

Gymkhana Rules

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The rules contained in this book are written to allow each rider the same opportunity to maintain standards of dress and comportment that will reflect credit upon the California State Horsemen's Association. The foregoing should be used in interpreting and applying each rule. If there is any doubt as to a rule infraction, this doubt shall be resolved in favor of the rider.

SEC. 1.0 GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 Whenever the masculine is used it also includes the feminine. Whenever horse is used it also includes pony.
- 1.2 In any class, a junior is considered as one who had not reached his 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the current year. Exception: Open classes or split division age breaks to be determined by show management.
- 1.3 A junior shall not be allowed to ride a stallion.
- 1.4 Entries may be of any breed or height. Gymkhana ponies are to be 54" or less at the withers.
- 1.5 Only one combination or one team may compete in the arena at any given time (i.e. no match racing). This rule applies only to courses contained in the CSHA Gymkhana Course Specifications.
- 1.6 Harassment or deliberate mistreatment of a State or Region Gymkhana committee member by a competitor, a family member of a competitor, or a declared representative of a competitor may result in the suspension of the involved competitor from participation in the CSHA Gymkhana program (Region and State level) for a period not to exceed 6 months.
 - 1.6.1 Penalty to be recommended by the majority of the State Gymkhana committee to the State Disciplinary Committee.

SEC. 2.0 GYMKHANA COMMITTEE

The State Gymkhana Committee shall administer this program.

- 2.1 Any decision reached at a Committee meeting shall be reported on the Gymkhana page of the CSHA web site.
- 2.2 All decisions made by a committee member regarding rule interpretations shall be reconfirmed by the Gymkhana Committee at its next regular meeting and the results published on the Gymkhana page of the CSHA web site.
- 2.3 Within fifteen (15) days of any committee meeting, the chairman shall send to each voting member of the committee a copy of the meeting's written minutes and/or report.

SEC. 3.0 REGION CHAIRMAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Any Region desiring to send competitors to the State Championship Show must adhere to the following rules.

- 3.1** The Region Chairman shall verify the CSHA membership status of each of the Region's Registered riders and send a copy of the Region's registration form, or e-mail the same information in a spreadsheet or list form to the State Chairman within fourteen (14) days from the registration date, or by September 15th whichever comes first.
 - 3.1.1** The Region Chairman shall publish monthly a list of the Region's Registered Combinations, and send a copy of the list to the State Chairman.
 - 3.1.2** Any rider whose form is not received by **September 20th** shall be declared ineligible to compete at the SCS.
- 3.2** All Rated Shows must be approved by the Region Chairman/committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the show date.
 - 3.2.1** For every Rated Show a Show Approval form must be completed.
 - 3.2.2** Region Approved Point and/or Non Point shows may **not** be held on either day of a Quarterly Meeting week-end.
 - 3.2.3** If show management cancels a show, the show cannot be reinstated for the same date.
 - 3.2.4** To reschedule a Region Approved Point Show, unless there was a rain date on the original approval form, a new Show Approval form must be submitted and meet the same thirty (30) day requirement.
- 3.3** A copy of the completed Show Approval form must be forwarded to the State Rating Secretary.
 - 3.3.1** The show approval form must be postmarked, faxed, emailed, or hand delivered to the State Rating Secretary no later than twenty (20) days prior to the show date.
- 3.4** For any show which obtains Region approval, or which advertises itself as a Region Approved Point Show it shall be the responsibility of the Region Chairman at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the show date or pre-entry deadline date, whichever is earlier, to supply show management with a mailing list of all current Region Registered Riders and the appropriate official time sheets.
- 3.5** The Region Chairman shall submit to the **State Chairman**, no later than **August 1st**; the name, mailing address, and home telephone number for each of the Region's registered riders. The list is to be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or hand delivered.

3.6 Obtain from the State Chairman:

3.6.1 The Region Year End Results Sheet which shall include the following information for each Region Registered combination:

- 1) Rider's full name including any nickname
- 2) Horse's full name including any nickname
- 3) The number of Region Approved Point Shows in which the combination participated
- 4) Total points earned by the combination
- 5) Total number of Region Approved Point Shows held

3.7 The Region Chairman shall submit to the State Chairman, no later than **September 20th** for each Region division a completed Region Year End Results Sheet. Forms must be postmarked, faxed or hand delivered.

3.8 The Region Chairman shall submit to the State Chairman, no later than **April 15th**, a copy of the Region's rules and point calculation procedures for the current year. The document must include the method of calculating points for re-rated combinations.

3.9 If a Region Chairman fails to submit any information required in this chapter, the first offense may be excused based on unforeseen circumstances. After the first occurrence each additional occurrence will result in a \$50.00 fine. The fine is due and payable within 15 days of notification. Failure to comply may result in the Region's ratings being withheld. The Region's President will be advised of each occurrence.

SEC. 4.0 SHOW MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Any club or show proclaiming adherence to CSHA rules and not adhering strictly to same shall be censured as follows:

- a) If show management is other than the Region chairman, and the infraction is discovered no less than 2 days before the scheduled show date, the Region Chairman shall rescind the show's approval and notify all of the Region's registered riders.
- b) If show management is the Region chairman, and the infraction is discovered no less than 2 days before the scheduled show date, the State Chairman shall rescind the show's approval and notify all of the Region's registered riders.

4.1.1 Infraction of any rule must be reported to the State Chairman within 48 hours of the show's conclusion.

4.1.2 Within 24 hours, the State chairman must notify the State Rating Secretary and the Region Chairman of the reported violation.

4.1.3 The Region Chairman then has 48 hrs to investigate the complaint and notify the State chairman of its validity.

4.1.4 If the infraction is validated, the State Chairman shall send a letter to the show manager/secretary stating the rule violation. A copy of the letter shall be sent to every member of the Gymkhana Committee.

- 4.1.5 At its next Quarterly Meeting, the State Committee will review all reported infractions.
- 4.1.6 If the violation occurred after the timeline in rule 4.1; during or after a show, for each reviewed infraction the Committee may impose one or both of the following censures upon show management:
 - 1) A letter of reprimand
 - 2) A \$50 fine.
- 4.1.7 If the verified infraction involved course setups, course equipment, and/or timers the show will not count for State Championship Show eligibility and the times will not be used for Rating purposes.
- 4.2 Show management must send a notification of the show to each name on the Region's Registered Riders list. The notification must also be mailed to the State Gymkhana Chairman, State Rating Secretary, and the show's judge.
- 4.3 Notification must include the show date, time, place, events, divisions, all fees, and rain date, if any. The amount of the State Gymkhana Fee and any other fees must be listed independent of the entry fee and of each other.
 - 4.3.1 **Rescheduled** shows must meet the same notification requirements.
- 4.4 The notification must be postmarked no later than **fifteen (15)** days prior to the show date.
 - 4.4.1 If the show has a pre-entry or entry deadline, this information must also be included and said notification must be postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the deadline date.
- 4.5 Ground rules must be printed in the show notification, on the entry blank, or posted in a conspicuous place. Such rules must be called to the attention of all contestants by the announcer.
 - 4.5.1 Ground rules may only change CSHA rules when unavoidable due to arena size limitations, weather or safety of competitors. Ground rules should be used to state requirements in addition to, but not in conflict with CSHA rules.
- 4.6 For each Rated Show held show management must submit to the State Rating Secretary and the Region Chairman a legible copy of the state approved time sheet or the computer file for each Rated and Open division.
 - 4.6.1 Handwritten time sheets - The copy must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or hand delivered no later than the Monday after the show was held.
 - 4.6.1.1 The timesheets submitted must be a copy of the actual timesheets completed at the show showing all events as well as placings and points.
 - 4.6.1.2 If more events were held than can fit on one timesheet, all Rating Events must be on the same timesheet.

