

Central Coast Sporting Horse Association



GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND POINT SCORE HANDBOOK *2021 EDITION*

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CCSHA Membership:

Membership Fees: Family Membership \$55.00, Single Membership \$30.00

- All riders are able to compete until the 2nd time attending before paying their membership and providing birth certificates (for Juniors). Membership forms must be completed, and fees paid by the first Gymkhana in March.
- All non-members must become associated members after attending 2 Gymkhanas.
- Riders must be members of the CCSHA on the day they compete (after the 2nd attendance) to qualify for any points. Any points won are accumulated towards the end of year points score aggregate, and age point score trophies or prizes.
- Members must compete in at least 8 Gymkhanas on the same horse to be eligible to have any points awarded on Competition days accumulated towards the end of year points score and points score trophies or prizes
- Non-members are eligible for all prizes awarded on the day of the last presentation Gymkhana only, provided their registration fee is paid.
- Animal abuse will not be tolerated.
- No carrying of any item in the mouth of a rider.
- Any Memberships paid from October will be discounted, in result points will not be awarded towards end of year.
- All riders ride at their own risk.
- Bullying\abuse to ANY of the timers\helpers will not be tolerated, a total ban may be awarded.
- No alcohol is to be consumed while competing, and the use of bad language will not be tolerated.
- Lifetime membership will be awarded after 10 years of service – member must attend a minimum of 6 events throughout the year to continue their lifetime membership. When lifetime membership is awarded the member(s) will be awarded free membership (single or family)
- Slandering of the club will not be tolerated and WILL result in banning or suspension
- Slandering and online bullying will not be tolerated of any member and WILL result in banning or suspension
- Bad behavior and bullying will not be tolerated and can lead to instant disqualification or ban from the association.

Public Liability Requirements:

The following must always be adhered to at all times:

- All riders must wear safety approved helmets (AS3838) and correct riding boots, at all times. Random gear checks will be done by the Ground Wardens. If any gear is deemed to be unsafe or incorrectly fitted, the Committee reserves the right
- to have the rider replace the item. Failure by the rider to do so may result in disqualification from competing in the day's events.
- No unauthorized or uninsured people are to be within the fenced enclosure. Strictly no children are to be within the enclosure unless competing or an approved helper.
- Only competitors, Committee members, timekeepers, helpers, leaders (leading only one horse at a time) are permitted within the enclosure and they must wear a safety vest at all times. Spectators are not permitted within the fenced enclosure.
- Riders are not to mount their horses until they are within the fenced enclosure.
- Horses are not to be ridden through the spectator and car park areas.
- It is recommended that spectators do not sit or stand close to the enclosure fence particularly near the start or finish areas of an event.
- All non-members must sign a non-member's public liability insurance form and pay the non-members registration fee before they can compete.
- All riders must sign a disclaimer form when paying their membership. For riders under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the form.
- Horses are not permitted in canteen or spectators' area. Dogs are not permitted near the fences or inside the competitor's grounds, all dogs must remain on a lead at all times
- No parking is permitted in front of the canteen gate this is for emergency access only.
- Please no parking around the watering area's this is for you and your cars safety.
- Under no circumstances will any person be permitted to ride if they have not paid their insurance fee or are not wearing an approved helmet or the correct riding boots.

➤ Gymkhana Dates for 2021:

➤ *All Gymkhanas start at 9:30 a.m. sharp – Entries must be paid before 9am*

➤ **Comp 1 Events 2021**

2nd Sunday

- FEBRUARY 14th 2021
- MARCH 14th 2021
- APRIL 11th 2021
- MAY 9th 2021
- JUNE 13th 2021
- JULY 11th 2021
- AUGUST 8th 2021
- SEPTEMBER 12th 2021
- OCTOBER 10th 2021
- NOVEMBER 14th 2021

➤ **Comp 2 Events 2021**

4th Sunday

- FEBRUARY 28th 2021
- MARCH 28th 2021
- APRIL 25th 2021
- MAY 23rd 2021
- JUNE 27th 2021
- JULY 25th 2021
- AUGUST 22nd 2021
- SEPTEMBER 26th 2021
- OCTOBER 24th 2021
- NOVEMBER 28th 2021

Age Group for Competition:

