

## HLMC RULES:

1. It is the competitor's responsibility to fully understand the course and rules at the time of entry.
2. The course must be completed in the designated order. The course is numbered. If the rider completes the course out of order, the scores from the obstacles not in the correct order will be cut in half. Therefore, you will be given half the score that you receive on those obstacles.
3. 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.
4. Helmets are encouraged but not required.
5. This is open to any discipline and breed(s) of horse.
6. Horse may go through timed and or scored challenge only once.
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/handler is under the influence.
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 the rider/ handler 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 score of 0 for the obstacle. Riders/handlers will still receive a score for the course. Not completing an obstacle in a timed challenge will incur a 30 second penalty.
17. It is permissible to change rein hand to work with an obstacle. No points will be 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. HLMC management has the right to add additional rules if necessary. Rule additions will be posted at 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.
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. NO coaching while rider is on the course except youth. Any coaching observed at an obstacle will result in a 0 for that obstacle. This includes course direction.
26. No spectators or trainers on the course during the competition.
27. Score sheets will not be available to participants until all divisions have been judged and winners announced. Please do not disrupt the judges while they are tallying scores and figuring out placings.
28. Novice horses: horses who have been under saddle less than 2 years prior to the start of this series or horses who have not placed in the top 2, three times or more in a trail competition prior to this series.
29. Must have 5 riders in a class in order to pay three places.
30. The use of profanity or abusive language by any contestant will result in disqualification from that event and could result in disqualification from the entire series.
31. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience toward any HLMC Official/Board member, Committee Member, staff or volunteer, on or off the course, will result in disqualification for the duration of the event. It could also result in removal from all HLMC events and activities for the remainder of the year.
32. The HLMC code of conduct will be enforced.
33. 25. All dogs must be on a leash at all times.