- 4.6.2 Computerized timesheets –The computer printout must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or hand delivered no later than the Monday after the show was held. Or the computer file must be e-mailed no later than the Monday after the show was held.
- 4.6.3 If a show secretary submits timesheets late, the first offense may be excused based on unforeseen circumstances. After the first occurrence each additional occurrence will result in a \$50.00 fine. The fine is due and payable within 15 days of notification. Failure to comply may result in the Region’s ratings being withheld and future sanctions being revoked. The Region chairman and show secretary will be advised of each occurrence.
- 4.7 Show management has the authority to enforce all rule infractions that occur outside the arena.
- 4.8 Show management shall designate the order in which combinations shall compete.
 - 4.8.1 The entry number and/or the rider's name shall be announced when being called into the arena.
- 4.9 If show management is notified by the CDFA that a horse tested positive for non-approved drugs, show management must so notify both the Region and State Gymkhana Chairmen.

SEC. 5.0 STATE GYMKHANA FEE

- 5.1 At every show from which the time sheets will be submitted for ratings a State Gymkhana Fee of not less than \$2.00 per combination shall be charged. This fee will be charged to every combination that competes **except** those in a Time Only or Lead Line Division.
 - 5.1.1 **EXCEPTION:** Any show from which the total profit is given to the State Gymkhana program may be exempted.
- 5.2 Collected fees must be forwarded to the State Rating Secretary within thirty (30) days of the show date
- 5.3 Failure to submit fees by the 30th day shall result in a penalty equal to the amount of the original fees due being added.
 - 5.3.1 The State Rating Secretary shall notify the State Chairman of all outstanding fees.
 - 5.3.2 The State Chairman shall send a letter to the Region Chairman, and the Region President advising them no further ratings will be calculated for their Region until the fees and penalty have been paid.
- 5.4 All fees must be received no later than five (5) days prior to the SCS.
 - 5.4.1 If at the beginning of the SCS a Region has unpaid State Gymkhana Fees that Region’s combinations will be declared ineligible to compete in the Rated divisions.

SEC. 6.0 JUDGES

- 6.1 Application to become a CSHA Gymkhana judge must be made on the official form. The official form may be obtained from the CSHA State Office. Procedures are set forth in the Judges Commission chapter.
- 6.2 Judges at all CSHA Region Approved Point Shows and the SCS must be currently licensed CSHA Gymkhana judges.
- 6.3 The Gymkhana judge may appoint one or more competent assistant judges, but the licensed judge's decision is final. Assistant judges need not be CSHA licensed Gymkhana judges.
- 6.4 Prior to any junior or assistant judge entering the arena approval must be obtained from show management.
- 6.5 When a junior judge is in the arena a CSHA Gymkhana licensed judge must be in the arena during all competitive runs.
- 6.6 If a licensed CSHA Gymkhana judge is also a registered Gymkhana rider they may compete in and judge the same show providing a person, who was approved and appointed by show management, is present in the arena to supervise the judge's ride.

SEC. 7.0 ATTIRE AND TACK

This section applies only to the CSHA State Championship Show and Region Approved Point shows. **A rider may be given an exemption for medical reasons providing safety is not compromised.**

7.1 Attire

Personal appointments may be either English or Western, depending on the saddle and tack being used. In either case:

- a) T-shirts and/or tank tops, baseball caps and visors are not allowed.
- b) Shirts/blouses must be of a design that is intended to be tucked in.
- c) All shirts/blouses must be tucked in when the rider enters the arena.
- d) Shirts/blouses must have button or snap closures in the front from top to bottom, a collar, and long or short sleeves.
- e) Female contestants may wear sleeveless blouses.
- f) On shirts/blouses designed with a button or snap closure at the collar only the top two buttons or snaps, including the collar button or snap, may be left open. On shirts/blouses not designed with a button or snap closure at the collar no buttons/snaps may be left open.
- g) Long sleeves on all garments must be secured at the wrist.
- h) All spurs must be secured into the boot heel, or around the boot by use of a strap or tape.
- i) Riding shoes are not allowed.

7.1.1 At all CSHA Gymkhanas an ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmet is required for all riders under the age of 18 when they are competing in the arena.

7.1.1.1 Nothing that affects the proper fit may be worn under the helmet.

- 7.1.2 An ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmet is strongly recommended, but not required for riders over 18 years of age.
- 7.1.3 Other equestrian safety equipment is optional for all riders.
- 7.1.4 **Western:** Riders using a stock saddle must wear a shirt/blouse, western style long pants with belt loops or old style western pants without belt loops, and boots with a heel. Western hat, equestrian safety equipment, chaps, shotgun chaps, chinks, or spurs are optional. Spurs, if worn, may be of any standard type, but without sharp points. If the spurs have rowels the rowels must be exposed and must spin.

Western style pants are defined as being made of denim or twill.

- 7.1.4.1 In place of long pants, female riders may wear a split skirt. The split skirt must be boot top length or longer when the rider is sitting astride the horse.
- 7.1.5 **English:** Riders using English saddles must wear an English riding shirt, breeches or jodhpurs, and boots. Coats, jackets, and spurs are optional. Spurs, if worn, must be of the un-rowelled type.

7.2 Tack

The judge may prohibit the use of any equipment he may consider severe, of unusual construction or arrangement, or inhumane, abnormal or dangerous.

- 7.2.1 Running martingales, standing martingales, tie downs and German martingales are permitted.
- 7.2.2 **Western:** A standard western type stock seat saddle shall be used. It may have slick or swelled fork, with or without a horn, and either a high or low cantle. A rope or reata is prohibited. Use of any standard type of bit or hackamore used is the choice of the rider.
 - 7.2.2.1 Romels must be attached to the reins.
 - 7.2.2.2 An *over and under* must be attached to the saddle horn.
 - 7.2.2.3 No part of the romel, the *over and under*, or the split reins shall extend further than the center of the horse's knee joint, when the horse is standing still.
- 7.2.3 **English:** snaffles, with or without dropped nosebands, pelhams and full bridles are acceptable.
- 7.2.4 **The following items of tack are prohibited.**
 - 7.2.4.1 Trick riding saddles, jockey saddles, and any other kind of saddle not normally employed in showing horses.
 - 7.2.4.2 Any style of saddle which is not appropriate to the personal attire of the rider.
 - 7.2.4.3 Draw reins

7.3 Breakage of tack

7.3.1 While on course if tack or equipment breaks, or the horse casts a shoe the combination shall be allowed to continue so long as the course can be completed without cruelty to the horse or danger to the rider.

7.3.2 Breakage of tack or equipment shall not entitle the combination to a re-ride.

SEC. 8.0 TYPES OF DIVISIONS

8.1 A show committee may offer separate competitions for English and western equipment. If separate competitions are not offered for English and western equipment, an exhibitor may use either, but the appointments must conform to Section 7.0. Attire and Tack.

8.2 Any competition may be divided by age and/or sex of rider, height of horse, and/or classification division according to speed, providing the premium list so states.

8.2.1 Whenever practical, show management is encouraged to offer classes restricted to ponies and/or junior exhibitors.

8.3 Due to an insufficient number of entries two or more divisions may be combined. Combination of divisions is at the discretion of show management, with the approval of the judge, and may not be protested.

8.3.1 If divisions are combined, any exhibitor affected may withdraw his entry and be entitled to a full refund.

8.4 Average Time Division

8.4.1 Rating Procedures

The following procedures shall be used to establish a combination's Average Time Division Rating.

