

# GYMPIE HORSE AND RODEO ASSOCIATION



## RULE BOOK

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## Version Release History

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## TEAM PENNING RULES

1. Twenty-one (21) to thirty (30) head of cattle must be used with three (3) numbered/coloured collars on ten (10) head or seven (7) head.
2. Cattle will be changed immediately following the tenth (10th) or seventh (7th) penning run unless the decision has been made with remaining teams and committee that the competition can be completed with those existing cattle.
3. The arena is set up in two (2) sections, and a pen one end. Pen set up as per ATPA dimensions and placement.
4. White line is drawn separating cattle and riders. This will be used as the cattle line.
5. After the team enters the arena, when the Judge is ready, he/she will give the team a designated colour/number once the nose of the first horse of the team crosses the cattle line. At this point time will commence.
6. Team will have a designated time (usually 1 minute 30) in which the event is to be completed with three (3) or less head penned. A warning whistle will be sounded when team has thirty (30) seconds remaining.
7. No more than five (5) head of cattle shall be allowed at any time over the pen side of the cattle line. If there are more than five (5) head of cattle, the team will be disqualified.
8. Once all 3 head of designated cattle have crossed to the pen side of the line, all three riders **MUST** cross to pen side of line as soon as practical and pen the cattle, no rider can then cross back over to the herd side of the line, this results in disqualification. If only 1 or 2 head are over the line & three riders they may re cross the line, in a manner deemed acceptable to the judge.
9. At no stage are horse and rider permitted to enter the pen to remove any incorrect cattle or when claiming time. If you enter the pen, you will be disqualified. The line of the gate will be determined by the judge on the day and be explained to the competitors before commencement of the competition. All horses must be under control when they reach the gate.
10. **To call time, one of the riders must ride to the gateway of the pen in a controlled manner with one arm raised, after some or all of the assigned cattle have been penned. No more than the neck of the horse should enter the pen. If you turn on the line and your horse's back legs or the back of your saddle cross the claim line, you will be disqualified, even after a time has been given. YOU MUST BACK OUT OF THE PEN.**
11. Time will be recorded when the Judge is satisfied the team has control over penned stock. No time shall be recorded unless all incorrect cattle have returned to cattle side of the line.
12. In the event that all claimed cattle have been penned and one (1) or more breaks free, time will still be recorded with remaining penned cattle. The position of break-away cattle will be disregarded.
13. No blocking of cattle in pen by any team member(s) is allowed whilst other cattle are still being sought. This action will result in disqualification.
14. A competitor can compete three (3) times but not in the same team. No 3 riders may ride together more than once per event.
15. A team must compete as a whole team – same three (3) riders, for at least three (3) of the series rounds to qualify for a buckle.
16. No tie-downs or rings or martingales of any type are permitted whilst in the arena.
17. Riders must use split reins for safety reasons.
18. If a run is stopped by the Judge, clocks must be stopped, and a time recorded. A decision will be made

at the end of the competition if a re-run is to be awarded. A re-run will not be given if there are placings with faster times. **JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL.**

19. **Any rough handling of stock as deemed by the Judge will result in disqualification.**
20. **No whips/riding crops allowed in the Team Penning Arena during the competition event.**
21. The Buckle Series winners will be decided on an aggregate score calculated over the whole season. The winners of the buckles will be the combination which has the greatest number of cattle penned in the fastest time. If there are five rounds in the series, then the maximum number of cattle which a team could pen is 15.
22. Buckles will be awarded to the winning combinations in Open Team Penning; Beginner Team Penning and Junior Team Penning. The Junior Beginner Team Penning is not a buckle series but the end of year winners and runners up will receive trophies and/or prizes.
23. If there are no more than 4 teams in a team penning buckle event, then this will not be classed as a buckle series.
24. At each round of the series, prize money will be awarded in each event to 3<sup>rd</sup> place or 5<sup>th</sup> place, depending on the number of entries in each event. The amount of prize money is determined by the committee.

