

The Real Cowboy Challenge

Rules

1. Rider may enter multiple horses, order of go will be a random computer draw, back to back draws will require participant to forfeit one ride or a back up rider may be substituted.
2. Horses may only be entered once.
3. Participants will release San Joaquin Valley Rangers and all affiliates from any and all liability.
4. Entry fee is non-refundable, no exceptions.
5. Participation is voluntary.
6. Participants will abide by the rules of the judges; all judges' decisions are final.
7. The official time judge will have the final time decision. Should the primary timer fail, the back-up timer will become the official time. The timer judges' decisions are final and may not be challenged. Should all timers fail, the participant will receive a re-ride after all competitors have gone.
8. Awards will be given to the top 4 finishers for each division. There will be no cash awards of any kind.
9. Obstacles and rules are reviewed before the start of the race. It is the participants' responsibility to fully understand the rules of the course before he/she begins. Only the active participant may ask questions of the officials regarding the rules until such time they enter the course.
10. Only the active participant will be allowed on the course at any time and must complete the course unassisted.
11. All spectators, judges, camera crew, etc. at the event will be considered part of the course; participant acknowledges that all are obstacles in and of themselves.
12. Participants may take notes, but may not videotape or photograph the course prior to the competition.
13. Order of go will be random computer drawing. Participants may not challenge order of go; not competing in drawn order will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

14. Abusive treatment of any animal will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification.

15. At the judges' discretion, a participant may be issued a re-ride should an outside influence/distraction from beyond the course be so great as to inhibit the participant from completing the course in a timely manner. Participant must request a re-ride within one minute of receiving their official time. If a re-ride is granted, the participant will go after all competitors have ridden.

16. All judges' decisions are final and may not be challenged for any reason.

17. All riders will be given a set time to complete the course; if any participant exceeds the time limit they will be disqualified. Time limits will be posted the day of the competition.

18. There will be no penalty for a participant to become dismounted during the competition providing they have control of their horse, they and/or their horse do not go out of the course boundaries and they are able to mount with no assistance and complete the course in the allotted time. If at any time, the participant or participant's horse leaves the course, or is restrained from leaving the course by anyone other than the participant, they will be disqualified. If the participant has any outside help to remount, he/she will be disqualified.

19. Each participant must make an effort to complete each obstacle presented, in the order it is presented. Participant may not choose to skip an obstacle. Should an obstacle be skipped, participant may be disqualified; this will be up to the judges' discretion.

20. There will be a set time for participant to complete an obstacle. Should a participant not be able to complete the obstacle in the amount of time allotted, he or she will be given a go ahead cue from the judge. Time limits will be posted the day of the competition.

21. No drugs of any kind may be administered to any competition horse. San Joaquin Valley Rangers reserves the right to have a licensed veterinarian draw blood for testing of such drugs. If any drugs should be found participant will be disqualified.

22. The judges and/or show producer may disqualify a participant if it appears that such participant is abusing drugs or alcohol that may, or may not, impair their ability to navigate the course safely.

23. The participant must bring all disputes to the attention of the judge, within one minute of completing the course.

24. No modification may be made to the saddle or gear that would result in a competitive advantage.
25. San Joaquin Valley Rangers reserves the right to add or remove invitational participants for any reason.
26. Producer and/or judge may change any and all rules or waive rules at any time for any reason, without notice.
27. Stallions will be allowed as long as the rider is at least 18 years of age.
28. All horses will be numbered by an official.
29. In the event of a tie, the rider with the least amount of deductions will be declared the winner. Judges to have the final ruling.