8.4.1.1 The rating events shall be Big T, Birangle, Cloverleaf Barrels – Table I, and Skill Barrels.

8.4.1.2 During the regular season, January 1st through September 15th, an individual rating record will be kept on all combinations that compete in a Rated Show. **Exception** – a rating record will not be kept for combinations that enter a Time Only, schooling or Lead Line division.

8.4.1.3 Combinations shall be rated based upon the three fastest times entered in each rating event.

8.4.1.4 The Base Time will be entered each time a rating event is ran.

8.4.1.5 The Average Base Time for each rating event will be calculated using the prescribed number of times.

- 8.4.1.6 Each Average Base Time will be rated using the Average Event Rating Chart.
- 8.4.1.7 Each Event Rating is a value.
- 8.4.1.8 The Event Rating values will be added together and the total averaged.
- 8.4.1.9 The division will be determined by using the Average Division Rating Chart.
- 8.4.1.10 Only combinations that have an Average Base Time in all of the rating events shall be rated.
- 8.4.2 Only times from a Rated Show will be used.
 - 8.4.2.1 All rating events MUST be offered at all Rated Shows.
 - 8.4.2.2 Only times from runs made in a competitive division will be used. Runs made in a Time Only and/or schooling division will not be used.
 - 8.4.2.3 "Off Course" times will not be used. The time from any run that is disqualified for any other reason will be used.
 - 8.4.2.3.1 If a run is declared as "Off Course" the timekeeper must enter an OC in the Placing box on the timesheet.
 - 8.4.2.4 If a run is declared "Off Course" the combination may not re-run the event for rating purposes, placings or points.
 - 8.4.2.5 For rating times, a combination may not compete in more than one division at a show.
 - 8.4.2.6 An event cannot be rated if it has less than the prescribed number of base times.
- 8.4.3 Whenever a rating indicates a combination should be moved to a faster division the combination will be moved.
- 8.4.4 An NRC should compete in the Open division until they have been officially rated.
- 8.4.5 A Rated Combination may compete in the Open division. However, if this election is made no points/credits for the rated division will be given.
- 8.4.6 A Rated Combination **may not** elect to ride in a division other than Open, or their official state rated division.
- 8.4.7 After each rating, the Rating Secretary will forward an updated Rating List to the Region Chairman. A member may, at any time, request a copy of the current list.
- 8.4.8 After the SCS each eligible combination shall receive a Year End Rating (YER). This rating shall be based on their times from the entire season, including the SCS.

- 8.4.8.1** A combination will begin the next season in their Year End Rating (YER) division.
- 8.4.8.1.1** In the new season, after a combination has three (3) qualified times in each of the Rating events; they will receive a Current Year Rating (CYR).
 - 8.4.8.1.2** Combinations will compete in their YER division until they receive a CYR.
 - 8.4.8.1.3** If the CYR average is lower than the YER, the combination will be moved to the faster division. (Example – YER was division 5, CYR is division 4; combination begins the season in division 5 when the CYR is issued the combination is moved to division 4).
 - 8.4.8.1.4** If the CYR average is higher than the YER, the combination MUST compete in the YER division unless a subsequent rating moves them into a faster division. (Example – YER was division 3, CYR is division 6; combination begins the season in division 3 when the CYR is issued the combination continues to compete in division 3).
 - 8.4.8.1.5** The only time a combination will be moved to a slower division is when the YER places them in a slower division.
- 8.4.8.2** The YER shall be valid through August 31st of the following year.
- 8.4.8.3** On September 1, every combination that has not received a current year's rating shall be dropped from the Rating List.
- 8.4.8.3.1** After September 1st and on or before September 15th if a combination that was dropped from the Rating List receives a CYR the combination will not be placed in a division that is lower than their YER.
- 8.4.9** Only ratings done by the State Rating Secretary or by individuals appointed by the State Rating Secretary will be considered official.
- 8.4.9.1** All ratings will be reviewed and approved by the State Rating Secretary prior to being declared official.
 - 8.4.9.2** The Rating Secretary will post the Rating Change List, Current Rating List and Individual Rating Records to the CSHA web site no later than the Thursday prior to the Region's next approved show.

EXCEPTION – If the time sheets are not received by Monday, then the Thursday deadline shall be waived.
 - 8.4.9.3** If the Rating Secretary does not adhere to this schedule the Gymkhana Committee may request a replacement.
- 8.4.10** If a rider believes a rating error was made it shall be the responsibility of the rider to contact the Rating Secretary.

8.4.11 Glossary

Actual Time- Time ran, including penalties

Base Time - Time ran, not including penalties

Non Rated Combination (NRC) - A combination that is not listed on the official Rating List.

Playday-

- 1) Show does not adhere to all CSHA Gymkhana rules
- 2) Show does not meet all of the CSHA Rated Show requirements.
- 3) Show can NOT be used to meet the SCS eligibility requirement.
- 4) Times will NOT be used for rating purposes.

Rated Show – For a Region Approved Point or Non-Point Show to be designated as a Rated Show it **MUST** meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) Courses **MUST be** set to CSHA specifications.
- 2) Times **MUST be** kept in accordance with CSHA rules.
- 3) All Rating Events **MUST be** offered.
- 4) Approved Point Show must have a CSHA licensed Gymkhana judge.
- 5) State Committee approved time sheets **MUST be** used.
- 6) If more events will be held than can fit on one time sheet, all Rating Events must be on the same time sheet

Rated Combination (RC) - A combination that is listed on the official State Rating List.

Non Point Show (NPS)

- 1) The show, including the judge, must be approved by a Region Gymkhana Chairman.
- 2) Show does not adhere to all CSHA Gymkhana rules, but meets all of the CSHA requirements for a Rated Show.
- 3) Show cannot be designated as a Region Point Show.
- 4) Times will be used for rating purposes.
- 5) Combinations will not be awarded Region credits/points toward Region year-end awards.
- 6) Show can NOT be used to meet the SCS eligibility requirement.

Region Approved Point Show(RAPS)

- 1) Show adheres to all CSHA Gymkhana rules
- 2) Show meets the CSHA requirements for a Rated Show
- 3) Show has been approved by a Region Gymkhana Chairman.
- 4) Combinations may be awarded Region points/credits toward Region year-end awards.
- 5) Show will be used to meet the SCS eligibility requirement.
- 6) Show must have a currently licensed CSHA Gymkhana Judge

8.5 Event Average Rating Chart (2012)

| Event | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|
| Big T | 16.999 | 17.799 | 18.799 | 20.599 | 22.999 | 27.599 | |
| Birangle | 14.999 | 15.799 | 16.799 | 17.999 | 19.999 | 24.999 | |
| Cloverleaf I | 18.999 | 19.799 | 20.799 | 21.999 | 23.999 | 28.999 | |
| Skill Barrels | 16.999 | 17.799 | 18.799 | 20.599 | 22.999 | 26.999 | |

All average base times recorded which are equal to or lower than those shown for 1 will be given a rating value of 1.

All average base times recorded which are higher than those shown for 6 will be given a rating value of 7.

