

## GYMKHANA GENERAL RULES

In all timed events only one horse in the ring at a time unless more than one horse is specified in the event.

A back up watch must be used with electric timers.

In any event with a prescribed course or markers, not following the exact pattern, or knocking over any part or outlining feature of the course, will be a disqualification.

**Penalties:** Any of the following infractions shall disqualify an entry:

1. Loss of forward motion. Loss of forward motion, in addition to stopping, included backing or reversing the direction of movement to correct the improper passing of an obstacle.
2. Fall of horse and/or rider.
3. **Spurring, striking or beating the horse in any manner whatsoever forward of the cinch, after entering the arena.**
4. Horse being unruly and out of control.
5. **Any kind of cruelty to the horse, whether or not specifically mentioned in these rules.**
6. **Failure of an entry to leave the ring immediately upon notification by the judge or manager of disqualification shall bar both the horse and rider from further participation in the show.**

**Breakage of equipment.** If tack or equipment should break or the horse should cast a shoe while negotiating the course, and the difficulty prevents completion of the course, the entry shall be disqualified. Should the entry be able to continue the course despite the difficulty and without cruelty to the horse, he may continue without penalty.

**The judge or manager may prohibit the use of bits or equipment that he considers severe, and may excuse an exhibitor from the ring, if in his opinion, such exhibitor is participating in an unsportsmanlike manner**

**Exhibitors in all classes shall be neatly and cleanly attired in clothes and footwear appropriate to the Seat in which they are riding. The manager or judge shall exclude from the ring anyone he does not consider suitably attired. The manager shall also be suitably attired.**

All rings should be reasonably smooth, round on the ends, have two straight parallel sides, and adequate in and out gates.