## GENERAL TEAM PENNING RULES

### Beginners

- Must not have won or placed more than 3 times in Team Penning competitions.
- If you have won the Beginner Team Penning Buckle you are no longer a Beginner.
- Beginners can be any age.
- Junior Competitors cannot compete with the same 4 team members in the Open Team Penning.
- Competitors who compete or have competed in Open Team Penning Competitions for more than 12 months and have won or placed cannot then compete back in Beginner Team Penning.
- EXCEPTION: If there are less than 30 runs at each round, only Buckle Series winners go up to Open in the next year.

### Junior Beginners – an event for adults/parents to instruct the junior riders (2 Junior Beg/1 Adult)

- Juniors must not have won or placed more than 3 times in Team Penning competitions or won a Buckle.
- An Open rider can ride in Junior Beginners if they do not ride in and cut out
- An Open rider 16 and under cannot ride as a junior in Junior Beginners, they may ride as the Open rider.
- 3 runs per Junior; the adult rider may change (this does not affect adult from riding in other classes)
- Junior Beginner riders must be 16 years and under as at the 1<sup>st</sup> January of that same year.

### Juniors

- 18 years and under as at 1<sup>st</sup> January of same year
- May ride in the Open Team Penning as a substitute.
- Juniors can compete in Open Team Penning & Juniors BUT NOT IN THE SAME TEAMS.
- Under no circumstances are members, under the age of 17 years of age, permitted to ride/handle stallions within the perimeters of the grounds.

### Open

- Open Team Penning is open to any age
- Juniors can compete in Open Team Penning & Juniors BUT NOT IN THE SAME TEAMS
- Juniors competing in Open cannot compete/sub in Beginners or Junior Beginner (as Junior rider).

### **Substitute**

- A Beginner rider may substitute in the Open (any person who has only had 3 runs over the weekend)
- A Beginner rider who is 18 or under may substitute for the Junior Team Penning.
- A Beginner rider who is 16 or under may substitute for the Junior Beginners.
- Only 2 substitutes are allowed per team per series for the team to qualify for points. In this case, "team" refers to the whole group of 4 or more riders who ride in different combinations, not each combination. In a team of 4 riders, the combinations would be:  
Rider 1, Rider 2, Rider 3;  
Rider 4, Rider 1, Rider 2;  
Rider 3, Rider 4, Rider 1;  
Rider 2, Rider 3; Rider 4. There can only be 2 substitutes in total for the series.
- An Open rider cannot substitute in the Beginners

## **GHRA TIMED EVENTS**

### **GENERAL RULES**

- A 30 second time limit in all events except steer undecorating (15 seconds).
- A re-run will be awarded for mechanical/ human error if the chute opens before the contestant nods, or human error with a gate opening only if the contestant does not contest their stock.
- To claim a re-run a competitor must ride by – stop swinging rope once they pass the gate line.
- Broken gear does not constitute a re-run.
- Steer undecorating – if a ribbon falls off or is pulled off by the chute, a re-run is awarded.
- In the event that the All Round is sponsored, Only highest place points in team roping will go to the All-round title. (All points received in team roping will go towards the team roping title).
- Team Roping to be entered with partners. 2 runs allowed with different partners unless changing ends.

### **TIMED EVENTS TIMING**

- Timed event timing commences when the gate opens.
- If line is used instead of a barrier it is to be drawn at the judge's discretion.
- If a mistake is made by the time keeper, the competitor is to be given a re-run without a time penalty.
- There are to be two (2) time keepers and a Flag Judge.
- Head of stock must cross the line first or a 10 second penalty will be incurred.

