



## Sundance Winter Festival Ski Joring Rules

### DIVISIONS

#### OPEN • YOUNG GUNS • CLASSIC • POWDER PUFF • SNOWBOARD

- **OPEN** - division will consist of any competitors (skier/boarder), men or women, over the age of 18 years old. The rider of the horse must be 18 years or older and either gender to compete in this division.
- **YOUNG GUNS** - division will consist of any male competitor (skier) that is between 18 years old and 34 years old. The rider of the horse must be 18 years old or older and either gender to compete in this division. Each competitor (skier) can only race a maximum of three (3) times, or as determined by the race organizers.
- **CLASSIC** - division will consist of any male competitor (skier/boarder) that is over the age of 35 yrs. old. The rider of the horse must be 18 years old or older and either gender to compete in this division. Each competitor (skier) can only race a maximum of three (3) times, or as determined by the race organizers.
- **POWDER PUFF** - division will consist of any female competitor (skier/boarder) that is 18 years old or older. The rider of the horse must be 18 years old or older and either gender to compete in this division. Each competitor (skier) can only race a maximum of three (3) times, or as determined by the race organizers.
- **SNOWBOARD** - division will be an open division consisting of male and female competitors (boarders) that are 18 years old or older. The rider of the horse must be 18 years old or older and either gender to compete in this division. Each competitor (boarder) can only race a maximum of three (3) times, or as determined by the race organizers.

### COMPETITION RULES

1. **Rules** are the same for Open, Classic, Young Guns, Powder Puff & Snowboard Divisions.
2. **All skiers/boarders** are encouraged to wear approved snow sport helmets, eye protection and protective vest. Waiver must be signed to enter a race.
3. **A Horse** can compete in more than one Division and more than one time in each division. The horse and the horse's health are the sole responsibility of the owner/rider. The owner/ rider decides how many times to run their horse.
4. **A Skier/Boarder** may compete in each division more than once but must compete with a different horse for each entry. Both the skier/boarder and rider must pay the entry fee for every run in each division that they are entered in.
5. **Substitutions:** no substitutions are allowed for any team member (horse, skier or rider). If any team member cannot compete for any reason, the team will be disqualified. No refunds will be given.
6. **Staging between runs:** Each team is allowed four minutes to complete staging and begin the race. After this allotted time has expired, the competitors will be asked to leave the staging area. The team will be allowed one more attempt to race at the end of the Division. If the staging time is again exceeded, that

team will be disqualified from that run. The allotted four-minute time period will begin at the declaration of a clear track.

7. **Finishing the Race** – the Skier/Boarder must finish in an upright position and on at least one ski, with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skier boots must cross the finish line. The run is considered a no time if the above rule is broken.
8. **Gates** -Both ski tips and both boots must go around a gate, or the gate is considered missed.
9. If the Skier/Boarder drops the rope BEFORE crossing the start line, he/she will be allowed (one) restart. If a skier/boarder drops the rope on the second attempted to start, that team is disqualified for that run. If the skier/boarder drops the rope after crossing the start line the skier/boarder is disqualified for that run.
10. **Time Keeping** –There will be officials at the start and finish line that will have stop watches to keep time. Course Director and Officials have the final say as to what time each run is completed in.
11. **Rule Changes.** Any rule changes made on race day will supersede these rules.

## **PENALTIES**

**There will be officials throughout the course monitoring the runs of all the participants. They are the judges and ones in charge of assessing any and all penalties to each run.**

1. A three (3) second penalty is assessed for each missed jump or gate.
2. A three (3) second penalty is assessed for any horse breaking the plane of any jump or hitting a timing device (i.e. clapper boards).
3. A two (2) second penalty is assessed for missed (or dropped) ring –per ring.
4. There is no penalty for rope or horse hitting jump marker or gate marker. Skier will be given credit for rings not in place on standards during his run, i.e. Wind, snowball from horse, or any other natural cause to make ring fall. NOTE: Rider or rope hitting ring is NOT a natural cause!

## **DISPUTES**

1. Protests must be made immediately following run to Course Director or Event Judge at the finish line before next team has competed. They will confer with the officials, if needed and issue a decision. In the spirit of friendly competition, their decision will be final.

## **SAFETY**

1. Horses – The horse and the horse's health is the sole responsibility of the owner/rider. The owner/rider decides how many times to run their horse.
2. Protective legwear: It is highly recommended that horses be outfitted with bell and splint boots on each foot (4). Special borium-tipped horseshoes: They're not necessary, but they can be shod by a competent farrier. At your option, your horse can also run barefoot.
3. An ambulance crew will be on site. Service, if needed, will be charged to the benefactor of the service by the Sundance EMS.
4. Any horse, rider, or competitor, in the opinion of a judge or official, that poses a danger to themselves or the public, may be asked to withdraw from the competition.

## **EQUIPMENT**

1. Ropes will be supplied by the Sundance Winter Festival Ski Joring committee. No outside ropes will be permitted. Ropes cannot be attached to the skier in any way, shape or form.
2. Attachment is to the saddle horn or behind the saddle. If the attachment is behind the saddle it must be secured to the primary rigging rings of the saddle.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Good sportsmanship is important to the success of our event and the image of the community of Sundance. Your registration signature pledges your word to the humane treatment of your horse and respectful relationships to all fellow competitors and volunteers hosting this exciting competition. Failure to comply with the spirit of friendly competition at any of the scheduled events may result in the disqualification of your team or your banishment from future competitions.

### **RACE RESULTS and PAYOUTS**

1. Race results with awards will be announced and handed out following each division after times and payouts are verified in the office.
2. Number of places paid and payout percentages will be based on number of contestants.
3. Winners of each division and the Calcutta will be determined by short round time only, not the average. This is a sudden death format.