

**CENTRAL VERDE GYMKHANA ASSOCIATION
2017-2018 RULES**

The Central Verde Gymkhana Association Officers reserve the right to pull any rider or horse from competing due to: injuries, uncontrollable behavior, abusive behavior, abusive language and/or disregard of the Verde Valley Fair Arena and/or CVGA rules. This rule also applies to family members of competitors.

All rules will be enforced to protect the safety and well-being of all members and spectators.

Books open at 7:45 a.m. and close at 9:30 a.m. for Jackpot and Gymkhana. Time onlys start at 8:30 a.m. and run to 9:30.

Jackpot runs at 9:45 a.m.; grand entry and gymkhana will follow the Jackpot at 10:00 a.m.

Jackpot will be a 4-D (1 second split) 70/30 payout \$20 plus \$10 arena fee good for all day.

** Unless otherwise specified**.

Membership Fees/Information for the 2017-2018 CVGA Gymkhana Series

MEMBERSHIP:

You must pay a yearly CVGA membership fee to run at any of Central Verde's Gymkhanas. You

DO NOT have to be a CVGA member or pay the membership if only running at the Jackpot or

Time Onlies. Membership is as follows:

CVGA Membership Fee: \$25.00 per season+\$5.00 for each additional family member.

EVENT FEES:

These fees are to be paid at sign ups at the beginning of each gymkhana.

ARENA FEES:

\$ 10.00 arena fee per horse per rider per gymkhana.

EVENT FEES:

Age groups **8 years and older** pay \$5.00 per event.

Ages **7 years old & under (rider must be at least age 3 on day of event)** pay \$2.00 per event.

TIME ONLYS:

\$ 3.00 per run, up to 3 maximum per horse. All runs must be paid for in advance. One minute allowed per run.

AGE GROUPS:

Age groups are determined by your age, as of **January 1, 2018**.

Lead-line (must be at least age 3 on day of event):

This is an assistive class where a parent or guardian leads the child on a horse around a shortened or modified pattern. The lead line must be held at all times, and the guide should not pass the horse's shoulder. This is not a foot race, just an opportunity for the younger kids to build confidence & learn the pattern.

7 & under (must be at least age 3 on day of event):

The child and horse navigate through the pattern alone; a parent or guardian may stand and assist the rider without leading the horse. Everyone 7 and under must wear a helmet (CVGA has helmets to borrow).

8 -10, 11 – 14, 15 – 18, 19 – 34, 35 – 49, 50 & over

*age groups to be determined by CVGA officers based upon membership

POINTS:

There will be three events held each gymkhana for the 6 month 2017-2018 CVGA Gymkhana Series. You must ride a minimum of 14 out of 21 **and sign up to help at each event you attend** to qualify for year- end awards.

Points accumulated for each event are kept on a yearly basis. Points will be given as follows:

1st place=5pts. 2nd place=4pts. 3rd place=3pts. 4th place=2 pts.

5th place=1 pt.

Arena/Membership Rules

1. Horses may only be tied at your horse trailer (please do not tie horses to arena fences or on the rail by the bleachers).
2. Horses are not allowed in area by the bleachers.
3. No one under the age fourteen is allowed in the arena unless you are on your horse competing.
4. When your age group is called, please be at the gate ready to run. There will be a two-minute gate call for each person before the gate is closed. Your name will be called three times, and then we will move on. Do not leave the arena while a rider is running an event.

5. Only one person per family is allowed in the arena to help the younger rider.
6. No batting, whipping or spurring your horse in front of the cinch. (This rule will be strongly enforced.). Once you cross the starting time line, the pattern must be completed correctly. Rider must be on horse when crossing the finish line. If you break the pattern or cross the finish line before the pattern is completed, you are disqualified and will be asked to leave the arena.
7. All contestants must sign a hold harmless agreement. Children under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian signed waiver to ride. All membership fees must be paid before you will be allowed to ride any events in the gymkhana.
8. If your horse kicks, you must have a red ribbon tied on the horse's tail.
9. Boots or shoes with well-defined heel must be worn in the arena.
10. Equine riding helmets are required for all contestants ages 7 & under; helmets are not required for riders over 8 but they are highly recommended. CVGA has helmets to borrow. Parents, it is your responsibility to make sure that your child's helmet is securely fastened in place (no helmets off the back of the head) and has an appropriately fitted saddle (i.e., stirrups at right length to fit rider).
11. Any women five or more months pregnant must have a doctor's written permission, issued that week, in order to participate in any event.
12. No running of horses in the parking area. (Horses can only be run in the designated practice arena.)
13. Horses must enter the arena at a walk or controlled trot. Absolutely no running through the gate! Your horse must be under control while exiting the arena. Disqualification can occur for not following this rule.
14. Alleyway must be kept clear for riders entering and exiting the arena.
15. Lameness will not be allowed to compete at the discretion of the CVGA officers. (If you are in doubt as to whether your horse is lame or not, please check with the judges or officers.)
16. Re-rides will be allowed in the event of a timer malfunction, if the run was clean.
17. If a make-up show is needed at the end of the season, persons who were not members during the time frame of that show will not receive points in their age group for that day but may compete.
18. NO DOGS, This is the Verde Valley Fair Rule!
19. No contestants are allowed to park inside the arena gate (producers only inside gate).
20. If at any time you are unsure of or have questions about any of the above rules please feel free to ask a board member.

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Thank you for taking the time to read the rules so that we can all have a safe and fun season!!