### **AWARDED POINTS**

- Points will be awarded to competitors/teams with financial GHRA members.
- Competitors/teams must compete in at least 3 of the series round days to be awarded points.
- There must be 6 or more competitors in each event to qualify for a Buckle at the end of the year.
- Should there be a tie then each person receives the same points.
- Points are awarded as follows: 1st = 5 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th = 2 points. 5th = 1 point (Time events)

- All places announced are unofficial until checked by the Nominations Secretary.
- Points for Team Roping can be gained on 1 run ONLY E.g. If header is 1st & 2nd – they will be awarded 1st POINTS ONLY

#### **COMPETITION DRAW/TIE**

- Any “tie” in the final round will result in a “run off”.

#### **BARREL RACE**

- Junior Competitor must be 18 years and under as of 1st January of same year.
- After the course is set no competitor to ride the course and the arena cleared. • Open is always run before the junior. • A competitor can ride as many horses as they like but must be named on nomination form.
- Two (2) people cannot ride the same horse in the same event.
- Barrels must be empty 33-gallon drums closed at both ends.
- Competitors must enter arena at a walk and be under control, including lead horses.
- Pattern is a clover leaf, and can be a right- or left-hand pattern.
- If no electric timer is available, 2 stop watches will be used.
- A five (5) second penalty applies for a knocked drum.

##### **Disqualifications:**

- Whipping – no more than two times between drums & no more than four times on the home run. • If at any time during a contestant’s run any part of the horse/rider crosses back over the start line they will be disqualified.
- If a horse is deemed “out of control” at Judge’s discretion.

#### **LADIES BREAK-AWAY**

- Time limit of thirty (30) seconds.
- Only one (1) rope and one (1) cast of that rope allowed.
- Rope to be tied to the saddle horn with four (4) pieces of heavy-duty string or 1 piece of builders string
- a bright cloth 15cmx15cm attached to the end of the rope.
- The only legal catch is a full head catch; rope must pass over the head and pull up around the neck.
- One (1) run, One (1) horse only .

##### **Disqualifications**

- Illegal catch.
- Breaking the rope from the saddle by hand.
- Roping the calf without releasing the rope from the hand.

#### **OPEN BREAK-AWAY**

- No age limit
- Time limit of thirty (30) seconds.
- Only one (1) rope and one (1) cast of that rope allowed.
- Rope to be tied to the saddle horn with four (4) pieces of heavy-duty string or 1 piece of builders string
- a bright cloth 15cmx15cm attached to the end of the rope.
- The only legal catch is a full head catch; rope must pass over the head and pull up around the neck.
- One (1) run, One (1) horse only.

##### **Disqualifications**

- Illegal catch.
- Breaking the rope from the saddle by hand.
- Roping the calf without releasing the rope from the hand.

#### **JUNIOR BREAK-AWAY**

- 18 years and under as of the 1st of January of same year
- Rules apply as per Ladies (Open) event
- Juniors must wear a skull cap whenever mounted on the grounds.
- Juniors must have parent/guardian permission.

#### **OPEN STEER UNDECORATING**

- Competitors must be 16 years or over to compete.
- Ribbon may be taken from either side of the beast, depending on side the contestant leaves the chute, but the competitor cannot change sides during the run.
- Time is complete when competitor's hand is raised above the shoulder after the ribbon is taken from the beast's back as signaled by flag judge.
- Open hazers allowed.
- Time limit of fifteen (15) seconds.

#### **STEER WRESTLING**

- Time limit of 30 seconds
- Steer must be caught from the same side the competitor leaves his horse.
- Competitor must be upon his two (2) feet and the steer on four (4) feet and twisted down by head or horns.
- All four (4) legs must be clear and facing one (1) direction for time to be taken.
- A rolling throw, when the competitor fails to stop or change the direction of the steer before throwing him, will be a disqualification.

#### **ROPE AND TIE**

- Time limit of 30 seconds to catch the calf and a further 15 seconds to tie.
- Rope must be tied hard and fast to saddle horn.
- Competitor must rope from horseback; rope must still be on calf when the roper reaches it and three legs to be crossed tied.
- If the stock is down when the competitor reaches it, it must be stood or lifted clear of the ground and thrown by hand. If the competitor has his hand on the calf prior to it going down, he may tie it without throwing it.
- Time is taken from the finish signal- raise both hands- flag judge to drop flag.
- There must be at least one (1) wrap and hooley.
- All ropers must use a neck strap on the horse.

