

## **General Rules**

In order to maintain a family atmosphere during all events sponsored by the Johnstown Saddle Club Inc. any events sanctioned by the Johnstown Saddle Club Inc., pertaining to any other group, that from time to time may rent the use of the Johnstown Saddle Club Inc. facilities: the following rules of conduct will be observed at all times.

### **General Rules -**

#### **Article 1. Alcohol**

No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the Johnstown Saddle Club premises. Violators will forfeit awards and be excused from the grounds. Any one found to be consuming alcohol off the grounds will not be permitted to compete or enter the grounds.

#### **Article 2. Language**

No vulgar language shall be used. Use of vulgar language may result in removal of the offending party and may further result in censorship of said party.

#### **Article 3. Arena Use**

a. Members using the arena during open hours shall be responsible for removing all equipment from the arena when they are finished using it. This means that the barrels, poles, tires, logging aides, obstacles, etc. should all be placed outside of the arena when you are done using them. The arena should never have any equipment left inside the fence. Courtesy for other members should always be observed.

b. Members using the arena during open hours shall be responsible for turning off lights and making sure the water is shut off (lights must be shutoff no later than 9:00 pm).

c. At no time shall any horse be allowed in the grass area beyond the concession stand. This area is set aside for humans only and will be clearly marked.

d. Horses shall not be tied to the arena fencing at any time. Horses may only be tied to trailers which are secured to a vehicle.

e. By request of the landowner, no Cowboy Polo shall be allowed in the arena at anytime. Breaking this rule could constitute a breach of our lease agreement.

#### **Article 4. Stallions**

No member, guest, or contestant shall be allowed to ride or handle a stallion on the Johnstown Saddle Club Inc. grounds – NO EXCEPTIONS!!

#### **Article 5. Dogs**

At no time shall dogs be allowed on the arena grounds during club sponsored or sanctioned events, shows, fun nights, BBQ's, etc.

#### **Article 6. Littering**

No littering. All refuse must be placed in garbage receptacles located around the grounds.

### **Article 7. Camping**

By request of the landowner, no overnight camping or any livestock shall be allowed on the club grounds (no exceptions). Disregarding this rule could constitute a breach of our lease agreement.

### **Membership –**

#### **Article 1. Dues**

The annual dues for membership of this club shall be \$35.00 per family of individual member, and shall become due January 1 of each year. The dues will not be prorated.

#### **Article 2. Awards Banquet**

The annual Awards Banquet night will be held at a time and place to be determined at one of the monthly meetings. It is not to be held in conjunction with the annual November meeting.

### **Pleasure Horse Show Rules-**

#### **Article 1. Dates**

The Pleasure Shows shall be held on the third Sunday of each month between the months of May through September with the exception of the month of August. The date for the August Pleasure Show will be allowed to float until the new year of each season, with the intent that it will be held either the week before or after the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

#### **Article 2. Rules and Attire**

The pleasure events will be judged using the 4-H Rule Book, including tack and attire (helmets are not required for Western events but if worn will be NOT be penalized). Dress attire must be appropriate for the class entered.

#### **Article 3. Patterns**

Reining, Western Riding and English Control patterns will be taken from the current 4-H Rule Book. Patterns for Showmanship, Trail, Walk-Trot, and Lead Line classes will be posted.

#### **Article 4. Lead Line Classes**

The Lead Line classes are intended for children that are unable to ride and/or handle the horse alone in a safe manner. The child should be old enough to sit on the horse without assistance from a second person. The horse must be lead with a lead attached to a halter or bridle by a person 14 years or older. Lead Line has only one class and is not eligible for high point.

#### **Article 5. Green Horse**

The Green Horse class can include any age horse that has been under saddle two years or less. This does not mean shown for two years or less. It will be judged as a pleasure class and does not count towards high point. Green horses may compete in a snaffle bit.

#### **Article 6. Novice Rider**

The Novice Rider class can include any age exhibitor which has not received two first place ribbons in Western Pleasure or Western Equitation.

### **Article 7. Class Conduct**

- a. Classes of three or less may be combined but will be judged and placed off the age divisions of the exhibitors.
- b. No stallions or uncontrollable horses are allowed at the shows. The Show management will determine and dismiss any horse deemed to be uncontrollable.
- c. The same horse may not be ridden by more than one exhibitor in the same class and age group. Hardships must be approved by Show Management.
- d. All horses that kick must be flagged with a red ribbon. Ribbons can be obtained at the entry booth if needed.
- e. The contestant's age is determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f. All participants must wear shoes or boots with an adequate heel.

