

HLPTC RULES:

1. It is the competitor's responsibility to fully understand the course and rules at this time. Obstacles must be completed in the designated order. The course is numbered. If the rider completes the course out of order the scores from obstacles not in the correct order will be given half the score you would receive from the judge.
2. Obstacles are designed with safety in mind. However, if you feel an obstacle is beyond the abilities of you and/or your horse you may skip that obstacle. You will receive a zero for that obstacle but will still receive a score for the course.
3. Helmets are encouraged but not required.
4. HLPTC is open to any discipline and breed(s) of horse.
5. Horse may go through timed and or scored challenges only once.
6. All riders must be a park member or purchase a day pass signing a release form. Riders 17 years of age and under must have parent/guardian signature on release form. Competitors and parents/legal guardians of youth assume all responsibility when on the grounds and participating in the challenge or practice.
7. Riders must pay a non-refundable entry fee.
8. Riders may not consume alcoholic beverages before or during their ride. A rider will be disqualified if it appears that the rider is using drugs or alcohol.
9. Equines must be serviceably sound and in good condition as determined by the judge.
10. It is expected that each horse shall be treated humanely with kindness and respect at all times.
11. The judge always has the option of disqualifying an exhibitor for safety reasons, disrespect or misconduct.
12. The object is to have fun and to better our horsemanship. Suggestions are welcome.
13. If you choose to lead your horse through an obstacle you must remount before moving toward the next obstacle.
14. If you happen to fall off your horse and you can regain control without assistance and remount you may do so. If your horse leaves the course your turn is over.
15. **The judge will ask contestant to move on to next obstacle upon the third refusal or after 30 seconds of not completing an obstacle. The rider MUST move to the next obstacle. Riders who do not move on will receive a 0 for that obstacle.**
16. Failure to attempt an obstacle will result in a zero for that obstacle. Rider will still receive a score for the course. Not completing an obstacle in the challenge will incur a 30 second time penalty.(for timed challenges only)
17. It is permissible to change rein hand to work with an obstacle. No will be points deducted for this.
18. Riders can use either one hand or two hands with a snaffle bit, shank bit or hackamore.
19. No training devices permitted including martingales.
20. Please respect the facility, treat it well and clean up after yourself.
21. HLPTC management has the right to add additional rules if necessary. Rule additions will be posted at the registration table.
22. Boots with a heel are mandatory. Dress should be appropriate for the weather and the event, neat and functional. Dress like you would dress practically for the trail and have fun. No shorts allowed. Helmets are encouraged but not required.
23. Your number will be displayed in a visible manner.(if we are using numbers)
24. Tack must be safe, humane and in good working condition. If show management determines an item to be unsafe or not humane the exhibitor has 10 minutes to correct the problem and return to the course.
25. All participants agree to abide by Horse Lovers Park rules and code of conduct.
26. No coaching while rider is on the course except youth. Any coaching observed at an obstacle will result in a 0 score for that obstacle. This includes course direction.
27. No spectators or trainers on the course during competition.
28. Score sheets will not be available to participants until all divisions have been judged and winners announced. Please do not disrupt our judges and help when adding up scores.
29. Novice horses are horses who have been under saddle 2 years or less. Or horses who have not placed in the top 3 of their class three times in a trail competition prior to this series.
30. Must have 5 riders in a class in order to pay out the top 3 places.