- Rope sizes to be 10.25, 10.5, or 10.75, No ropes to be joined. Rope to be threaded through the device as shown in manufacturer’s instructions. Device must be tied to saddle horn using leather strap or nylon rope. A minimum of 400mm of the tail of the rope (painted red) to be hanging out of the device.

**Disqualifications:**

- Failure to use approved device and procedure as per the animal welfare legislation.
- Failing to release rope from hand.
- Failure of three (3) legged tie to hold to judges satisfaction.
- If in the opinion of the judge, the calf has been stopped and travels backward with four (4) feet off the ground. -FINE will apply
- Touching the stock, string, or rope after the finish signal. (Unless to prevent a dangerous situation).
- If the competitor/horse drags the calf after remounting.
- If the horse drags a calf two (2) metres from when the calf hits the ground. The Flag Judge may ride behind the horse if the horse is dragging the calf.

**TEAM ROPING**

- Two (2) runs allowable with different partners.
- The same Team Roping team cannot run twice unless they switch places from header to heeler.
- Header must change the direction of the steer’s body before the heeler throws his rope.
- Legal Head Catches: • Around the horns • Around the neck • Half head catch
- Catching only one (1) hind foot is a five (5) second penalty.
- Time will be taken when the head is caught and at least one (1) hind leg is in the heeler’s rope, both ropes are dallied tight, both horses are facing the steer and ropes are straight and tight.
- Both horses’ front feet must be on the ground and both competitors must be mounted.
- Steer must be standing when roped by the head or the heels. • Any heel catch behind the shoulders is legal providing the rope goes up the heels. • If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet, this is a foul catch, however if they come free by the time the Time Judge drops his flag a time will be taken.

**Disqualifications**

- Excessive dragging when stock is on the ground.
- Heeler roping heels before the header ropes the head.
- Illegal head catch.
- No hard and fast ropes.

**TIMED EVENT Prize Money Breakdown**

Number of competitors	1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4th
1-6	100%			
7-11	60%	40%		
12-17	45%	33%	22%	
18 + over	40%	30%	20%	10%



- Addback is minimum 60% Entry fees.
- In the event of no times in an event, prize money will remain with GHRA
- In the event of a tie, prize money is split.
- If only 1 place winner regardless of entries, the winner will receive 100% of prize pool, 2 places split 60/40, 3 places split 45/33/22%

## **NOVELTIES**

- Age is at first day of competition
- Lead liners must be led by a person that is 16 years and over.
- Riders must be in control of their horse at all times
- All children under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times

## **FIRST AID**

- It would be reasonable that a First Aid Officer of a GHRA must hold either a current recognised Senior First Aid Certificate or Nursing qualification.
- At events, there should be present as a minimum requirement, a person holding a current senior first aid certificate.
- The First Aid person must have no other duties and may wear a clearly visible bib or armband designating this duty.

## **DISPUTE**

Disputes, in Judge's decision, **MUST** be handled through correct procedures, i.e.: a fee of \$50 up front and complaint must be lodged at the secretary's office during competition. Judges may only be approached or questioned by a single team member in direct relation to their own team/s run. If this is breached, that team will receive a fine of \$50 and will be disqualified from that competition with loss of series points.

## **CATTLE WELFARE**

A cattle coordinator will be appointed for each cattle event. The role of the cattle coordinator is to supervise the cattle and to ensure their welfare at all times.

This supervision includes that all cattle:

- are to be fed, watered and transported in accordance with normal husbandry methods
- are to be inspected and any injured animals to be treated and placed in a situation to relieve stress as soon as practical
- are monitored to ensure that no rough handling occurs. If a person is involved in rough handling of cattle, if agreed by the management committee, the person will be given a first and final warning. If they are seen mishandling stock again they will be disqualified from events for the weekend.
- are not in distress at any time. If an animal is thought to be in distress, appropriate treatment will be sought immediately.

