



**2011 Obstacle Challenge Rules**  
Cashman Horse Equipment Outlet

May 7–8 ~ June 4–5 ~ July 9–10

All riders agree to read and abide by the 2011 Obstacle Challenge Rules

*Each rider is responsible to know their ability they have achieved with their horse. Should any rider approach an obstacle that he/she feels is beyond their ability, he/she is expected to skip that obstacle and go to the next obstacle resulting in an obstacle score of 0 (zero).*

1. The ride time calculated by the official timer will be the official time for each contestant's ride. In the event of a timer failure the rider will be awarded a re-ride at the end of the go-round on the same day.
2. All rider's times in each go-round will be awarded points by arranging times from fastest to slowest as follows:  
1–5 (Fastest) = 5 pts.                      16–20 = 2 pts.  
6–10 = 4 pts.                                      21–25 (Slowest) = 1 pts.  
11–15 = 3 pts.
3. Each entry will be timed and the horse and rider team will be judged on each obstacle (the approach, the obstacle, the departure) and will receive an obstacle score of 0–5. Points are awarded based on the horsemanship of the rider and the overall performance of the horse as follows:  
0= Obstacle Not Completed                      3= Average Performance  
1= Very Poor Performance                      4= Above Average Performance  
2= Poor performance                              5= Excellent Performance
4. Placings will be determined as follows:
  - a. The points from each obstacle will be totaled and added to the time points for a final score in each go-round.
  - b. The combined go-round scores will determine the final placement of the overall competition.
  - c. Ties for 1st place will be determined by combined time scores from both go-rounds. If adding the combined time scores from both go-rounds still results in a tie, the contestants will have the option of flipping a coin to determine the winner or competing in a "run-off" competition. If after these options a tie still remains the riders will be named co-champions and will evenly split 1st and 2nd place prize money and awards.
  - d. Ties for places other than 1st place will be determined by evenly splitting the placement, prize money, and awards.
  - e. A Triple Crown Challenge Champion will be determined from the accumulative scores earned by the same horse and rider team from each leg of the Triple Crown Obstacle Challenge (May, June, and July).
5. Riders will have 30 seconds to complete each obstacle in order to receive an obstacle score. Timing begins when the rider crosses the obstacle timing line.
  - a. If an obstacle is not completed within the designated time, a whistle will indicate the rider must move on to the next obstacle resulting in an obstacle score of 0 (zero).
  - b. If a horse and rider are in the process of completing an obstacle when the whistle is blown, they may complete the obstacle, resulting in an obstacle score of 0 (zero).
6. If a rider skips an obstacle and crosses the timing line for another obstacle he/she may not go back and perform the obstacle that was skipped; it will be considered "off course" and will result in a final score of 0 (zero) for that round of competition. If the rider re-attempts the skipped obstacle at any time it will be considered "off course" and will result in a final score of 0 (zero) for that round of competition.
7. If the rider falls to the ground they will be asked to leave the course, will receive a final go-round score of 0 (zero), and will not place.
8. Course maps and the order of go for the first-go round of competition will be available upon check-in at the Barn Office. The course maps for the second-go round of competition will be available in the Barn Office after the conclusion of the first-go round of competition. It is the responsibility of the rider to fully understand the course and rules of the competition.

9. Riders will be permitted to walk the course with the competition coordinator for 30 minutes prior to the start of the competition each day and will be permitted to ask the competition coordinator questions regarding the course and/or the rules until the first rider competes. No horses are allowed on the course during the walk through, prior to, or after the competition.
10. At the judge's discretion an obstacle requirement may be altered for a contestant with a disability. All riders will be notified by the competition coordinator during the course walk through of any concessions extended.
11. The course is subject to change at the discretion of the judge(s) and/or the event management up until the time that the first rider enters the ring. All riders will be notified of a change.
12. The crowd at the event is considered to be part of the course, and each contestant acknowledges that the crowd may be a distraction to his/her horse.
13. At the judge's discretion a contestant may be issued a re-ride should an outside distraction from beyond the course inhibit the rider from a fair opportunity to compete. If a rider wishes to request a re-ride, he/she must do so prior to leaving the course.
14. Contestants may utilize any English or Western tack; mechanical hackamores and tie downs will not be permitted and equipment deemed severe or inappropriate by the judge(s) will not be allowed. Horses are permitted to wear protective leg wraps, boots, or other leg gear. The judge will evaluate the tack on the horse when it enters the competition course. Riders should wear a long sleeved shirt, jeans, boots, hat or helmet; riders are encouraged to wear approved riding helmets.
15. Riders will compete in the order in which their names are drawn; failure to compete in this order will result in a final go-round score of 0 (zero), and will not place.
16. No horse or rider substitutions, for any reason, will be permitted without a veterinarian or physician statement. If a riders' horse is injured after the first go-round and prior to the second go-round, the rider must withdraw from the competition.
17. Any dispute or complaint by a rider must be brought to the attention of the official timer prior to leaving the competition course. All riders agree to abide by the rulings of the judge; the decisions of the judge will be final and not subject to appeal.
18. Every horse shall be treated with dignity and respect. Any action or treatment deemed by the judge(s) to be cruel, abusive, or inhumane will result in a DQ (disqualification) from the event. No drugs (other than those prescribed by a veterinarian for treatment of a specific condition) may be administered to any horse. The use of altering or non-prescribed drugs administered will result in a DQ (disqualification) from the event.

I have read the 2011 Obstacle Challenge rules listed above and agree to comply with these rules.

Name of Applicant (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_