Adult

Novice Adults

17 years and under

13 years and under

Lead-ins

1. Age is determined by the age you are on the first day of competition for the year or the 2nd Sunday in February, whichever comes first.
2. "Adult" and "novice adults" Groups are for riders over 18 only.
3. All Junior members will be required to provide a birth certificate as proof of age when registering each year.
4. The Lead-in age group is for young children who need assistance and must always be led. They do not qualify for points and are unable to compete in the afternoon Open events. Lead-ins will be unable to compete in any other events that are deemed unsuitable for them at the discretion of the Committee.
5. A Novice Adult rider is determined by the skill of the rider, not the skill of the horse. This is monitored closely by the committee, if found competing at a high level at other competitions you will be placed in the "open" group.
6. The Committee reserves the right to upgrade or downgrade a rider between novice junior to a junior age group or between Novice Adult and Adult (or Vice-Versa). The decision to do so will be based on the Committee's observation of the rider's ability and is final.
7. In the case of any rider being moved from Novice Adult to Adult, any points they may have earned in Novice Adult events cannot be taken with them up to the Adult standings. Points for Novice Adult events affected in these instances will be recalculated and awarded to the revised Novice Adult place-getters.
8. The Committee reserves the right to withdraw any rider from competition if they feel their riding skills are not adequate enough to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

Events rules:

Please see event handbook for individual event rules and diagrams

1. Failure to complete the event will be awarded a disqualification
2. When the course has been broken the rider is able to rectify if the next point has not been completed or reached.
3. All 8 morning events must be completed in order to compete in the 3 afternoon events
4. No carrying of any item in the mouth of a rider.

Competition Points:

Points are awarded are as bellow: 3 points awarded for attendance for nominated competition horse:

1st 8 points,

2nd 5 Points

3rd 3 Points

4th 2 Points

5th 1 Point

- Attendance will be awarded when representing our club at another venue, when rider is 18 and a guardian is needed to attend, points will be awarded to both members.
- It is the committee's right to award attendance points at any time during the year for what they deem suitable.
- When a horse is vetted out and the rider times or becomes a helper 3 points will be awarded for attendance.
- If a substitute horse is used for a lame\vetted out horse those points accumulated on the day will be awarded to nominated horse.
- To Qualify for "Champion of Champions" a rider and nominated horse MUST attend ALL of the events held by CCSHA (20 events in total) unless there is a cancelled event and must win comp 1 and comp 2.
- In the instance where a horse has been deemed "unsafe" or has passed away, the rider is able to keep their points to the "new" nominated horse.
- 1 rider 1 horse – Only one rider per horse is permitted – unless the 2nd rider is a lead in Only 1 nominated horse will accumulate points per competition, any more horses the rider must nominate a noncompetitive horse (this horse will not be eligible to gain points but will be timed)
- If a horse is vetted out during competition rider can share a horse with another rider.
- In the instance of a member being banned, the end of year points they accumulated will be forfeited and a re-calculation will be put in place
- For 100% attendance award, riders must have attended ALL events held by CCSHA – either riding or as helper (if horse was lame\unwell)

End of year presentation

- ❖ Members do not need to pay a fee to the presentation night.
- ❖ A \$20 fee will be charged per person that attends that is not a member\helper
- ❖ In the event there is more than 5 members in a family membership only the members that ride\help are included in the free entry a lower rate will be charged for other family members that wish to attend

Jackpot Rules:

- ❖ Jackpot run to be held at least once a month – unless deemed unsafe due to weather which is deemed by committee
- ❖ All 11 events must be completed to be able to enter this event.
- ❖ Only two age groups – Over 18"s and Under 18"s – lead-ins are not permitted to ride in this event
- ❖ Non-competitive riders are not permitted to enter
- ❖ Once entry fee has been paid, no refunds will not be given
- ❖ Entries to jackpot must be paid at lunch before the afternoon events start – payment once events have started will not be accepted
- ❖ In the instance there is only one rider in the under 18"s group the rider will get a chance to forfeit or ride against the adult group
- ❖ Anything knocked down is instant disqualification
- ❖ Break of course will result in disqualification
- ❖ Entry fee is \$5, this is separate to your entry fee.

Champion of Champions saddle award

- ✓ This is not a guaranteed prize, and can be introduced at ANY time throughout the years competition this is based on sponsor availability and is at committee discretion
- ✓ To Qualify for "Champion of Champions" a rider and nominated horse MUST attend ALL the events held by CCSHA (20 events in total) unless there is a cancelled event and must win comp 1 and comp 2. (Unless attending a sponsored event previously organized by the committee).
- ✓ Novice riders are not eligible to win this event.

