## TRAIL DERBY: MAY BE HELD TRADITIONAL STYLE OR GAMBLER'S CHOICE STYLE FINALS WILL BE TRADITIONAL DERBY STYLE. ENJOY THE CLASS! PINNED OPEN AND NON PROFESSIONAL.

## 2014 HUNTFIELD TRAIL DERBY CLASS TRADITIONAL STYLE SPECIFICATIONS

Preliminary Class Specifications: These specifications are with the committee to finalize.

Class will be conducted using traditional AQHA Trail course rules with option obstacles enabling rider and horse to choose more difficult path to exhibit their talents. Judging Panel will be two judges judging together. – FINALS & TOP TEN YEAR END AWARDS- Class is open to anyone

## **OPTION OBSTACLES:**

\$500 PRIZE MONEY: MINIMUM 2 OPTION OBSTACLE MAXIMUM 4 OPTION OBSTACLE \$1000 PRIZE MONEY: MINIMUM 2 OPTION OBSTACLE MAXIMUM 4 OPTION OBSTACLE \$2500 PRIZE MONEY: MINIMUM 3 OPTION OBSTACLE MAXIMUM 4 OPTION OBSTACLE

\$5000 PRIZE MONEY: 4 OPTION OBSTACLE FINALS WILL HAVE 4 OPTION OBSTACLE

## THIS IS A TWO ROUND CLASS:

**Round 1: The Classic Trail Style Round** shall be judged and numerically scored PER AQHA RULES:

**SHW463. SCORING.** Scoring will be on the basis of 0-infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each obstacle will receive an obstacle score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted. Each obstacle will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2: -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good, +1 1/2 excellent. Obstacle scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points.

The judging panel must award Option Bonus Score consisting of one (1) additional point for every more difficult obstacle option shown. These two scores (regular points then bonus points) must be announced separately and then added together to determine each rider/horse's score for this round from the judging panel.

Round 2. The top twelve from the first round return to compete in Round 2. The Handy Trail Round shall be judged and numerically scored on quality, movement, style, manners and way of going. In addition to this score, the judging panel must award an Option Bonus Score consisting of one (1) additional point for every more difficult option obstacle shown. The judging panel must award a Handy Bonus Score consisting of between zero (0) and ten (10) bonus points to each rider/horse combination for handiness of round. These three scores (Regular, Handy, & Bonus) must be announced separately and then added together to determine each rider/horse's score for this round from each judging panel. The scores of the judging panels will be added together to determine the total score of each rider/horse of this round.

**Soundness:** Soundness will be reflected in the class scores.

Each obstacle carries from 10 to 120 points according to its difficulty. The option that is more difficult needs to have a higher value. A minimum of 12 obstacles (including options) need to be in the arena. The competitor is credited with the number of points carried by each obstacle that they complete correctly. Normal obstacle style points will also be included in the scores.

**TIES:** In the event of a tie of points, tie will be broken by adding just the judges' style points.

**COURSE WALK:** Course must be available for all exhibitors to walk for a minimum of 20 minutes.

**ORDER OF GO:** Order of Go must be posted at least one hour prior to class. Riders with multiple rides need to be given at minimum four rides between is possible.

**TIME: First Round:** Each rider will get 4- 5 minutes to complete their course. Time decided by course designer. There will be a time warning at 1 minute before the end, and again at 30 seconds. **Second Round Handy**: No time limits. Judged on handiness.

**COURSE DESIGNER:** Course designer needs to have experience with designing trail courses. If course designer does not have prior trail designing experience please call office for guidance. Trail Derby patterns available for purchase from Tim Kimura, 559-978-2468. Please call Tim Kimura if purchasing a course 30 days in advance.

Only one rider will be doing the course at a time.

Class will be conducted in a Gambler's Choice format. Judging Panel will be two judges judging together. – FINALS & TOP TEN YEAR END AWARDS- Class is open to anyone

**COURSE REQUIREMENT:** Each obstacle carries from 10 to 120 points according to its difficulty. The option that is more difficult needs to have a higher value. A minimum of 12 obstacles (including options) need to be in the arena. The competitor is credited with the number of points carried by each obstacle that they complete correctly. Normal obstacle style points will also be included in the scores.

**OBSTACLE REPEAT:** Any obstacle may be repeated twice but not consecutively. Any obstacle knocked down during a round will not be rebuilt and may not be attempted again.

**TIES:** In the event of a tie of points, tie will be broken by adding just the judges' style points.

**OPTIONAL JOKER:** An obstacle may be provided in the course duly marked and titled "Joker". The Joker may be attempted once; 200 points are awarded if this obstacle is completed correctly, but if obstacle has faults, 200 points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the competitor.

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