

2010 Gibson County Saddle Club Rules & Regulations

UNIVERSAL RULES OF THE GCSC

- Any contestant competing at any Gibson County Saddle Club event must have signed a waiver statement releasing the association from any liabilities associated with equestrian sports. The waiver is part of the membership form.
- **NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED AT All GCSC EVENTS!**
The GCSC can keep a copy on file if you wish, but it is your responsibility to have the papers on hand. If requested by a Judge or Officials, it must be provided by you, and not by the GCSC.
- All membership fees must be paid prior to competing for points to count toward year-end awards.
- Decisions made by judges and referees are final, in all aspects of judgment.
- GCSC staff may ask anyone to leave the premises if they observe any poor sportsmanship, and/or destruction of fairground or arena properties. These behaviors are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. *Refunds WILL NOT be offered.*
- ***GCSC will not tolerate any abuse of horses or other animals. When competing at a GCSC event, you are representing the association as well as the sport and NO excessive abuse of the horses or any other animal is tolerated. The interpretation of Abuse will be at the discretion of the judges and/or the Arena director & GCSC Board members, and an immediate conference will be called between the arena director, board members and the judges to make a final ruling. The contestant will be disqualified from the remainder of the entire event if they feel the any animal has been a subjected to excessive abuse at the event.***
- **Dogs must be under control and on a leash at all times.**
- Riders and observers at Gibson County Fairgrounds understand they ride and/or observe at their own risk, and do not hold **Gibson County Saddle Club** or the **Gibson County Fair Association**, its staff or members liable for any accidents that may happen. This is in accordance with the Tennessee Code Annotated [44-20-103](#), which outlines the limits of liability for equestrian events, and the companies or associations that operate the events and facilities.
- Any member of GCSC suing, attempting to sue or seek monetary damages for any expense or injury while participating or as a spectator at any GCSC function, shall be barred from the Gibson County Saddle Club in perpetuity
- **No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed on the Gibson County Fairgrounds** *In an effort to uphold the integrity of the sport as well as promote a professional and family oriented environment The Gibson County Saddle Club reserves the right to refuse participation to any person for actions including, but not limited to, abuse of alcohol, drugs, or the use of profane language at an event.*
- Any situation that arises for which GCSC does not have a rule, The Board Members in attendance will make the decision on the situation.

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership runs from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st of that year. Contestants who are ten (10) years old or younger as of January 1st, are eligible to participate in the Pee Wee event/classes. Contestants who are eleven (11) to seventeen (17) years old as of January 1st, are eligible to participate in the Youth event/classes.

Membership fees are fifteen (\$15) dollars per individual, and twenty-five (\$25) dollars per family. All family memberships include immediate family members only. Immediate family constitutes those family members who reside in the same household. Children nineteen (19) years old and older as of January 1 of the current year, living at home or otherwise, must purchase their own membership.

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN ARENA AND GAME NIGHT RULES

All Universal Rules apply for Open Arena and Game Nights

HORSE SHOW RULES

- **No one is allowed in the arena during a class except for judges, barrel and pole setters, and the arena steward of the day.**
- **Class Registration:**
 1. All fees must be paid at time of entry.
 2. Entries will close for the first class at time of Opening Ceremonies.
 3. Entries for all other classes will close when the first horse runs in the prior class.
 4. We must have a signed Waiver, and proof of Negative Coggins before registration.
 5. No refunds will be offered. You may choose to enter another event instead.
- Rainouts will be considered *anceled*, with no makeup dates.
- If any portion of a horse show is rained out, then the entire show will be considered a rain out and no points will be accumulated for any rider in any class for that particular show.
- A shirt, long pants and boots are required in all classes.
- Stallions must be handled by someone 18 years or older while on show grounds.
- There will be no re-rides for tack failure.
- Points will be awarded for the top five "horse/rider" team places. **Make sure you put down the correct name at each show. You must be consistent with horse/rider team and put down the correct name to be eligible for awards**
- If your horse becomes sick or lame and you must ride a different horse during a show, you need to present a letter from your veterinarian or farrier to the secretary at registration for points to count in that show on the replacement horse towards year-end awards.
- If you get a new horse during the year, you may NOT combine points from previous shows on your other horse with the new horse.
- Points will be awarded as follows in classes. 1st place – 6pts. 2nd place – 5 pts. 3rd place – 4pts. 4th place – 3 pts. 5th place – 2pts. Each member competing who does not win a place will receive 1 point.
- Tack changes must be declared on registration forms so that a note can be made in class sheets.
- Contestants must listen for their class or their turn in each class. A short amount of time will be allowed for tack changes between classes if a tack change is noted on the class sheet, otherwise, after the final call for a class or rider, the rider will have 2 minutes to enter the arena, or they forfeit their ride.
- The Gibson County Saddle Club Board of Directors reserves the right to add, alter, combine or cancel any class during the season.
- Cell phones and pagers will not be allowed in the show ring. Use of one will result in automatic dismissal from the class.
- ***Points for each show will be posted on the forum within a week following a show, and will be also be available for viewing at the next show. If there are any mistakes on the point sheets that need to be corrected, you have until the end of the show to notify the secretary or another officer. No changes will be made on show points of the previous show after the next show ends.***
- The starting gates will remain the same throughout the entire event.
- The start/finish barrel placements will be marked and remain the same throughout the event.
- Time will begin the exact moment the contestant crosses the starting line.

- Riders in the Lead-In Class may not participate in any other riding class.
- A contestant will be given a "no time" for missing or deviating from the typical pattern (cloverleaf for barrels, straight/slalom/slalom/straight for pole bending, outside of all barrels on flag or speed).
- A contestant will receive a 5 sec. penalty for knocking over each barrel or pole in barrel & pole events.
- In Flag races, if the contestant misses or drops the flag on the front leg (prior to turning the far barrel), he or she will receive a "NO TIME". If the flag is not planted in bucket, contestant will receive a "NO TIME". If at any time a bucket or barrel is knocked over or the pattern is broken, contestant will receive a "NO TIME".
- A contestant will receive a "no time" if horse and/or rider falls during the run in such a manner that breaks the pattern.
- Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose in a class. However, a horse may not be shown or ridden by more than one person in a class, with the exception of the following:
 1. Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, children and grandchildren 21 and under). Children and grandchildren 21 and under who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents are included under this rule.
 2. Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
 3. The Horse is a "lesson" or "school" horse, and the rider is a student of the school or barn that owns the horse.
 4. In no case will a horse be ridden more than three times in the same class.
- Re-runs shall be granted in two conditions: a) if the timer fails to work properly, or b) if the Judges, or Referees request a re-run. Any penalty incurred on the original run shall not be applied against the re-run. Any penalty incurred on the re-run will result in a "no time".
- Any contestant that receives a "no time" for missing the pattern will be allowed to complete the pattern, but NOT use this time for training, and will be asked to exit the arena.
- Training barrels will be run first come, first to run.

These rules and regulations are subject to change at any time the Board of Directors sees a need for amendment