AVERAGE DIVISION RATING CHART

| <u>AVERAGE</u> | <u>DIVISION</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.000 - 1.499 | 1 |
| 1.500 - 2.499 | 2 |
| 2.500 - 3.499 | 3 |
| 3.500 - 4.499 | 4 |
| 4.500 - 5.499 | 5 |
| 5.500 - 6.499 | 6 |
| 6.500 - 7.000 | 7 |

SEC. 9.0 START AND FINISH OF COURSE

- 9.1** Riders are responsible for adhering to all CSHA Gymkhana rules from the moment they enter the arena until they have completely exited the arena.
- 9.2** In all events that are executed by a single combination, only the "on course" combination shall be in the arena. All other combinations shall remain outside the arena until the "on course" combination has been excused by the judge.
- 9.3** After a combination has been announced as "On Course" and the previous combination has cleared the arena, the rider shall have one minute to begin the course.
- 9.3.1** If there has been a delay, the judge will signify when the timers are ready, the course is clear, and will call for the combination to start.
- 9.4** A combination may be assisted into the arena, by leading or herding, until the horse has fully entered the arena. The assistant must then exit the arena. After the combination is in the arena no assistance of any kind shall be permitted.
- 9.4.1** This rule shall NOT apply to riders who have not reached their 13th birthday. For these riders, the assistant shall be allowed to enter the arena on foot, and remain in

the arena until the combination has completed the course and exited the arena. However, after the combination is in the arena the rider must adhere to rule 9.5. The assistant may not enter the course.

- 9.4.2** This rule shall not apply to riders with certified disabilities requiring assistance into the arena. In those cases only, the rider must negotiate the course unaccompanied by an assistant, but may receive auditory instructions from an assistant.
- 9.4.3** For these riders the assistant(s) shall be allowed to enter the arena (mounted or on foot) and remain in the arena until the combination has completed the course and exited the arena. The assistant(s) may not enter the course. No more than two (2) mounted assistants are allowed.
- 9.5** Upon entering the arena, the rider must have his horse under control. After entering the arena, the rider must momentarily break the horse's forward motion either by coming to a four footed stop, backing, circling, or turning the horse 180 degrees away from the start/finish line.
 - 9.5.1** In Reverse Course events, there shall be an imaginary line from the start/finish line markers to the side fence. Breaking of forward motion must be done after the horse crosses this imaginary line.
- 9.6** The horse must come to a halt after finishing the course and before leaving the arena, but may turn or circle before coming to a halt.
- 9.7** Before leaving the arena the rider must acknowledge the judge and wait for the judge's signal that indicates a good ride or disqualification.
- 9.8** All gates to the arena shall be kept closed during the running of every event. No gate or gates shall be opened until the combination has completed the course and been excused by the judge.
- 9.9** If after crossing the start/finish line to enter the course and prior to completing the course, the combination knocks down or moves either start/finish line marker the combination must remain on course as if the start/finish line marker were still in their original place.

SEC. 10.0 REVERSE COURSE

- 10.1** In Quadrangle and Figure 8 Stake, riders may begin the course from either end of the arena. Rides that are started from the end of the arena opposite from the entrance gate shall be known as "Reverse Course."
 - 10.1.1** Upon entering the arena, any rider who desires to "Reverse Course" must raise their hand and be acknowledged by the judge.
 - 10.1.2** The combination shall enter the gate, proceed along the fence past the imaginary start/finish line, break forward motion and then begin the course.
 - 10.1.3** While that combination is on course, the gate person shall determine if the next rider is intending to reverse course.

10.1.3.1 After the combination "On Course" has been excused by the judge, if the next combination is going to reverse course, the combination may enter the arena and proceed toward their starting position.

10.1.3.2 The rider may not start the course until the previous combination has exited the arena and the gate has been closed.

10.1.3.3 After verifying the gate has been closed, the rider must begin the course within the time limit specified in rule 9.3.

10.2 When entering or exiting the arena the combination must proceed along the fence line outside of the course.

10.3 In a Reverse Course event, if an obstacle is knocked down by the horse/rider combination or weather conditions prior to the combination crossing the start/finish line to begin the course the combination must wait for the course to be set. It is permissible for the combination to exit the arena and re-enter after the course has been set.

SEC. 11.0 TIMING

11.1 Time shall start when any part of the horse crosses the start line and shall end when any part of the horse crosses the finish line upon completion of the course, or when disqualified by the judge.

11.1.1 A combination shall be considered "On Course" once any part of the horse crosses the start line and until every part of the horse crosses the finish line after completing the course.

11.2 The position of the timers shall always be at the start/finish line.

11.3 Time shall be taken by the use of an electronic timer, or three manual stopwatches all of which are graduated to at least 1/100th of a second.

11.3.1 The official time shall be taken from either the electronic timer or from two of the three manual watches, if two have identical times. If all three manual watches vary the middle watch shall be official.

11.3.2 An electronic timer is preferable, and where one is available is to be used at the SCS.

11.4 Show management may elect to use a backup timer. In the event of a failure of the main electronic timer the time shall be the backup time.

11.5 All times shall be recorded, including times from disqualified rides. Times from disqualified rides shall be made available, but not announced.

11.5.1 For disqualified rides that are "Off Course" the timekeeper must enter an "OC" in the placing box on the time sheet.

11.5.2 For rides that are disqualified for any other reason the timekeeper must enter a "DQ" in the placing box on the time sheet.

11.6 Timer Malfunction

If there is a timer malfunction, and a backup time is not available, the combination shall be given a re-ride.

11.6.1 If the first run was clean (no downed obstacles) and the second run is not, the rider shall be given the option of a third and final run.

11.6.2 If the first run was clean: the penalty, if any, and the time shall be from the final run.

11.6.3 If the first run was not clean: the penalty shall be from the run with the most downed obstacles.

Example: If the first run was not clean, and the second and/or third run is clean the penalty from the first ride shall be added to the final run's time.

11.6.4 In all cases, the time shall be from the final run made.

11.6.5 **If the first run was ruled "Off Course" there shall be no additional runs.** Only if the first run was disqualified for an infraction other than "Off Course", will the second and/or third run be for time only.

11.6.6 If the first run qualified and the second run was disqualified due to "off course" the combination shall be given a third ride.

11.6.7 If the second ride is disqualified for any other reason there shall be no third ride.

SEC. 12.0 PLACINGS

12.1 Show placings are based on the "Actual Time", not the Base Time.

12.2 In the case of a tie for an event placement all combinations shall be awarded the same placing and points. The subsequent number of placings shall not be awarded

Example: Three combinations tie for first place. All three receive first place points. No second or third place points are awarded. The next combination receives fourth place points.

12.2.1 Distribution of the event awards shall be at the discretion of show management.

12.3 Breaking a Show High Point Tie

In the event of a tie for a show's high point award the tie shall be broken using the following procedure:

12.3.1 **When all combinations involved competed in all of the events:**

12.3.1.1 If any combination involved in the tie was disqualified, in one or more events, the award shall be given to the combination that had no disqualifications.

12.3.1.2 If there were no disqualifications, the tie shall be broken by combining the actual time ran in each event. The combination with the lowest overall time shall be declared the high point winner.

12.3.1.3 If all of the combinations involved were disqualified, in one or more events, the tie shall be broken by combining the time from those events in which none of the involved combinations were disqualified.

Example:

Sue and Jim tied for 1st place. Both were disqualified in one event.

Sue disqualified in Quadrangle and Jim disqualified in Birangle. Only the times from the shows remaining events would be added for total time. Quadrangle and Birangle would be omitted from both competitors total time.

12.3.2 When a combination involved did not compete in all of the events:

12.3.2.1 The combination that did not compete in all of the events shall relinquish the award for the tied position and accept the award for the next lower placing.

12.4 Single Entry Division – Placing Charts

The following time charts shall be used to determine the event placing of all single combination divisions.

