



## CANADIAN COWBOY CHALLENGE HOST RULES



THESE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CURRENT CCC MEMBER RULES

The Canadian Cowboy Challenge is based on the horsemanship skills used in ranch and trail riding based activities.

### Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the Canadian Cowboy Challenge is to support a safe and encouraging environment where riders can develop a soft feel, fluid movement, speed and courage along with a willingness to move forward in a true partnership between horse and rider.

### 1. Host Rules

1.1 A Host must be a member in good standing with the Canadian Cowboy Challenge Association (CCC) to host a Challenge.

1.2 Registration for a Challenge has to be received no later than four weeks prior to the event and no later than August 1st of that challenge year, to ensure time for member notification, participant registration and challenge advertising.

1.3 THE HOST MUST READ AND BE FAMILIAR WITH BOTH MEMBER RULES AND HOST RULES

1.4 The Canadian Cowboy Challenge will provide Hosts with:

- a. Access to copies of Current CCC Member Rules and Host Rules.
- b. Challenge notification on our website schedule.
- c. Assistance, as required, on developing and setting a course for a Challenge.
- d. Blank Judges Marking Sheets.
- e. Access to a Computer Program to facilitate your Tally and Payout Scales.
- f. Exclusive access to our website's Events Forum.

1.5 All riders MUST be current members of the CCC to ride.

1.6 All riders, judges, volunteers, must sign a CCC waiver form.

1.7 A Challenge may be cancelled if less than 13 riders have registered on the Monday prior to the Challenge weekend.

1.8 If the Challenge is cancelled by the host, ALL registration monies must be returned to members.

1.9 Once registered, the host must be notified of the rider's inability to attend the Challenge, prior to the first division run for that day. Reimbursement of the entry fee under these circumstances is at the host's discretion.



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### 2. The Challenge

2.1 SAFETY OF HORSES, RIDERS, JUDGES, VOLUNTEERS AND SPECTATORS IS PARAMOUNT

2.2 All Divisions must be offered.

2.3 A warm up area **MUST** be provided.

2.4 There is no specified order of which division is to ride first. It is suggested that the 8 obstacle courses run in the morning. Starting with either Buck'n Crazies or Novice followed by Shootin Sprouts or Youth. This provides the younger competitors to watch some runs before their turn. After Lunch break when the course has been re-set if needed for the 13 obstacle runs. Rookie, OTD, Non-Pro and Open divisions are to be offered in an order chosen by the Host.

2.5 Please consult the provided list of obstacles for what is suitable and allowed for each division. Your imagination and obstacles you have available are acceptable if they are safe and follow the guide lines of the examples for each division. If a host is unsure of an obstacle that is not listed on our example sheet please feel free to contact – host support for clarification on the obstacle before designing your courses.

2.6 The skills and expertise required and degree of difficulty will be reflected in each Division course, eg. Obstacles for the Novice Division will be a lesser degree of difficulty to the higher Open Division.

2.7 8 obstacles are required for Shootin' Sprouts, Youth, Novice and Buckin' Crazies Divisions. A different course, and different level of difficulty, is required for each division, although, some obstacles are appropriate for all division and may be used.

2.8 13 obstacles are required for Rookie, Older Than Dirt, Non-Pro and Open Divisions. A different course, and different level of difficulty, is required for each division.

2.9 An outline of the course must be posted and or, available to competitors at least one hour prior to the Challenge.

2.10 The course outline must be given to the Judges at least 24 hours prior to the Challenge. The course is to be set up prior to the arrival of your Judges. The Judges will determine the safety of the course on Challenge day. Any requests for adjustments must be adhered to.

2.11 Ensure there is enough room around or through the obstacles to execute a safe Challenge.

2.12 The obstacles must have enough spacing between them to enable your Judges clear visibility and time to record a mark.

2.13 For outdoor Challenges you may discuss your Judges need to ride the course.

2.14 A certified First Aid /CPR Officer is to be present at every Challenge.

2.15 One or Two certified CCC Judges must be present. A Silent Judge may also be present. The Silent Judge may determine any infractions of the rules outside the Challenge arena and report to the Judges of the day.