Entry Fees:

- ❖ Adult: \$25.00
- ❖ Novice adults \$25.00
- ❖ 17 yrs. & under: \$25.00
- ❖ 13 yrs. & under: \$20.00
- ❖ Lead-ins: \$10.00 (lead-ins must stay on lead otherwise they pay the appropriate age group entry)
- ❖ Non-Competitive: \$15.00 (\$10.00 per non-competitive horse if the rider also rides a competitive horse on that day)
 - ❖ Non-Members: The above applicable fee plus \$30.00 insurance levy

1. All registration fees must be paid by 9:00 a.m.
2. All riders must be in the marshalling area before 9:30 a.m. – entries will not be accepted after competition starts. *Unless prior organized with committee members*
3. One horse per full registration unless extra horses are nominated as "non-competitive" prior to the commencement of the Gymkhana. Non-competitive horses are not eligible for points or prizes.
4. Each registered "competitive" horse accumulates points during the year, not the rider, therefore if the rider changes horse during the year the accumulation of points will begin again.
5. A rider can only ride one competitive horse per competition. If a rider chooses to ride additional horses at any gymkhana, they can only ride as „non-competitive“. A rider can ride the same competitive horse for both Competition 1 and Competition 2 or may use one competitive horse in Competition 1 and a different competitive horse in Competition 2.
6. Should a rider's horse become lame, another horse may be substituted, with the approval of an Executive Committee Member. Any points won will be allocated to the lame horse and rider.
7. If a rider's horse is injured during any of the events, that rider may share another rider's horse with that rider's consent.
8. Should the Committee find a sick or injured horse, the Committee reserves the right to disqualify the horse and rider from any further competition that day.
9. Excessive use of crops, spurs, whips, hitting of the horse and the taping of spurs to stop their rotation will not be tolerated and will result in the competitor's disqualification.

All riders must sign the Central Coast Sporting Horse Association's policy on „Zero Tolerance to Riders who are Abusive to their Horse.

Dress Code:

Riders competing must wear:

- Either a club shirt, a short sleeve shirt or a long sleeve shirt (t-shirt or collared); No singlets are permitted
- Jeans or jodhpurs – no tracksuit pants or shorts
- Approved riding boots. No steel cap boots, sandals or joggers
- An approved helmet.

Failure to wear the correct attire will result in the rider being asked to change into the correct attire, and if they aren't able to, they will not be permitted to ride.

The Events:

Points Scores, Awards and Prizes:

Points will be awarded as follows for all point score events, including elimination events

- 1st Place: 8 points (with a ribbon)
- 2nd Place: 5 points (with a ribbon)
- 3rd Place: 3 points (with a ribbon)
- 4th Place: 2 points (without a ribbon)
- 5th Place: 1 point (without a ribbon)

Attendance: 3 points (All riders receive 3 attendance points for competing)

1. Place ribbons will be award for 1st to 3rd places at the end of each event for each age group. Lead-ins will each receive an award at the end of day presentation and no ribbons throughout the day.
2. Open event prizes will be made up of a money race, a trophy race and a feed race. Adults and Novice Adult competitors will receive vouchers instead of trophies. Open events do not qualify for points scores.
3. Encouragement/sportsmanship awards may be given at the discretion of the Committee to a rider or helper who has shown good sportsmanship toward other riders and treated their horse well.
4. Open events: if there are two or three riders, only 1st place is awarded; if there are four riders, 1st and 2nd place is awarded; if there are five or more riders, 1st to 3rd place awarded.
5. If there is only one rider competing in an age group, they will receive three points for every morning event completed successfully. They are eligible to compete in the afternoon open events and, at the discretion of the Committee, will be placed in an age group suitable to their level of riding.
6. At no time is any rider to carry any object in his or her mouth for safety reasons.

Competition 1 2021 (10 x Gymkhanas):

Please see the EVENTS RULEBOOK for event description and rules.

- Points will be awarded for 1st to 5th places in each event.
- Ribbons will be given for 1st to 3rd places in each event.
- Ribbons will be awarded for overall Champion and Reserve Champion in each age group

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- One event will be nominated as a Money Event.
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Open Events:

- Open events are for riders in: Open Adults; Advanced\Novice Adults; 17 and under; Junior Novice; and 13 and under. Lead-ins are not eligible to compete in the afternoon Open events. Non-competitive riders are not eligible to enter\win Open event prizes.
- Riders must complete all morning events to qualify for the Open events. If a rider arrives late and misses the first 2 morning events, and they want to compete in the afternoon they can catch up the events
- The Committee reserves the right to stand down any rider from the open events if they feel the rider is not competent enough to compete safely.
- Open events will be drawn on the day of competition.
- No practicing of open events will take place.
- Riders will only be shown each open event once.
- Riders must compete in all three open events to be eligible for any prizes.

Protests:

Any protests concerning any day's events, must be lodged in writing, together with a \$20.00 fee (refundable if the protest is upheld) to the Committee on the day of the Gymkhana before the end of day presentation. The Committee's ruling will be final.

Any disputes during events will only be dealt with at lunchtime or end of day, not on the field while events are being run.