Overall placing for a single combination division shall be based on a percentage of the total points possible (number of events times first place points):

| | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 80% | High Point |
| 70% | Reserve High Point |
| 60% | 3rd |
| 50% | 4th |
| less than 50% | 5th |

HOW TO READ AND USE THE SINGLE ENTRY PLACING CHARTS

Actual times that are equal to or faster (lower) than those listed under 1st place will be awarded 1st place.

Actual times slower (higher) than a time listed for a placing, and equal to or faster (lower) than the actual time listed for the next placing will be awarded the lower placing.

Actual times equal to or slower (higher) than those listed under 3rd place will be awarded 4th place.

These placing times have no direct or indirect relation to the times used for ratings.

Example: Division 1 Big T

A run of 18.999 would be awarded 3rd place because the time is between the 2nd and 3rd place breaks.

Division 1

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Big T | 17.599 | 18.599 | 19.599 | |
| Birangle | 15.299 | 15.999 | 16.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (1) | 19.299 | 19.599 | 20.599 | |
| Cloverleaf (2) | 19.999 | 20.599 | 21.599 | |
| Figure 8 Stake | 11.999 | 12.299 | 13.299 | |
| Hurry Scurry | 9.999 | 10.599 | 11.999 | |
| Keyhole | 9.999 | 10.599 | 11.599 | |
| Pole Bending (1) | 11.499 | 11.999 | 12.999 | |
| Pole Bending (2) | 23.999 | 24.999 | 25.999 | |
| Quadrangle | 21.999 | 22.999 | 23.999 | |
| Single Stake | 9.599 | 9.999 | 10.599 | |
| Skill Barrels | 17.599 | 18.599 | 19.599 | |
| Speed Barrels (1) | 10.299 | 10.599 | 11.599 | |
| Speed Barrels (2) | 22.999 | 23.999 | 25.999 | |

Division 2

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Big T | 18.599 | 19.599 | 20.599 | |
| Birangle | 15.799 | 16.999 | 17.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (1) | 19.999 | 20.999 | 21.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (2) | 20.599 | 21.599 | 22.599 | |
| Figure 8 Stake | 12.399 | 12.799 | 13.399 | |
| Hurry Scurry | 10.599 | 11.599 | 12.599 | |
| Keyhole | 10.599 | 10.999 | 11.999 | |
| Pole Bending (1) | 12.499 | 13.499 | 14.499 | |
| Pole Bending (2) | 24.999 | 25.999 | 26.999 | |
| Quadrangle | 22.999 | 23.999 | 24.999 | |
| Single Stake | 9.999 | 10.599 | 10.999 | |
| Skill Barrels | 17.999 | 18.999 | 19.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (1) | 10.599 | 10.999 | 11.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (2) | 23.999 | 24.999 | 26.999 | |

Division 3

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Big T | 18.999 | 19.999 | 20.999 | |
| Birangle | 16.599 | 17.599 | 18.599 | |
| Cloverleaf (1) | 20.999 | 21.999 | 22.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (2) | 21.599 | 22.599 | 23.599 | |
| Figure 8 Stake | 12.599 | 13.599 | 14.599 | |
| Hurry Scurry | 10.999 | 11.999 | 12.999 | |
| Keyhole | 10.999 | 11.999 | 12.999 | |
| Pole Bending (1) | 13.999 | 14.999 | 15.999 | |
| Pole Bending (2) | 25.999 | 26.999 | 27.999 | |
| Quadrangle | 23.999 | 24.999 | 25.999 | |
| Single Stake | 10.599 | 10.999 | 11.999 | |
| Skill Barrels | 18.599 | 19.999 | 20.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (1) | 11.599 | 11.999 | 12.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (2) | 24.999 | 25.999 | 27.999 | |

Division 4

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Big T | 19.999 | 20.999 | 21.999 | |
| Birangle | 17.599 | 18.599 | 19.599 | |
| Cloverleaf (1) | 21.999 | 22.999 | 23.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (2) | 22.599 | 23.599 | 24.599 | |
| Figure 8 Stake | 12.999 | 13.999 | 14.999 | |
| Hurry Scurry | 11.599 | 12.599 | 13.599 | |
| Keyhole | 11.999 | 12.999 | 13.999 | |
| Pole Bending (1) | 14.999 | 15.999 | 16.999 | |
| Pole Bending (2) | 27.999 | 28.999 | 29.999 | |
| Quadrangle | 24.999 | 25.999 | 26.999 | |
| Single Stake | 10.999 | 11.599 | 11.999 | |
| Skill Barrels | 19.999 | 20.999 | 21.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (1) | 12.599 | 13.599 | 14.599 | |
| Speed Barrels (2) | 25.999 | 26.999 | 28.999 | |

| Division 5 | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| Big T | 20.999 | 21.999 | 22.999 | |
| Birangle | 18.999 | 19.999 | 20.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (1) | 24.999 | 25.999 | 26.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (2) | 25.999 | 26.999 | 27.999 | |
| Figure 8 Stake | 13.999 | 14.999 | 15.999 | |
| Hurry Scurry | 12.599 | 13.599 | 14.599 | |
| Keyhole | 12.999 | 13.999 | 14.999 | |
| Pole Bending (1) | 15.999 | 16.999 | 17.999 | |
| Pole Bending (2) | 29.999 | 30.999 | 31.999 | |
| Quadrangle | 25.999 | 26.999 | 27.999 | |
| Single Stake | 11.599 | 12.599 | 13.599 | |
| Skill Barrels | 21.999 | 22.999 | 23.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (1) | 13.999 | 14.999 | 15.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (2) | 26.999 | 27.999 | 29.999 | |

| Division 6 | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| Big T | 22.999 | 24.999 | 26.999 | |
| Birangle | 19.999 | 21.999 | 23.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (1) | 25.999 | 27.999 | 29.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (2) | 26.999 | 28.999 | 30.999 | |
| Figure 8 Stake | 16.999 | 18.999 | 20.999 | |
| Hurry Scurry | 15.999 | 17.999 | 19.999 | |
| Keyhole | 13.999 | 15.999 | 17.999 | |
| Pole Bending (1) | 16.999 | 18.999 | 20.999 | |
| Pole Bending (2) | 30.999 | 32.999 | 34.999 | |
| Quadrangle | 27.999 | 29.999 | 31.999 | |
| Single Stake | 12.999 | 14.999 | 15.999 | |
| Skill Barrels | 22.999 | 24.999 | 26.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (1) | 14.999 | 16.999 | 18.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (2) | 28.999 | 29.999 | 31.999 | |

Division 7

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Big T | 27.999 | 29.999 | 32.999 | |
| Birangle | 24.999 | 28.999 | 31.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (1) | 27.999 | 29.999 | 33.999 | |
| Cloverleaf (2) | 29.999 | 31.999 | 35.999 | |
| Figure 8 Stake | 20.999 | 22.999 | 24.999 | |
| Hurry Scurry | 22.999 | 26.999 | 30.999 | |
| Keyhole | 19.999 | 23.999 | 27.999 | |
| Pole Bending (1) | 20.999 | 22.999 | 26.999 | |
| Pole Bending (2) | 40.999 | 44.999 | 48.999 | |
| Quadrangle | 33.999 | 37.999 | 41.999 | |
| Single Stake | 18.999 | 20.999 | 22.999 | |
| Skill Barrels | 28.999 | 32.999 | 36.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (1) | 18.999 | 22.999 | 26.999 | |
| Speed Barrels (2) | 34.999 | 38.999 | 42.999 | |

SEC. 13.0 PENALTIES, DISQUALIFICATIONS AND EXPLUSIONS

13.1 Penalties

13.1.1 Unless otherwise required in the class specifications, a two second penalty shall be assessed for each obstacle knocked down. The combination must remain "On Course" as if the obstacle were still standing.

