

Purpose:

This event will give you the opportunity to set goals, measure your progress, gain confidence, expose your horse to new things, and compete. The HLPTC is about having fun, building confidence, promoting good horsemanship and challenging you and your horse to new levels.

Judging:

- Each contestant will perform the required trail pattern individually.
- The best trail horse will be willfully guided with no apparent resistance.
- Any movement made by the horse on its own or deviation from the pattern must be considered a lack of control.
- Credit will be given for horsemanship, smoothness, calmness, finesse, forward motion, control, attitude and authority in performing the various obstacles with control.
- This event is intended to display the versatile and working ability of a solid trail horse.
- A good horseman will never endanger themselves or their horse.
- A good working relationship between horse and rider should be rewarded.
- Riders will abide by the ruling of the judge.
- All judges' decisions are final.

Scoring:

Each obstacle will be worth 10 points. Points can be given in .5 increments.

Scoring system;

0 - Not Attempted

1 - Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 1 refusal and moved on

2 - Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 2 refusals and moved on

3 - Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 3 refusals and moved on

4 - Obstacle partially completed, not finished

5 - Obstacle complete with hesitation/deviation, rough but done

6 - Obstacle completed w/ very slight deviation/hesitation fair finish

7 - Obstacle completed with some hesitation, good finish

8 - Obstacle completed with very slight hesitation, good finish

9 - Obstacle completed as expected

10 - Obstacle completed willingly with confidence

Tie Breakers: most 10's in scored challenge, still tied most 9.5's, then the most 9's etc.