

2010 Official Mule Jump Rules

All decisions of the official judge are final. We reserve the right to correct any errors on the show bill prior to the class being held.

General:

1. Required: Current Negative Coggins Test within twelve (12) months.
2. Each Mule, Rider-Handler may enter a specific event Only Once.
3. Any treatment or handling of an animal deemed to be excessive or cruel will result in the participant's immediate disqualification from any and all events.
4. Points: 1st Place—5, 2nd Place—3, 3rd Place—1
5. Negel Hall Memorial Trophy will be given to the high point Mule/Rider-Handler Combination in both the Adult Division (ages 17 and older) and Youth Division (ages 16 and under).
6. Corrections to the show bill may be made anytime prior to the class being held.

Speed Events:

7. There will be five (5) second penalty for a barrel or pole knocked over.
8. In the Flag Race the 3rd barrel, bucket of sand and flag must stay upright until the finish line timing barrier is crossed or elimination.
9. Breaking the timing barrier (line) before completing a race will result in disqualification.
10. Not following the pattern will result in disqualification.

Jumping Events:

11. Each mule may enter only one (1) Jumping Event.
12. Each participant will receive two (2) opportunities to have his/her mule clear the height at which the jumping obstacle is placed during each round of competition.
13. Once a participant's name or number has been announced, the handler will have one (1) minute to bring his/her mule to the jumping obstacle; where it will be deemed ready to jump by the event judge. If the mule fails to be set within the allowed time, it will count as an unsuccessful jump.
14. Once the mule has been judged ready to jump, the handler will have ninety (90) seconds to get his/her mule to attempt to jump the obstacle. If the mule fails to jump within this time, or unsuccessfully attempts to clear the obstacle, this will count as an attempted jump. And the ninety (90) second time limit will be restarted by the event judge.
15. Two (2) unsuccessful attempts to clear the obstacle will result in the elimination of the mule from the jumping event.
16. In case of a tie for first, second or third place; there will be an elimination jump in which the height of the obstacle will be lowered to a starting height decided by the event judge. The tied mules will compete as stated above in number 13.
17. If after two (2) elimination jumps there is still a tie or if the handlers of the tied mules decide in the best interest of the mules not to jump them again; then the prize money and points for that placing and the next lower placing will be combined and split. Also, a decision will be made as who will get the trophies (or belt buckle).
18. Both handlers involved in a tie must agree to a jump off or splitting the prize money and points as stated above in number 17.