13.1.1.1 Any obstacle that is knocked down and then rights itself will be considered a downed obstacle.

13.1.2 Entering the arena with improper attire, tack, or with long sleeves of any garment that are not secured at the wrist shall result in a ten (10) second penalty.

13.1.3 Electing to execute Hurry Scurry with the jumps down is an automatic twenty-second (20) penalty.

13.2 Disqualifications

Any of the following infractions shall disqualify a combination.

- 13.2.1** Failure of the rider to break the horse's forward motion. (see rule9.4.5)
- 13.2.2** Failure of the rider to begin the course within the time limit specified in rule9.3.3
- 13.2.3** Failure of the rider to enter the arena mounted.
- 13.2.4** Prior to leaving the arena, failure of the rider to acknowledge the judge and wait for the judge's signal indicating good ride or disqualification.
- 13.2.5** Loss of course. This shall include:
- 1) negotiating obstacles in other than the specified order
 - 2) negotiating obstacles in the wrong order or direction
 - 3) correcting the improper passing of an obstacle by backing or changing the direction of movement
 - 4) backing which continues past the previous obstacle
- 13.2.6** Fall of rider while on course.
- 13.2.7** After entering the arena, kicking, striking, or beating the horse in any manner whatsoever forward of the cinch. Touching or patting the horse to calm, praise or encourage the horse shall not be considered striking or beating the horse.
- 13.2.8** Horse being unruly or out of control.
- 13.2.9** Any kind of cruelty to the horse whether or not specifically mentioned in this rule.
- 13.2.10** Excessive use of spurs, crop, bat, romel and/or *over and under*.
- 13.2.11** Dismounting while in the arena without obtaining permission from the judge prior to dismounting.
- 13.2.12** If a horse or rider falls while not on course it shall be considered a granted request for permission to dismount.

13.2.13 Use of spurs that:

- 1) are not secured into or around the boot
- 2) have rowels that will not spin
- 3) have rowels that have been covered
- 4) have sharp pointed rowels

13.2.14 Use of any piece of equipment that is not attached to the saddle horn in an "over and under" motion.

13.2.15 If any part of the rider and/or the horse crosses or comes in contact with the start/finish line after crossing the start/finish line to enter the course and before completing the course.

13.2.16 Failure of the rider to end the course as specified in rule 9.6.

13.2.17 If the combination does not start and finish the course by crossing the start/finish line between the two markers.

13.2.18 In a Reverse Course event, failure of the combination to walk outside of the course when entering or exiting the arena.

13.2.19 In Hurry Scurry, if the horse goes around a jump or jumps on the outside of the jump.

13.2.20 At Region Approved Point Shows and the State Championship Show, the third refusal of any obstacle shall result in a disqualification. The combination must leave the arena.

13.2.21 FAILURE OF THE RIDER TO SIGNAL THE JUDGE:

13.2.21.1 Of the rider's intent to Reverse Course.

13.2.21.2 Which Hurry Scurry course the combination will run. Exception: when there are two judges, each judging separate courses and positioned behind the pole.

13.2.21.3 The judge will acknowledge the signal. If the rider starts the course prior to receiving the judge's acknowledgement the ride will be disqualified.

13.2.22 If a rider (under 18) enters the arena without an ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmet:

13.2.22.1 First offense of the show - before they start the course, the combination shall be excused from the arena, allowed to put the helmet on, and then return to compete.

13.2.22.2 Second violation in the same show - they will be disqualified from the event.

13.2.22.3 Third violation in the same show - they will be expelled from the show.

13.3 Expulsions

13.3.1 Unsoundness shall not penalize a combination unless it is determined by either show management or the judge to be sufficiently severe as to be hazardous to the contestant, or considered an act of cruelty to the horse. In either case, show management shall bar the combination from further participation.

13.3.2 The rider shall be barred from further participation in the show, by show management and/or the judge, with no money refunded and shall NOT be awarded any points/credits for the show under the following circumstances:

13.3.2.1 Deliberate failure of the rider to immediately leave the arena when so instructed by the judge.

13.3.2.2 When any act committed, or remark made during the show is considered :

13.3.2.2.1 offensive and/or made with the intent to influence or cast aspersions on the judging, or;

13.3.2.2.2 harassment of the judge(s) and/or show management, or;

13.3.2.2.3 un-sportsmanlike.

13.3.3 Show management shall have primary responsibility for infractions occurring outside of the arena. The judge(s) shall have primary responsibility for infractions inside the arena. Neither primary area of responsibility shall be exclusive.

13.3.4 Use of drugs administered to performance horses is regulated by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). If a horse tests positive the combination shall lose all points earned at that show. If the offense is repeated the combination shall be barred from further participation in any CSHA Approved Show.

SEC. 14.0 PROTESTS

14.1 Until they have filed an official protest with and paid the current protest fee to the show secretary, a person may not contest, or question the setting of a Gymkhana course. Nor may they enter the arena to inspect the setting of a Gymkhana course.

14.2 All protests or complaints relating to a CSHA licensed Gymkhana judge shall be addressed to and handled by the Judges Commission. Procedures are set forth in the Judges Commission chapter.

14.2.1 EXCEPTION–State Championship Show (SCS)

14.2.2 Protest Procedure at the State Championship Show(SCS)

- 14.2.2.1** Prior to the first gymkhana event, the Gymkhana Chairman will appoint the members of the SCS Special Protest Committee (SPC).
- 14.2.2.2** The SPC is formed only for the purpose of hearing protest(s) arising out of the current years' SCS.
- 14.2.2.3** Immediately following the current SCS the SPC shall be disbanded and shall have no further duties, responsibilities or authority.
- 14.2.2.4** The SPC will consist of five [(5) members; three (3) currently licensed CSHA Gymkhana judges, and two (2) State Gymkhana Committee members.
- 14.2.2.5** Alternate SPC members will include two (2) currently licensed CSHA Gymkhana judges, and two (2) alternate committee members.
- 14.2.2.6** Judges appointed to the SPC will be selected from those who are on the show grounds, whether participating and/or judging the SCS, and who will be available for the duration of the SCS.
- 14.2.2.7** The Gymkhana Chairman is not required to be a member of the SPC.
- 14.2.2.8** If a member of the SPC is the subject of the protest, they may not hear the protest. An SPC alternate must take their place.
- 14.2.2.9** A protest may only be filed by an SCS competitor and/or a parent or guardian of an SCS competitor who is a minor.
- 14.2.2.10** The protest must be submitted in writing to the Gymkhana State Chairman within 1 hour after the conclusion of the event from which the protest arose.
- 14.2.2.11** A fee of \$100.00 cash must accompany the protest.
- 14.2.2.12** The written protest must state the violation of a specific rule (by rule number) in the current CSHA Gymkhana rulebook or it will not be accepted. Complaints (not stating a violation of a specific rule) will not be accepted.
- 14.2.2.13** When a protest is received, the Gymkhana chairman will immediately notify each member of the SPC.
- 14.2.2.14** The Committee will meet, on the grounds, within two (2) hours after the conclusion of the final event of the day. The SPC will meet in a closed and private session. All five members must be in attendance.
- 14.2.2.15** The Gymkhana chairman will present the protest to the SPC.