2.16 The time for each Challenge course is six minutes. Additional time may be added, dependent on the length of the course.



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2.17 Enough marking sheets which identify the Division, Obstacles, Rider and Horse must be provided for the Judges. (2 per rider)

2.18 Scribes for your Judges. The scribes will need a clipboard and pen. The scribes are to only record times and scores from the Judges.

2.19 Runner to take the marking sheets to the tally clerk.

2.20 Use of an announcer may be of benefit for the pleasure of the audience. An announcer may also promote sponsors as needed and give a running commentary for spectators. They may also be required to call out the course for the riders. A course outline for each division should be given to your announcer the morning of the event. The announcer must be informed of any changes to the course so he/she is up to date on courses.

2.21 A tally clerk to tally the sheets for placings the day of the event not necessarily into the computer. So competitors know unofficial results by the end of the competition.

2.22 As many volunteers that are necessary to make sure that obstacles are re-set after each rider.

2.23 At the close of registrations, create a random draw and declare the order of go to the riders, to be posted morning of the event.

2.24 Ensure a walkthrough of the obstacles with riders, Judges and, if available, the course designer. Reference Member Rules#16.9 16.9- *The course designer and judges will walk around the obstacles with the riders. There will be ONE walk around for the 8 obstacle course and ONE walk around for the 13 obstacle course. 20 Minutes are allowed for each walk around. Riders will have their course maps and can determine how to ride the course and have the Judge or Designer answer relative questions about the obstacles.*

2.25 Music may be played during the Challenge as music enhances the atmosphere, particularly for your spectators. Be mindful of riders listening to the Judges during the walk through and the rider's caller during the ride.

2.26 Rider compliance with tack and attire rules may be checked by the Judges prior to the ride.

2.27 No one is to call from inside the arena, unless a designated caller or announcer is used.

### 3. Fees

3.1 The Host has the right to determine the Entry Fee. The minimum Entry Fee for all divisions, except Youth and Shooting Sprouts, will be \$45. The minimum Entry Fee for Youth and Shooting Sprouts will be \$25.

3.2 The Host must disclose any additional charges to riders, eg. Haul in Fees, Stalling, & Camping.

3.3 From the entry fee \$ 5.00 per ride is allocated to the CCC administration fee. (This includes on line bank fees, PayPal charges, WEB advertising, etc.)

3.4 From the entry \$ 10 per ride is allocated to the Judges Fee. (In negotiation with your Judges, any further fees are to be taken from the Host's Division of the Entry Fee).

3.5 After the fees, totaling \$15.00, fifty percent (50%) of all Division entry fees MUST be allocated to the prize money and the other fifty percent of all Division entry fees is allocated to the Host. See sample spread sheet included.



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3.6 It is a requirement of the CCC that all prize monies be paid in a timely manner. Judges fees are to be paid the day of the Challenge unless other arrangements are made. The CCC fee will be automatically taken off any monies paid on-line before the host portion is paid out to the host-refer to sample spread sheet.

3.7 The following prize-money pay scales will be used:

- a. 1—2 riders in the Division - 1st place 100%
- b. 3—4 riders in the Division - 1st place 60%, 2nd place 40%
- c. 5—6 riders in the Division - 1st place 50%, 2nd place 30%, 3rd place 20%
- d. 7—8 riders in the Division - 1st place 40%, 2nd place 30%, 3rd place 20%, 4th place 10%
- e. 9 or more riders in the Division - 1st place 34.5%, 2nd place 26%, 3rd 20.5%, 4th place 12%, 5th place 7%

3.8 The completed computer program and original marking sheets must be kept by the host until the end of the competitive season and be available to the CCC if an issues arise.

3.9 Any new membership forms and membership fees must be given to the CCC representative on the day of challenge.

3.10 The allocation of any CCC sponsorship monies is at the CCC Board's discretion.

3.11 Should a Challenge be cancelled all paid entries fees will be reimbursed.

Rule Modifications: the CCC Rules Committee will, if necessary, modify these rules annually or during the year if a safety issue arises. Members will be notified of any rule changes as they occur. Members and Hosts shall adhere to the current rules