## **HORSE/LIVESTOCK WELFARE**

- Any act of abuse or intent to abuse an animal whilst in the arena or on the grounds which could also endanger the safety of other persons or animals will not be tolerated at any time.
- Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner whilst in the arena or on the grounds is prohibited. Inhumane treatment includes, but is not limited to:

- Riding of a crippled, injured or lame animal
- Riding of a horse with a health abnormality which could result in the horse's undue discomfort or distress
- Abuse of an animal which includes excessive jerking, spurring, whipping or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to the animal

-If any horse shows blood or signs of bleeding on its side which was caused by or may have been caused by the use of spurs, it must immediately be retired for the day from the competition, event or rally/muster. The horse must be immediately unsaddled and the scrape, cut or wound immediately attended to. The use of spurs in a cruel manner will result in immediate disqualification of the rider from the competition.

If an animal is injured, appropriate assistance will be provided. If a decision is made to put an animal down, it will be disposed of humanely and as quickly as possible.

## **GENERAL RULES**

- Competitors will not tell Committee how to run the event.
- There can only be 1 person/rider upon a horse at any time within the GHRA grounds, (1Horse 1Rider).
- The Committee reserves the right to alter or change the program at any given time. Committee reserves the right to refuse or allow nominations on the day.
- No competitor shall conduct himself or herself in any way which in the opinion of the committee brings ill repute upon the committee.
- Any competitor considered being under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be suspended or disqualified.
- A competitor who refuses to obey the direction of any officiating steward may be refused the right of competing in any further events.
- If a child under the age of 18 has a fall off a horse or has an accident that happened whilst on the GHRA grounds, final responsibility of the health and welfare of the child rests with the parent/guardian verified with a signed document by the parent/guardian and recorded in Incident Report Book.

**- A RED RIBBON is to be worn in a horse's tail to warn other riders as follows:**

- **To indicate that the horse is a STALLION.**
- **To indicate that the horse may kick or be aggressive with any other horse or person.**

**This rule will be enforced.**

### **STALLIONS:**

- The owner must inform the committee if they wish to bring a stallion to a competition.
- The horse must be double collared if it is tied up.
- The horse must wear a red tail ribbon.
- Must be allocated a yard which has been pre-approved by the management committee.
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### **DISHONOURED PAYMENT**

-Any person presenting a cheque that is dishonoured will be suspended for a period as determined by the committee and fined \$50.00 for each dishonoured cheque.

### **BEHAVIOUR**

-Any competitor found guilty of cheating, in any way, attempting to defraud a committee to promoter, abusing

or threatening any judge or other office will be liable for suspension or disqualification depending on the nature and severity of the offence. Any competitor found guilty of an offence shall have his or her nominations refused by the committee for such a period as the Executive Committee may determine.

-Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely. Suspensions will be given where deemed necessary.

### **DRESS**

-General appearance to be neat and tidy – long sleeved shirt with collar (short sleeve not acceptable), brimmed hat or Helmet, long pants and riding boots. Should a Director or Official deem a competitor to be wearing unsuitable attire he or she may be called from the arena and asked to change attire or be disqualified for non-compliance. This Rule applies to Competitors, Chute Bosses, Announcers, Judges and Time Keepers.

-All riders under 18 years old must wear a Helmet whilst on a horse on GH&RA grounds.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

-Only full members of GHRA will receive points towards the series.

- Any teams with day members competing in the buckle series are not eligible for points to their end of year total.

-Junior members must have written permission from Parent/Guardian.

-Anyone over the age of 18 must take out their own single membership.

-A family membership is parent/s or legal guardian/s and children under 18

-Single members under 18 must have parent or guardian to sign membership form.

-GHRA reserves the right to cancel a membership at any time.

