

2017 Rules

Open – Sport – Novice – Junior – Pee Wee Divisions

1. The Ski-Joring Races will have 2 go-rounds.
2. The course length will be a minimum of 600 feet, 12 gates and 3 jumps.
3. In an effort to allow riders to develop up and coming horses for Ski-Joring, riders will be permitted to compete in more than one division. However, no horse or skier will be allowed to compete in more than one division.
4. A rider is limited to four (4) entries in each division. A skier is NOT limited to two (2) entries, but may only compete in one division. Each horse is limited to two (2) entries and may only compete in one division. A Rider/Horse/Skier team may only enter once in any combination.
5. Time starts and stops when the Skier crosses the start and finish lines.
6. The skier must be in an upright position and on at least one ski with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skier's boots must cross the finish line.
7. There is a five (5) second penalty for each gate or jump missed. Both tips of skis and both boots must go around the gate, otherwise it is considered missed.
8. If the horse or rope displaces a gate prior to skier negotiating it, the gate is considered missed.
9. If the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second run, they may not find a replacement. They are disqualified.
10. Written parental consent is required for participants under 18 years of age. Parent must be present at registration.
11. Prior to race time, participants will be allowed to examine the course from inside perimeter of the track only.
12. Rope length shall not exceed 50 feet.
13. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
14. Any protests from a competitor must be made verbally to the Chief of Race prior to the commencement of the next competitors run.
15. The decision of the Judges is final.

Longest Jump

The longest jump competition is considered a separate event from the timed events, subject to the rules below.

1. Individuals are NOT limited to two (2) entries but additional entries cannot consist of the same 2 individuals in any combination. Each horse is limited to two (2) entries.
2. If the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second run, they may not find a replacement. They are disqualified from the combined (Saturday, Sunday) competition.
3. Distance will be measured at the point of rear foot impact.
4. Jumper must land and demonstrate control by skiing out of the landing.
5. Rider and Jumper must be a minimum of 18 years old.
6. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
7. The decision of the Judges is final.

Additionally:

1. There will be a veterinarian on site who has the authority to disqualify an animal for medical reasons.
2. Judges reserve the right to invoke THE SPARBY RULE, WHEREIN:
Competitors will be allowed 5 minutes from the time they enter the arena to stage their horse for a start. First infraction will result in that team being moved back in the start order. In the event they are unable to start their horse a second time, within the 5-minute time frame, that team will be disqualified for that go-around.
3. All entries are subject to Board Approval and competitors will be urged to compete in the appropriate division.
4. Should there be an addition to the existing rules, they will be brought to your attention at registration.