



# OFF TRAIL CHALLENGE

## 2018 SEASON

### RULES

**Event Description:** Timed obstacle course using natural and man-made obstacles. Pattern and obstacles will change month to month. Obstacles may include; log crossing, navigation around props (barrels, poles, tires, etc.) crossing water, crossing brush, dragging items, picking up items, rocking bridges, opening gates, using mounting blocks, etc.

**Divisions:** Open, Novice and In Hand

**Placings:** Placings determined by the horse / rider team completing the most obstacles correctly in the shortest time. Each horse/rider team is allowed two runs on the course, the best run (lowest time with most obstacles) will determine placing. Example of placing: Rider 1 completes the course in 3:10:06 and has no missed obstacles. Rider 2 completes the course in 2:45:05 but misses 1 obstacle. Rider 1 places ahead of rider 2.

**Penalties:**

All Classes: Refusal of obstacle, failure to complete obstacle patterns as directed (missing a turn etc.).

Open Class: Above + knocking over or drastic displacement of props, logs, etc. Nicks and ticks of logs not penalized.

\* Additional obstacle specific penalties may be added to specific courses dates, refer to trail map and/or event host for specifics. \*

**Awards:**

- Ribbons are awarded at each show up to six (6) places.
- Points are earned by the horse and rider team for year-end awards. Rider may ride more than one horse in any division.
- Teams (horse & rider combination) must enter seven (7) shows to qualify for year-end awards. In the event you cannot make a show, you may purchase 'show credit' by paying the entry fee.
- Each team earns one (1) show point per paid entry, regardless of the number of entries in the show/class.
- Event points are awarded up to 10 places. Points earned are determined by the number of entries in each show/class.
  - Number of points for 1<sup>st</sup> place is determined by the number of entries in the class/show. For example: if there are 7 entries, 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 7 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 points, etc. Points are capped 10; if there are more than 10 entries, places 11 and below do not receive points.

# ENTRIES	11 +	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Place	EVENT POINTS EARNED										
1st	10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2nd	9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
3rd	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2			
4th	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5th	6	6	5	4	3	2	1				
6th	5	5	4	3	2	1					
7th	7	7	3	2	1						
8th	3	3	2	1							
9th	2	2	1								
10th	1	1									