### **COMPETITOR AGES**

- Timed Events
- Junior Barrels - 18 years and under as of the 1st January of same year
- Junior Breakaway - 18 years and under as of the 1st January of same year
- Steer Undecorating - 16 years and over as of the 1st January of same year
- Open Barrels - No age limit
- Ladies Breakaway - No age limit
- Open Breakaway – No age limit
- Rope and Tie - No age limit
- Team Roping - No age limit
- Steer Wrestling - No age limit
- Team Penning
- Open Penning - Open to all ages
- Junior Penning - 18 years and under as of the 1st January of same year
- Junior Beginner - 16 years and under as of the 1st January of same year
- Beginner Penning - Junior or Adult competitor

### **JUDGES**

-There is to be one Judge at all times.

-Judges decision is final. This includes:

- No video or photo evidence will override the judge's decision. No one else's opinions will override the judge's decision.

- in the event of cattle being distressed, showing lameness, bleeding or attempting to horn a horse, the judge shall terminate the run and may agree to a re run at the end of the competition.
- any team exhibiting unnecessary rough handling or rushing into the mob at excessive speed, may result in disqualification at the judge's discretion.
- Cattle may not be shouldered or pushed by either horse or rider during their run. Abuse of cattle or horses will be the cause of immediate disqualification from the judge.
- Cattle are not to be illtreated at any time including unintentionally running the beast into the arena fence and team may be disqualified by the judge for ill treatment.
- If a run is stopped by the Judge, clocks must be stopped and a time recorded. A decision will be made at the end of the competition if a re-run is to be awarded. A re-run will not be given if there are placings with faster times.
- If a rider falls from horse in competition it will be the judge's decision whether the rider is in danger and if so the team will be disqualified. The Judge will decide whether the run is to continue or not. There will be no blocking or chasing cattle on foot.

All Judges must be competent and conversant with the rules of GHRA.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

- All complaints are to be in writing and are to be accompanied by a fee of \$50. This will be refunded if the complaint is found valid.
- Any complaints on competition days must be given within 1 hour of completion of that event by a competitor in that said event.
- If the issue does not involve or affect you, you must not enter into the discussion and you may be referred for disciplinary action.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

- Any preferences for your run should be asked for when you nominate, otherwise you will not be able to alter once nominations close.
- Any person who nominates and doesn't turn up without notifying the Nominations Secretary, will have their name recorded, after 3 times they will be suspended for one (1) month.
- Anyone who has not paid prior to the event will be taken out of the draw and charged a cancellation fee plus stock fee as determined by the committee.

#### **REFUND**

- Requests for withdrawal from an event or contest and the return of nomination fee will not be considered less than 72 hours before the event, except in the case of injury to competitor or animal. (Medical certificate required)
- Refunds will be made where the whole event is cancelled.
- Should rain fall during a scheduled day a decision is to be made by the Committee and Events Director and if found not to be safe the event or events are to be called off.

#### **GROUND SPLIT OF PRIZE MONEY**

In the event of no contestant qualifying, no ground split will be made and in the event of insufficient competitors qualifying for all places, only those qualifying be paid and there be no ground split for the remainder.

#### **STOCK CONTRACTORS**

- Stock contractors are not entitled to any prize money not paid out.
- They contract to hire stock at an agreed price and no other money.
- Contractors are to abide by the rules when competing; they must take head of stock they draw. The Animal

Welfare Code of Practice must be adhered to at all times. Stock will not be ill-treated in any way. Seriously injured animals must be destroyed humanely as quickly as possible and covered or taken from the arena where spectators can't see.

### **BANNED ANIMALS**

Any animal banned from any other Rodeo Association will not be allowed to be used at GHRA days.

### **DRAWS**

The committee is to do all draws not the contractor. The committee has the right to control the re-ride stock draw also.