- 14.2.2.16** The SPC will assure the protest's validity as to being filed within the specified time frame, citing a specific CSHA Gymkhana Rulebook violation (by rule number) and with the required protest fee.
- 14.2.2.17** The SPC will conduct a hearing on the protest with all parties directly involved having an opportunity to be heard on the matter. All pertinent evidence will be allowed and reviewed.
- 14.2.2.18** The SPC shall meet until they have reached a fair and equitable decision based upon the literal interpretation of the rule(s) as cited in the protest.
- 14.2.2.19** The SPC's decision will be communicated to the involved parties in a timely manner. The decision of the majority of the SPC shall be final and binding upon all parties including contestants and CSHA.
- 14.2.2.20** If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is overruled, the fee shall be forfeited to the State Gymkhana Program.
- 14.2.2.21** If the properly filed protest involves a licensed CSHA Gymkhana judge and results in a negative decision the SPC will forward, in a sealed envelope marked confidential, a written report of its findings to the Chair of the CSHA Judges Commission.

14.3 All other protests must be filed in writing to the office of the show secretary within 48 hours after the conclusion of the event. A fee of \$50.00 cash must accompany the protest. The office of the show secretary shall immediately notify the Gymkhana Chairman of the protest.

- 14.3.1** The Gymkhana Chairman shall form a committee to hear the protest. At the State level this committee shall consist of the voting members of the State Gymkhana Committee.
- 14.3.2** The committee shall meet in person to conduct a hearing on the protest.
- 14.3.3** If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is overruled, the fee shall be forfeited to show management.
- 14.3.4** The decision of the committee shall be final and binding upon all parties, including contestants and CSHA.
- 14.3.5** If the protest is at the Region level and it cannot be resolved at that level, the Region chairman shall refer the protest to the State Gymkhana Committee for resolution.
- 14.3.6** Any protest against a Region Chairman must be sent to the State Gymkhana Chairman for presentation to the State Gymkhana Committee for resolution.
- 14.3.7** In the event the State committee cannot reach a decision in determining guilt or proper action to be taken, the Judges Commission will be placed in the position of arbitrator.

SEC. 15.0 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW(SCS)

At the SCS all State individual and Region Team Championships, and State Record Holders shall be determined. This show shall be held during the week that contains the second full weekend in October.

15.1 Competition

15.1.1 Categories shall be:

Category 1 - Performance

Category 2 - Equitation

15.1.1.1 A category will only be offered if the category was offered in two or more Region programs and offered at a minimum of five shows in each of those Regions.

15.1.1.2 The Performance divisions shall be run in the Average Time Divisions. Equitation shall be run in age divisions:

12 & under pony

12 & under horse

13 - 17

18 - 39

40 & over

15.1.2 The following events shall be offered for the Performance category:

Whichever Pole Bending table is to be used at the SCS is the table that should be run throughout the season.

Every Year

Big T
Birangle
Cloverleaf Barrels (table 1)
Hurry Scurry
Single Stake
Skill Barrels
Speed Barrels (table 1)

Even Numbered Years

Figure 8 Stake
Pole Bending (table 2)

Odd Numbered Years

Pole Bending (table 1)
Quadrangle

15.1.3 Weather and arena conditions permitting, prior to the closing ceremony day, a Cloverleaf Barrels (table 2) Jackpot State Record Holder class will be held. Refunds will be mailed if the event is canceled.

15.2 SCS Ratings

15.2.1 During the SCS ratings shall be done. All events, except Hurry Scurry and Single Stake, shall be included.

15.2.2 Prior to the SCS the method for determining the SCS Rating matrix shall be set. The matrix shall not be made public prior to the completion of the SCS ratings.

15.2.3 Every combination, in the Rated divisions, shall be rated using a rating matrix developed specifically for the SCS.

15.2.3.1 If the SCS rating indicates, a combination belongs in a faster division the combination shall be moved to that division.

15.2.4 At the conclusion of each event the times ran shall be posted.

15.2.5 After the SCS ratings have been completed placings and points will be posted.

15.3 Eligibility

15.3.1 The rider must be a CSHA member (see CSHA Bylaws for definition of member).

15.3.1.1 There is no limit as to the number of times an individual may qualify for and/or win a CSHA Championship.

15.3.2 A rider may compete in both the Rated and Open division.

15.3.3 In addition, to compete in a Rated division a combination must also meet the following criteria. These criteria are the state's minimum requirements. Regions are allowed to have more stringent requirements. A combination must first meet all of their Region's requirements.

15.3.3.1 Be registered in a Region Gymkhana program.

15.3.3.1.1 A Region Registered Combination is defined as a combination that has filled out a Region's Gymkhana program registration form and paid any and all registration fees set by the Region. The Region registration form must inform the rider of the CSHA membership requirement.

15.3.3.1.2 At the time of registration if the participant is not a current CSHA member an application for either CSHA direct or club membership **MUST** be completed and appropriate dues paid.

15.3.3.1.3 A participant may register at any time prior to **September 1st**. The Region registration form and the CSHA or CSHA club membership forms must be available at all Region Approved Point Shows.

- 15.3.3.1.4** If a rider's Region does not have a Gymkhana program, the rider shall contact the State Gymkhana Chairman for information regarding registration in another Region's program. The State Chairman must contact the President of each involved Region to obtain approval of the request.
- 15.3.3.1.5** A rider can only register and qualify in one Region Gymkhana program. A club member may register in the Gymkhana program sponsored by the Region in which his club is based regardless of where the member actually lives. For SCS purposes only, the rider will be considered a member of the Region in whose program the rider was registered.
- 15.3.3.1.6** Out of state members wishing to participate in this program should review Bylaws and Administrative Practices for appropriate procedure.
- 15.3.3.2** After December 31st and on or before September 15th of the following year, the combination must compete in all rating events in a minimum of five (5) of their Region's Approved Point Shows. Shows ridden prior to Region Registration may NOT be used to meet the five (5) show requirement.
- 15.3.3.2.1** After a combination has competed in their first event, if the horse or rider becomes injured or too ill to continue the rider may petition the Region Chairman for a one-time waiver of rule 15.3.3.2. Prior to the horse leaving the grounds either the show judge or management must verify the condition of the horse. Except for an injury that occurs during the show, the condition of the rider must be confirmed by a physician's written verification.
- 15.3.3.3** In the event a horse dies, or sustains an injury that prevents it from competing for the remainder of the season, and the rider registers a new combination, the shows ridden on the original horse will be counted to meet the five (5)-show requirement. The inability of the original horse to continue in competition must be certified, in writing, by a veterinarian.
- 15.3.4** The combination must finish in the top ten (10) of their division and be included on the Current Year Rating List published after September 1st.
- 15.3.5** The top ten (10) combinations in each State division shall be determined based on the Region point totals as of September 15th.
- 15.3.5.1** If a Region splits a State division, for Region awards, the process by which the combined top ten (10) will be determined must be included in the Region's written rules.
- 15.3.5.2** Following completion of the Region registration form and payment of all required fees and dues, a combination will accumulate points in their Region program. Points shall not be retroactive to previously attended shows.

15.3.6 Because this competition is based upon qualified horse and rider combinations, substitution of a horse or rider is not allowed.

15.3.6.1 If a horse that is part of a qualified combination has to be withdrawn from competition, and the rider is not part of another qualified combination the rider may enter another horse, but the new combination must ride in the Open division.

15.4 Open Division Eligibility

Eligibility for the Open division(s) shall be:

15.4.1 A combination cannot compete in both a Rated division and an Open division.

15.4.2 To enter an Open Division the rider, not the horse, must be part of a current Region Registered combination

15.4.2.1 A Region Registered combination that did not qualify to compete in a rated division.

15.4.2.2 A Region Registered combination that did qualify to compete in a rated division may elect to compete in an Open division.

15.4.2.3 The rider must have competed in all of the rating events in a minimum of five (5) of their Region's Approved Point Shows.