### **Article 8. Daily Highpoint**

All classes will have ribbons through 5 places. Daily High Points are open to members and non-members alike. To be eligible for the daily high point, contestants must enter at least three Western or three English events (excluding Green Horse, Lead Line and Novice Rider). Points are awarded with first place receiving 5 points, second place 4 points, third place 3 points, fourth place 2 points and fifth place 1 point. Any ties in point totals will be broken by the highest placing contestant in Showmanship.

## **Gymkhana Rules –**

### **Article 1. Dates**

The Gymkhana's shall be held on the first Sunday of each month between the months of May through September with the exception of the months of August and September, when the Gymkhanas will be held the second Sunday.

### **Article 2. Rules and Attire**

The Gymkhana events will be ran using the 4-H Rule Book, including tack and attire with two exceptions. T-shirts may be worn in place of long sleeve western shirts and baseball caps or visors are allowed. No tank tops or string tops allowed. Western hats are optional (no bandanas). If hats are worn and they fall off, a 5 second penalty is assessed. The use of approved ASTM/SEI helmets is encouraged.

### **Article 3. Safety**

For safety reasons, it is permissible and encouraged to dismount and lead your horse into the arena if there is any difficulty riding in. The Show Management will determine and dismiss any horse deemed uncontrollable. See above Article regarding use of helmets.

### **Article 4. Lead Line Classes**

The Lead Line classes are intended for children that are unable to ride and/or handle the horse alone in a safe manner. The child should be old enough to sit on the horse without assistance from a second person. The horse must be lead with a lead attached to a halter or bridle by a person 14 years or older.

### **Article 5. Gymkhana Conduct**

- a. No stallions or uncontrollable horses are allowed at the gymkhana. The Show Management will determine and dismiss any horse deemed to be uncontrollable.
  
- c. The same horse may not be ridden by more than one exhibitor in the same class and age group. Hardships must be approved by Show Management.
  
- d. All horses that kick must be flagged with a red ribbon. Ribbons can be obtained at the entry booth if needed.
  
- e. The contestant's age is determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  
- f. All participants must wear shoes or boots with an adequate heel.

### **Article 6. Daily Highpoint**

All classes will have ribbons through 5 places. Daily High Points are open to members and non-members alike and will be given in each of the age groups, including Lead Line. Points are awarded with first place receiving 5 points, second place 4 points, third place 3 points, fourth place 2 points and fifth place 1 point. Any ties in point totals will be broken by the fastest time in Barrels.

### **Year End High Point Awards –**

#### **Article 1 Requirements**

In order for a Johnstown Saddle Club member to be considered for year-end high point, they must;

- a. Attend at least four monthly meetings through the qualifying period of January through September of that particular award year.
- b. Provide at least four hours of community service at any of the Johnstown Town Saddle Club events.
- c. Compete in at least 3 shows or gymkhanas.
- d. Compete in at least two-thirds of the classes in their age group offered at the event.
- e. Have no outstanding debt owed to the Johnstown Saddle Club.
- f. Be a member in good standing at the time the points are earned

#### **Code of Conduct –**

No Johnstown Saddle Club member shall receive monetary payment for work performed at any Johnstown Saddle Club sponsored event except in the event that a member is hired as a Judge or Arena Director.

No Johnstown Saddle Club member shall receive relief of payment for show and/or gymkhana entries for work performed at any Johnstown Saddle Club sponsored event.

Mistreatment and neglect of any horse and any Johnstown Saddle Club sponsored event is prohibited. Mistreatment includes every act which causes or unreasonably permits unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering. Neglect includes failure to provide care which is normal or proper for a horse's well being.

Exhibitors/riders shall support the judges and the judging system. If there is cause for a legitimate protest, exhibitors/riders shall bring their protest to Show Management for resolution.

Anyone paying with a check which is returned marked as "insufficient funds" will owe the Johnstown Saddle Club the monetary amount written on the check and will owe an additional \$50 above the written amount as an NSF charge. Anyone not fulfilling a debt owed to the Johnstown Saddle Club will be considered not in good standing and all services will cease until the debt and any additional charges are re-paid.

**Keep in mind that disregarding any of these rules listed above could result in disciplinary action being taken against the offenders by the Board of Directors. Said action could result in the loss of membership.**