

Wild West Shiver
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St. Paul Ag. Society
2020 Rules and Regulations

Rules are solely for the safety of the competitors, both horse and human and to ensure fair competition.

DIVISION AND COMPETITION CRITERIA

- Only one pool of competitors a combined time of your runs will determine our winners
- A 2 second penalty if you miss a pylon, 5 sec penalty for missing a jump
- Disqualification will occur if you break pattern.

SKIER RULES:

- 1) A skier may compete up to four times in a day.
- 2) All skiers must wear approved snow sport helmets.
- 3) Minimum age is 18 years.

RIDER RULES:

1. A horse may not run more than two times in a day.
2. A rider may ride up to two horses in a single day.
3. Horse should be in physical shape to participate in an extreme sport.
4. Use a standard western bit.
5. Leg protection (boots or polo wraps) and bell boots are strongly recommended.

RULES OF COMPETITION – GENERAL

1. Races need to be vigilant about starting on time.
2. Rules should be clearly posted and accessible to all competitors.
3. Substitutions in any class are allowed for any team member (horse, skier or rider), ONLY under the following circumstances:
 - That substitute team member (horse, skier or rider) is eligible to compete in that class
 - That the team member being substituted is unable to compete due to injury, family emergency, or other reason acceptable to the Producer and Arena Director.
4. If a horse, rider, or equipment are deemed unsafe the rider and horse can be asked to leave at any time by the Horse Gate Official.
5. If the skier drops the rope BEFORE crossing, the start line, he/she will be allowed a restart immediately after the team's fault start. The four-minute rule restarts upon the arena judge's determination of a clear course. If a delay or the skier drops the rope on the second attempt to start, that team is disqualified for that run. If the Horse runs the course, the team should be dropped down (In the order at the official's discretion) a few racers to allow for reasonable time. If it is the last of the division, they should be scheduled to run 1st prior to the start of the next division.
6. The skier must finish in an upright position and on at least one ski, with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skier boots must cross the finish line.

7. Both ski tips and both boots must go around a gate, or the gate is considered missed. Ski tips and ski boots must cross the horizontal plane of the gate also the vertical plane. Both skis do not need to be on the surface when passing the gate but must not cross the vertical plane. IE. Consider the gate is extended straight up to the sky; both skis must go around the imaginary gate extended to the sky.
8. All Competitors must be informed of their time at the end of their run prior to the start of the competitive run.
9. Tow Rope must be a minimum 30 feet and be no longer than 60 feet.
10. Race Venues must have a protest protocol in place for every race.
 - a. Before a decision is made with a protest, the competitors may state their case before the deliberation of ruling.
11. The following will result in no time:
 - a. Infraction of any law which exists pertaining to the exhibition, care, and custody of horses within the province or country where a race is being held.
 - b. Abuse of an animal on the track and/or evidence that an act of abuse has occurred prior to or during the exhibition of a horse in competition.
 - c. Use of illegal equipment, including added wire on bits or curb chains.
 - d. Failure to dismount and/or present horse and equipment to the horse official if asked.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Rules should be reviewed verbally with all competitors prior to the start of the race.
- 2) Horses will be randomly checked for equipment. The Horse Gate Official will check all tack and how the rope is attached to the saddle. If requested by the Horse Gate Official, a rider may be asked to drop their bit.
- 3) Gates getting hit and popping off are not reason for a flag from officials

COURSE SAFETY RULES

- Run out length of the course is required to be a minimum of 2/3 of the course length.
- The Run out must provide a consistent footing for the horse.
- Signed Waiver is required prior as part of the registration process.

HORSE SAFETY & TREATMENT RULES:

- No person may abuse a Horse during an Event or at any other time. "Abuse" means an action or omission, which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse, including, but not limited to:
 - Whipping or beating a Horse excessively
 - Subjecting a Horse to any kind of electric shock device
 - Using spurs excessively or persistently
 - Jabbing the Horse in the mouth with the bit or any other device to abnormally sensitize or desensitize any part of a Horse