15.4.2.4 If a horse that is part of a Region Registered Combination has to be withdrawn from competition, the rider may ride a replacement horse in an Open division.

15.5 Event Points (2006)

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| Pl | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Pts | 20 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

Event awards will be given to 1st - 9th only

15.6 Judging

15.6.1 All judges must hold a current CSHA Gymkhana judge's card.

15.6.2 All classes must be judged under current CSHA rules.

15.6.3 In Gymkhana Equitation only:

15.6.3.1 No judge may judge a member of his/her immediate family.

15.6.3.2 No judge who is also a trainer or has been a trainer within the preceding one year period may judge a current student or a rider who was their student in the preceding six month period.

15.7 Awards

15.7.1 Overall Division awards will be made first through fifth place. Class awards shall be made first through ninth place.

15.7.2 Overall category, excluding the Open division(s), awards shall be:

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| Champion | - belt buckle |
| Reserve Champion | - belt buckle |

15.7.3 Open division awards for first through fifth place, and all other third through fifth place awards shall be selected by the State Committee at their second Quarterly Meeting. The State Chairman will send written notification of the selections to each Region Chairman.

15.7.4 Recipients of the overall first and second place awards in each division in each category shall be declared and known as the reigning CSHA Champion and Reserve Champion respectively.

15.7.5 For information on the scholarships offered by this Program and/or the criteria for award, please contact the State Gymkhana Chair. For redemption information refer to the Scholarship Procedures section at the beginning of this book.

15.8 Awards Distribution

15.8.1 The unofficial results shall be announced during the SCS Closing Ceremony.

15.8.2 The primary show awards (buckles, neck sashes, and Open Division awards) will not be distributed but will be available for presentation and photographic purposes.

15.8.3 After the SCS, a complete audit of the times, ratings, placings and points will be done. Within ten (10) days of the completion of the show, the SCS records will be sent electronically to the Region Chairmen who had competitors at the show. Those chairmen will have seven (7) days to verify the results.

15.8.4 After the results have been checked for accuracy, the official results will be released.

15.8.4.1 The Region Chairmen will be notified when the results have been declared official.

15.8.5 The State Chairman shall retain possession of all primary awards until the results have been declared official.

15.8.5.1 At the Annual Convention, all primary awards will be presented to the Region Chairmen.

15.8.6 The official results will be posted on the SOC web page.

SEC. 16.0 REGION TEAM COMPETITION

- 16.1** The Region team competition shall be held in conjunction with the SCS.
- 16.2** A Region's "team" will consist of all of the Region's combinations in each **Rated division.**
- 16.3** The highest average score per combination shall determine the Region's placing.
- 16.3.1** The total points earned by all of the Region's combinations, in each Rated division, will be transferred to the Region's team score.
- 16.3.2** Each Region's total score shall be averaged using the number of combinations entered from the Region.
- 16.3.3** Region team points shall only be taken from the Rated divisions in which combinations from two or more Regions were entered
- 16.4** If both categories are offered the points from both categories will be combined to determine the overall Region Team Champion.
- 16.5** There shall be an award for the overall Region Team Champion.
- 16.5.1** The award will be presented to the winning Region's Gymkhana Chairman or representative during the awards ceremony at the State Championship Show.
- 16.5.1.1** The State Chairman will retain possession of the award until the SCS results have been declared official.
- 16.5.2** The Region points shall be audited in accordance with the Awards Distribution rules in this chapter.
- 16.5.3** At the Annual convention, the award will be presented to the winning Region's Gymkhana Chairman or representative, and the Region's name added to the perpetual list.

SEC. 17.0 STATE RECORDS

- 17.1** State Records can only be set at the SCS. For a list of the current record holders refer to the State Awards and Recognition section at the front of this book.
- 17.1.1** Due to changes in course designs and specifications over the years, in 1990 the record holders were re-established. In 1992, due to measurement changes, new records were established for Birangle and Cloverleaf I. In 1994, the first record for Big T was established. In 1996, the first record for Speed Barrels II was established.
- 17.2** Only times taken by the use of an electronic timer shall qualify for establishing a State Record.
- 17.3** Records may be set in the Rated and/or Open division(s).

17.3.1 In the Open division(s) only times run by a combination that meets the SCS eligibility participation rule shall be eligible.

17.4 It shall be the duty of the Gymkhana Chairman to:

17.4.1 Immediately after the SCS, obtain a copy of the SCS time sheets and update the State Record Holders' list.

17.4.2 Submit an article to *The New Horseman* containing any new record holder information.

17.4.3 Submit a list of the State Record Holders to the secretary of the SCS. The list shall include the State Record Holder's name, horse's name, record time and year the record was set. Only the events run at the SCS shall be listed.

17.5 The State Chairman may appoint an assistant. The assistant must be approved by the Gymkhana Committee.

SEC. 18.0 ASSISTED RIDER DIVISION

This division is created to offer a learning experience for riders of any age who may need assistance on the course. This is NOT a competitive division. In addition to teaching the riders the course patterns, the object is to teach riders proper show ring decorum, appearance, responsibilities, and rules. This is intended to be a "NO STRESS" experience for the rider and show management. Regions may choose to offer the division or not depending on their needs.

The following rules shall apply at the:

18.1 General Rules

18.1.1 The Division is open to all riders of any age who need assistance completing a course.

18.1.2 A rider **cannot** compete in both a rated division and the assisted rider division.

18.1.3 The entry is based on the rider, not horse and rider combination.

18.1.4 At any time, the rider may change mounts.

18.1.5 The rider must adhere to CSHA Gymkhana attire rules.

18.1.5.1 Helmets are required (see rules 7.1.1 and 7.1.1.1 for details).

18.1.6 Riders will participate in at least the four rated events.

18.1.6.1 Hurry Scurry will not be an Assisted Rider event.

- 18.1.7** All courses will have the number of obstacles as prescribed in the CSHA Gymkhana Course Specification rules.
 - 18.1.7.1** For each event, the course measurements will be shortened but not measured.
- 18.1.8** The horse must be on a lead line at all times with the handler holding the lead.
- 18.1.9** The horse is to be lead at the walk with the handler maintaining control of the mount.
- 18.1.10** The horse must remain to the right of the handler so the horse trips the timer, not the handler.
- 18.1.11** Additional handlers may walk beside the horse and assist the rider in whatever way necessary.
- 18.1.12** After entering the arena and before starting the course the handler must break the horse's forward motion.
- 18.1.13** After completing the course the handler must bring the horse to a complete stop.
- 18.1.14** Before leaving the arena the rider must acknowledge the judge.
- 18.1.15** Riders will not be disqualified for "off course".
- 18.1.16** If times are recorded, all placings will all be noted as 1st.

18.2 State Championship Show

- 18.2.1** This division may be offered at the SCS depending on need and someone other than the chair to run the division. Inclusion of these rules does not mandate the division be included every year unless sufficient help is volunteered. A carded judge will not be required to judge the division.
- 18.2.2** Whenever the male gender is used it shall also apply to the female gender.
- 18.2.3** Whenever horse is used it shall also apply to ponies and mules.
- 18.2.4** The entry fee shall cover the cost of awards only, all entrants to receive the same award. This is a promotional division; it is not intended to assist in recouping show fees.
- 18.2.5** Awards listed in section 15.7 and 15.8 shall not be considered a part of this division.
- 18.2.6** This division shall not be eligible as part of the Region Team Competition, no points are awarded as there are no placings.
- 18.2.7** Division shall be scheduled to run at a time not to interfere with competition of the other rated divisions in the SCS. A start time shall be listed on the entry form.

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