

valley center vaqueros

COWBOY CHALLENGE

Rules

1. All riders must ride to their own personal capabilities, or those capabilities determined by their parent/guardian.
2. The rider is responsible for the care and safety of their horse.
3. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
4. Should a rider fall during their ride and if within 30 seconds they are not able to catch their horse they will be disqualified.
5. All horses must be treated with dignity and respect.
6. One horse rider team per division.
7. Riders will be disqualified for excessive disciplining.
8. Any kind of saddle may be used....i.e. Western/English/Australian saddles are suitable.
9. Tack must be in good repair.
10. No martingale, running, german, or tie downs may be used.
11. Riders may enter more than one division if they are eligible.
12. The **Greener Than Green Division** is open to any rider of any age. This division is designed for the horse or rider that isn't quite ready for the tougher obstacles. Horse/Rider teams are **NOT** eligible to compete in any other division. You do not need to ride your horse in this class...you can lead your horse, or ride and be led...this class is designed to get your horse and rider used to the obstacles. No score will be given but a participation ribbon will be given to all entries in this division.
13. The **Green Horse/Green Rider Division** is open to any rider of any age. This division is designed for the horse or rider that isn't quite ready for the tougher obstacles. Horse/Rider team are **NOT** eligible to compete in any other division.
14. The **Amateur Division** is open to any rider over the age of 18.
15. The **Open Jackpot** is open to all ages.
16. There will be a walk through of the course with the riders prior to each division.
17. Any obstacle that is disturbed while being attempted will then be considered to be a dead obstacle and can not be attempted again.
18. If stipulated the rider must follow the course and attempt the obstacle in the direction indicated. Failure to do so will result in 0 score for that obstacle.
19. In order to get points for an obstacle it must be fully completed.
20. Each obstacle will have numerical value depending on it's level of difficulty.
21. Each obstacle may be completed twice but not two times in a row.

23. Each rider will be given **3 minutes 30 seconds** to complete the course. A whistle will be blown at 3 minutes . A second whistle will be blown two times at 3 minutes 30 seconds.
24. If a rider is committed to an obstacle when the 3 minute 30 second whistle is blown then they may complete the obstacle.
25. A riders time will be the tie breaker if there are riders with the same amount of points.
26. Judge's Marking Sheets will be posted at the end of the day.
27. The Judge's decision is FINAL
28. Buckles will be awarded in each division at the last show of the season to the rider that has accumulated the most points for their division. In order to qualify you must be Full Time Vaquero Member and have attended 2 of 3 Cowboy Challenges for the 2020 Show Season. If a Rider has attended all 3 Challenges then the top 2 scores will be used for points towards the buckle.
29. **HAVE FUN!!!!**