



OBSTACLE CHALLENGE CLASSES ENTRY FORM

Show Date: August 30, 2024 **Last Entry Date:** August 23, 2024

Please circle class(es):

Mini/Pony In-Hand * Horse In-Hand * Walk-Trot/Jog Mounted * Walk-Trot/Jog-Canter/Lope Mounted

* Only one Horse/Rider Combination per entry form

Name of Horse:	Breed:	Age:	Sex:	Height:
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Exhibitor Name:

Age:	Phone #:	Email:
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Mailing Address:	City:	State & Zip code:
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REQUIRED WITH ENTRY:

- _____ Include payment – Check, Cash or MO (**CHECK MUST BE SIGNED**)
- _____ Signature Below
- _____ Copy of Negative Coggins Test-Dated within 6 months of the show date, *FOR OUT OF STATE HORSES.*
- _____ Copy of Vet Certified Rabies Certificate – *Dated within 12 months of the show date.*
- _____ Stalls NOT AVAILABLE

Make Checks & MO's payable to: 4C Horsemanship

Mail Entries to: Vickie Herzog
226 Hazen Road
Whitefield, NH 03598

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Entries	\$15 X _____ classes = _____
Total Amount DUE: _____	

Cash _____ OR Check# _____

I fully understand the inherent dangers to myself, any minor child, my horse and my possessions while engaged in any equine activity. I further agree to hold harmless: Bonnie Hamel and 4C Horsemanship, Matthew Roy and Matthew Roy Stables, The Lancaster Fair Association, their Directors, Officials, Sponsors, Members and Volunteers while attending or exhibiting in this show; in the event of injury, damage, loss or death to myself, my minor child, my horse and my possessions, I agree that I have entered the above with understanding of the rules of this show. My signature on the form is proof of my acceptance of the rules and regulations of this show and the understanding of the above. Signature(s) below indicate that each of us has read and understands the above.

All riders and handlers under 18 years of age are required to wear an ASTM approved riding helmet at all times while in the arena and participating in this show

Do you have accident and/or medical insurance? Yes _____ or No _____

Do you have personal or other liability insurance for your horse related activities? Yes _____ or No _____

Signature of Exhibitor: _____ DATE: _____

Parent/Guardian must sign if rider is under 18 years of age

Signature of Owner of Horse: _____ DATE: _____

****Must sign in both places if you are both Exhibitor (Parent/Guardian) and Owner.**

The Obstacle Challenge Classes will be judged by **Matthew Roy of Matthew Roy Stables** based on the equine and handler's team ability to negotiate each of the obstacles. Classes are not timed. Each obstacle has a limit of 3 attempts, after 3 attempts the team must move on to the next obstacle. Walk-Trot/Jog exhibitors/horses may not canter during obstacle course or will be disqualified. Obstacle courses will be posted at the Announcer's booth and the obstacles will be numbered on the course. Spectators are encouraged to participate by cheering on the team and helping to guide the team to the appropriate next obstacle.

- The course will consist of numbered obstacles and teams will be required to complete each one in numeric order.
- A maximum of three (3) attempts is allowed at each obstacle, after which time the rider must move on to the next obstacle.
- The rider may choose to omit an obstacle. However, no score will be given for any obstacle not attempted.
- The rider may choose to move on after an attempt without completion at an obstacle with partial points being awarded.
- The judge may eliminate a rider if they do not follow the directions/rules of the course or they feel there is a safety risk to either the horse or rider to continue.

Class List

Mini/Pony In-Hand Obstacles: Open to exhibitors of all ages (with the exception of Leadline). Exhibitors may enter more than one horse, entering the course separately. Adults and Youth will all be judged by the same expectations and course.

Horse In-Hand Obstacles: Open to exhibitors of all ages (with the exception of Leadline). Exhibitors may enter more than one horse, entering the course separately. Adults and Youth will all be judged by the same expectations and course. You may cross enter into one of the mounted obstacle classes.

Walk-Trot/Jog Mounted Obstacles: Open to exhibitors of all ages (with the exception of Leadline). Exhibitors may enter more than one horse, entering the course separately. Adults and Youth, Walk-Trot/Jog will be judged by the same expectations and course. The course will not ask for any gait faster than a trot/jog. You may cross enter into the in-hand obstacle class.

Walk-Trot/Jog-Canter/Lope Mounted Open Obstacles: Open to exhibitors of all ages (with the exception of Leadline). Exhibitors may enter more than one horse, entering the course separately. Adults and Youth, Walk-Trot/Jog-Canter/Lope will be judged by the same expectations and course. You may cross enter into the in-hand obstacle class.

Judging Criteria

The judge will visualize a perfect 5/5 score for the obstacle and score you according to his 'perfect performance'. Scores are based on the partnership with the horse. Each equine and rider/handler team are awarded 0-5 points for each obstacle. A plus for the equine and/or rider are awarded at the judge's discretion and may be given to any score range. Pluses are used to break ties, they are not added to the score. Examples of pluses given would be for extra patience, finesse, or for an unusual circumstance during the obstacle.

Each obstacle will score a maximum of 5 points as follows:

0. No attempt at an obstacle
1. Incomplete attempt at an obstacle

2. Completion on third attempt
3. Completion on second attempt
4. Completion on first attempt – some resistance shown
5. Completion on first attempt - Perfect execution

General Guidelines:

- All participants under the age of 18 shall wear a ASTM SEI approved helmet whether in-hand or mounted
- Equine should proceed at handler's/rider's cue without hesitation.
- Any form of spooking, disobedience, stepping away, or refusal will impact score.
- Equine may regard obstacle for a moment, but prolonged hesitation will impact score.
- Rider should have a centered and balanced seat, correct posture and eyes forward.
- Soft use of reins/bit will be rewarded.
- Rider must use one hand on a leverage/shank bit for an optimum score.
- Subtle/refined cues will score higher than obvious cues or strong use of aids (reins, bit, spurs, whips, sticks).
- A calm, patient, willing equine will score higher than nervousness or rushing.
- A good attitude of the equine is most desirable including no excessive swishing of the tail, pinning ears, pawing, kicking, or bucking.
- Riders should maintain cadence with all forward and backward movement.
- Unless otherwise specified, riders must stay centered when crossing over or through obstacles (jump, logs, vines, etc.).
- In-hand equine should respect the handler's space.
- Riders/handlers are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior.
- Riders/handlers are expected to present in appropriate riding apparel. Pants and boots with 1" heel required.