

Friends of Sunset Farm - Event Derby Rules

DRESSAGE

Entries in Grasshopper Division who are age 12 or under, may use extraordinary equipment including: Kimberwickes, Pelham or other type of snaffle normally excluded. They may also use a correctly fitted and properly adjusted martingale (standing or running) or grass reins. This also applies to riders 12 and under in the Dressage Only Division riding an Intro Test.

Entries in the Grasshopper and Hopeful Divisions may have tests read to them; all other tests must be ridden from memory. You must provide your own reader. Exception – readers may be used for any tests in the Dressage Only Division.

Instead of Elimination, error penalties will accumulate in 2 point increments until the test is completed. For example, exiting the arena prior to test completion would normally be cause for elimination; at this show you will receive an error penalty of 2 points. Exception – dangerous situations or excessive time may still result in elimination, at the discretion of the judge.

Protective boots and polo wraps are allowed for all competitors in the dressage test.

CROSS COUNTRY

Riders **MUST** wear a chest protector vest on cross country. We will have some extra vests available to borrow if you don't have one.

Scoring - 20 points per stop, runout, refusal, to a total of 60 points per obstacle. If you choose not to jump (or miss) an obstacle, you will get 60 points. 4 points for each rail down at stadium fences. Grasshopper and Hopeful will not be timed. Time penalties for BN, N & T will accumulate at .4 penalties per second (too slow or too fast).

Each obstacle may be attempted a maximum of 3 times, then you must move on to the next. We do not have a specific limit for schooling obstacles throughout the course, but you must not impede any upcoming riders or cause delays on course. Jump judges have the right to ask you to move on.

Fall of rider (landing on feet) – 65 points; at second fall, required to retire; Judge may eliminate immediately if fall gives appearance that medical attention or review is warranted ... decision of judge is final in this case. Falls where rider does not land on their feet will result in elimination.

Fall of horse (shoulder and hip on same side touching ground) – mandatory retirement.

Tickets for additional XC schooling rounds may be purchased at the office on the day of the show if the schedule allows (best to sign up for additional rounds with your entry). You **MUST** present your ticket(s) at the start box if you do not already have an assigned ride time.

OTHER

Awards will be given out at the completion of each division and will be available in the show office. Sorry, we cannot mail ribbons.

The first ride in any division will count for your derby score; subsequent rides in the same division will be considered schooling. Schooling rounds will take place after all competitors in that division have ridden.

Please clean your stall or paddock completely and deposit manure/ bedding in the concrete compost bin. Please pick up all manure and garbage around your trailer area before you leave.

Please leave your dog at home!