of yourself or your horse, you may discontinue participation if you desire.

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