

HORSE OBSTACLE COURSE

- Traditional western attire is **required**.
- Riders shall wear long sleeve button up shirts, shirts must be tucked in when the rider begins the competition
- Riders must wear riding boots with a heel.
- Riders shall wear a western style hat or certified riding helmet.
- Riders will walk the course with the Judges prior to the event. No horses are allowed on the course during the walk through and no practicing is allowed on the course prior to or during the event.
- Each event is scored on a 0 – 3 basis, Judges Discretion
 - 0 – Did not complete the obstacle
 - 1 – multiple attempts, half complete
 - 2 – multiple attempts, completed obstacle
 - 3 – Completed obstacle without hesitation
- If there is a tie at the conclusion of the event that involves the top places, the winner is determined by the fastest time.
- NO STALLIONS ALLOWED ON THE MARSHALLY COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS.

YOUNG GUNS – NO LEADLINE – AGES FROM 5 – 8

- Rider must demonstrate control. If questionable, Judges discretion.
- Riders must wear a certified Helmet.
- Riders are allowed to go up to Youth Division with parental permission
- Parents may be on the course when young gun is competing. The purpose of the parent is for safety, no coaching the rider through the obstacle.
- Should the rider be required to dismount, he/she may use a mounting block or hay bale to remount. Rider CAN NOT be lifted back on the horse.

YOUTH AGES 9- 13

- Riders must wear a certified Helmet.
- Riders are allowed to go up to Intermediate Division with parental permission.

INTERMEDIATE – AGES 14-17

NOVICE AGES 18 and over

- Should a rider be bucked off or fall off, he/she may continue to complete provided he/she can catch their horse unassisted and remount within one minute.
- Each obstacle shall have a 30 second time limit. The time begins when the rider approaches and begins to negotiate the obstacle. If the time limit elapses, a whistle will be blown and the rider must move on to the next obstacle.
- If the rider skips an obstacle and begins the next obstacle, he/she may not go back to the obstacle that was skipped. If the rider does go back to the skipped obstacle at any time, it will be considered “broken pattern” and will result in a disqualification.