



Rockin' Redbird Trail Challenge Rules and Regulations

The purpose of the Trail Challenge is to build confidence, trust and horsemanship between the horse and rider. This challenge will improve communication and skill level between horse and rider. Multiple obstacles will be placed around the arena for the rider to complete in a specific order.

This challenge will be split into 3 different age groups: 18yrs and Older, 13yrs to 17yrs, and 12yrs and Younger. The obstacles will be placed in the same position for all the classes to complete, however; each age group will have a slightly different pattern to complete.

There is no "set time limit" for the course, you will not be disqualified for taking the time you and your horse need to safely and effectively complete the course.

While the course will be timed - with the fastest time earning first place - remember: smooth is fast. Take the time you need to train and grow with your horse. Rushing can damage your horse's confidence and undermine valuable learning opportunities. Prioritizing speed at the expense of connection and control will hinder your development as a horseman and negatively affect your horse's mental well-being.

There will be an opportunity to walk through the course on the ground before the challenge starts.

A ring steward will be stationed in the ring, near the "pink star" on the patterns, to provide guidance and ensure the safety of the horse and the rider. You are allowed to ask questions and ask for help as this is also a teaching event.

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The course must be completed in the correct order of the pattern that was chosen for that day - completing the course out of order will result in a disqualification.

Refused, skipped or forgotten obstacles will result in a 10 second penalty added to your final time.

Penalties:

Each pattern has a description for each obstacle. Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 9 are the same for every age group and every pattern.

There are 7 additional obstacles/maneuvers for each class. Each numbered obstacle must be completed in full to avoid the 10 second penalty. See example below:

1	Time starts when you cross the starting line
2	Weave through the barrels, starting on the left
3	Complete a 3/4 turn around final barrel
4	Head towards the box
5	Stop your horse in the box and complete a 3/4 turn to the left
6	Go over the ground poles and turn right towards the cones
7	Serpentine the first two cones and stay on the outside of the last 2 cones
8	Head towards the gate, open the gate, walk through the gate, close the gate
9	Head back towards the finish line

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Step 5 instructs "Stop your horse in the box and complete a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn to the left." If you complete the turn to the right, you will receive the penalty.

Step 8 instructs "Head towards the gate, open the gate, walk through the gate, close the gate." If you forget about closing the gate and move on, you will receive the 10 second penalty.

Scoring:

Times will be recorded into the separate classes that you have entered. Ribbons will be available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place with the fastest time winning.

You will receive points for each challenge depending on placing. Points will accumulate throughout the series for year end prizes.

You must attend 3 of the 4 challenges and pay the \$30 Rockin' Redbird Series membership in order to qualify!

Animal abuse will not be tolerated to any extent. Any form of animal abuse will result in the immediate and permanent removal from the property.

Please reach out to Jodi or Keith for any questions!