### **VOTING**

- No proxy votes allowed.
- All nominations for executive committee positions must be in writing
- All voting is carried out under the current constitution guidelines

### **GROUND USE**

- Neither the organising committee of any contest held at the grounds, or the GHRA committee, accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, ground, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.
- Members may hire the grounds if they have public liability insurance. This must be provided when completing the grounds hire agreement. Hire fee & Bond payable at time of booking.
- Members may use the grounds with the approval of the management committee and payment of a fee which will be determined by the committee.
- You must leave a completed Horse Health Declaration each time you ride at the grounds.
- If you are under 18 you must wear a helmet ANYTIME YOU ARE ON A HORSE ON THE GROUNDS.
- If you are not a member you MUST NOT RIDE A HORSE ANYTIME ON THE GROUNDS.
- You may not use the grounds to conduct paid lessons or receive lessons that you are paying for either in money or kind.
- To gain permission for use the grounds you must email the committee at [general@gympiehorseandrodeoassociation.com.au](mailto:general@gympiehorseandrodeoassociation.com.au).
- Permission must be granted prior to entering the grounds.
- You must not pass the gate code on to anyone.
- You must follow the club's Bio Security Plan at all times.

### **GENERAL MANAGEMENT POINTS**

- Neither the organizing committee of any contest held at the grounds, or the GHRA committee accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, ground, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.
- The manure bins provided are for MANURE ONLY. Please empty them in the manure pit after you have finished cleaning up your manure.
- Rubbish Bins are for RUBBISH ONLY. All rubbish must be picked up prior to leaving the grounds; this includes baling twine.
- At the end of the event please place bins on the side of the road furthest from the arena ready for collection.
- HORSE FREE ZONE** – The area from the gate near the secretary's office to the gate near holding yard at the end of the arena (between centre ring camping and team penning arena) is a people only zone. **NO HORSES, RIDDEN, LEAD OR TIED UP IN THIS AREA.**
- Dogs to be on a lead, short chain or in a cage at all times.

-Social Media and Website Pages- **Yearly sponsors are only allowed to advertise on the page, this must be approved by the committee or publicity officer.** All other posts are to be approved prior to upload.

-Any child under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times by a person over the age of 18 years when they are on GHRA grounds, including the ablutions block and whilst the parent/guardian is riding.

-If a child under the age of 18 has a fall off a horse or has an accident that happened whilst on the GHRA grounds, final responsibility of the health and welfare of the child rests with the parent/guardian verified with a signed document by the parent/guardian and recorded in Incident Report Book.

-If you nominate or have been nominated for any volunteer roster timeslots prior to or throughout an event then you must attend or find a suitable replacement or your competition run may not be recorded.

## **YARDS/CAMPING**

-Prior to an event yards may be reserved for the weekend at a cost of \$10 per yard. The member must park immediately in front of this yard or as close as possible to the yard. The yard cannot be reserved then the member park elsewhere on the grounds.

-Camping must be nominated and paid with your event nomination otherwise you will not be allowed to camp on the grounds.

-If you park in front of yards that have been booked prior to the event then you will be asked to move to accommodate the member that booked the yards.

-Yards must be cleaned before you leave the grounds. If yards are not cleaned then the member will be charged an additional fee at their next competition.

-Members who purchased panels for their yards may only use these yards when attending an event. Any other members may not put a hold on or use the nominated members yard without reserving them for \$10 for that weekend through GHRA.

-Yards are not held unless \$10 reservation fee has been paid and accepted.

-If there is a dispute with the yard allocation, then the members must contact the executive committee to settle the dispute. The member must provide proof that they have paid for their yard.

-Yards that have not been paid for and allocated by the GHRA committee are available to all members at events. You may only park in front of these yards.

## **HELP/WORKERS ROSTER**

-If a volunteer/help roster is allocated for the event, then the person/team nominated for that help/volunteer position is required to carry out the allocated day and time.

-If the team designated helper or substitute does not present at their allocated time then the team's scores will be withheld for that event until it is discussed with the executive committee, whereas a final decision will be made.