

Rockin' Redbird Gymkhana Guidelines

To participate in the gymkhana series, you must be involved in the JSSH lesson program, board at Papago North or by invitation only (past students/boarders). This series is structured as an extension to the lesson program to help students achieve goals set during the season.

We would also like to encourage contestants to wear western attire (with the exception of the October Halloween Costume Parade Day). This is a show, so be proud to show the accomplishments you make as a team:)

Every year we continue to grow with new students! SAFETY FIRST, FUN ALWAYS!! Here are some guidelines to follow.....

- Participants (or their family members) need to sign up for volunteer positions during each gymkhana. We will help you learn the different volunteer jobs! This makes the gymkhana run smoothly and helps keep everyone safe. There will be a volunteer signup sheet when you enter. Volunteer jobs include, running the gates (big and small arena), pooper scooper, timer, flagger, ribbon writer, setting patterns, helping with saddling and unsaddling, setting up and cleaning up, etc.
- Entries are taken at the entry table in front of the barn (must enter 30 minutes before the start of the event.) Pre-Entries can be given to the instructor before the event or left in the black drop box.
- There are 3 patterns, barrel racing, pole bending and mystery pattern. The mystery pattern will be posted the day of the gymkhana. No one knows the pattern until the day of the event!
- We have **Schooling Groups**: Walk-Trot, Walk-Trot-Lope (12 and under, along with 13-17), Leadline and Adult Amateur. These groups are designed to help the participants who are just learning about gymkhanas and the patterns in order to work on controlling their horse to do the patterns correctly. The **Age Groups** are for the participants who own their own horses and are adding speed to their patterns. Age Group riders are divided into 17 and Under, along with 18 and Over. The **Open Jackpot** is a cash jackpot for those that own their own horse and ready to compete in an upper level.
- Horses are available for rent. Check the entry form for current pricing. I would like to know at least one week before the gymkhana if you need to rent a horse. The sooner the better to plan horse/rider combinations. The horse you rent will be your responsibility throughout the day, so make sure to warm up properly, cool down properly and offer them water and make sure to give your horse breaks throughout the gymkhana. Instructors will be available to help you whenever you need it, so do not hesitate to ask:)
- Riders will have the opportunity to practice for the gymkhana during lessons, but the best practice opportunities will be the gymkhana practices scheduled in the days leading up to the gymkhana. Look for times, days, and fees reminder emails.
- A reminder email will be sent the week before the gymkhana. Please reply if you are coming to the gymkhana and practice so we can plan accordingly.

- Must compete in 5 of the 8 gymkhanas to be eligible for the year end awards! Points accumulate throughout the series and ribbons for 1st - 8th will be given at each gymkhana. Check the website (jodiscott.com) for updated results after each gymkhana.
- Horses must be at a walk unless in arenas. Please, do not walk horses through crowds of people and stay in designated horse areas.
- Some chairs are available, but please bring your own. If you bring a shade structure, it must be sturdy and secured to the ground. If you bring an umbrella, please do not open and close during the event. Be aware of the reactions of the horses.
- The waiting area before your group is in the pasture pen closest to the big arena. Standing and Walking only in this area, no trotting or loping! Please, be ready when your name is called to keep the event running quickly and smoothly. Do not gather in the gate area or in the people area.
- A list of the run order will be hung on the waiting area gate!

Guidelines for warm-up in the small arena....

- Open Jackpot and Age groups will warm up in the small arena before the grand entry.
- Schooling groups - if we have 2 different times will also warm up in the front arena before the grand entry. Walk-Trot-Lope riders need to be aware of the Walk-Trot riders in order to help them be safe. If all together will warm up after the grand entry during age group patterns
- If there are a lot of people in the warm up arena, please all go in one direction. If there is a small group, you can work a circle in the middle to go the opposite direction. Riders must warm their horses up slowly, no breezing or sprinting your horses in warm up. Please, listen to the designated warm up helper.
- If you own your own horse or are leasing, there is a circle to work in the desert as well! You know where it is:)

Classes:

Open Jackpot: Compete for cash purse - no ribbons given at each gymkhana. No age limit. Open to all Papago North Boarders and current/previous JSSH students by invitation only. Check entry form for updated fee per event (Barrel Racing and Pole Bending). Payouts in each event and an overall average will be paid. 75% of all entry fees are paid back. Payout schedule is attached and will be posted at the event. Payouts determined on the number of participants per event. Must have own horse.

18 and Over: Competitive riders age 18 and older, can add speed, but must always have complete control of the horse. Helmets are encouraged, but not required. Must have own horse or lease with this option.

17 and Under: Competitive riders age 17 and under, can add speed, but must always have complete control of the horse. Helmets are encouraged, but not required. Must have own horse or lease with this option.

Adult Amateur: Riders age 18 and over. Must be at a walk, trot or slow lope and must always have complete control of the horse. There is a breakout time for this class. Helmets are encouraged, but not required. Note: Pole Bending pattern is weaving up and back! Rental of lesson horse or own horse.

Walk/Trot (Beginner): Riders 17 and under who do NOT lope (if horse breaks into a lope, the rider has 3 strides to bring it back to a trot or they will be disqualified.) Helmets are required. Note: Pole Bending pattern is weaving up and back! Rental of lesson horse or own horse.

Walk/Trot/Lope (Novice): 2 groups: Riders age 12 and under and Riders ages 13-17. Must be at walk, trot or slow lope and must always have complete control of the horse. There is a breakout time for this class. Helmets are required. Note: Pole Bending pattern is weaving up and back! Rental of lesson horse or own horse.

Leadline: Walk/Trot only. The rider should be doing his/her best to guide the horse, while having a leader control the horse. Safety of the child is absolutely paramount. Helmets are required. Note: Pole Bending pattern is weaving up and back, 3 poles only! Rental of lesson horse or own horse.

