



SUNDANCE WINTER FESTIVAL

Ski Joring Rules

DIVISIONS

- **OPEN**
- **YOUNG GUNS**
- **CLASSIC GUNS**
- **GIRLY GUNS**
- **BOARDER GUNS**
- **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. Each competitor (skier/boarder) can only race a maximum of three (3) times, or as determined by the race organizers.
- **Young Guns** - division will consist of any male competitor (skier) that is 18 years old and under/or the age of 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 Guns** - division will consist of any male competitor (skier/boarder) that is over the age of 34 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.
- **Girly Guns** - division will consist of any female competitor (skier) 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.
- **Boarder Guns** division will be a open division consisting of both male and female competitor (boarder) 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.

- The Open, Young Guns, Classic Guns, Girly Guns & Boarder Guns divisions are a timed event based on the start and finish of the skier/boarder. The Open, Young Guns, Classic Guns, Girly Guns & Boarder Guns divisions will have a long round with a percentage of the top finishers going to the short round. The winner of the short round will win that division. All divisional short rounds teams will be a Calcutta. The Open division will have a long round with a percentage of the top finishers going to the short round. All divisions, including the Open will have a Calcutta event for the short round. The best time in the short round in each division will win that division. Each division will pay and award the top three places.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Rules are the same for Open, Young Guns, Classic Guns, Girly Guns, and Boarder Guns 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 more than **one** time. 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. Each horse planning on competing in the OPEN division must enter and complete at least one (1) run in the earlier classes (i.e. Young Guns, Classic Guns, Girly Guns, Boarder Guns).
4. **A Skier/Boarder** may compete in each division more than once, but must compete with a different horse for each entry. A skier/boarder may ride with the same rider but with a different horse. Both the skier/boarder and rider must pay the entry fee for every run in each division that they are entered in. Each skier/boarder planning on competing in the **OPEN** division must enter and complete at least one (1) run in the division class (i.e. Young Guns, Classic Guns, Girly Guns, and Boarder Guns) in which they qualify for.
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:** (The Sparby Rule) 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 day's competition. 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 an electronic eye at the skier/boarder start gate that will start the official clock with the finish line having an electronic eye that will be the official stop to the clock. There will also be officials at the start and finish line that will have stop watches to keep back-up time in case of electronic malfunction. Course Director and Officials have the final say as to what time each run is completed in.

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 runs.

1. A three (3) second penalty is assessed for each missed jump or cone.
2. A three (3) second penalty is assessed for any horse breaking the plane of any jump, hitting a gate, 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 hitting ring is NOT a natural cause!
5. Protests must be made immediately following run to Course Director at Finish before next team has competed.

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.

DISPUTES

1. If a team member has a concern regarding his run, that concern must be brought to the attention of the Event Judge as soon as possible after the run but not later than the start of the next class. A Protest Committee consisting of Course Director, Event Judge, and one (1) non-competing member, selected to have no conflict of interest, will consider the concern presented and make a decision not later than the start of the next class. The decision of that committee is final and all involved are ask to accept that decision in the spirit of friendly competition. Keep in mind that Winter Fest does buy a beer for the losing party of the dispute.

EQUIPMENT

1. Ropes are to be no longer than 33ft in length and 3/8" or larger in diameter. Handles on ropes are not permitted. No ropes are supplied by the Sundance Winter Festival Ski Joring organizing committee. 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

Race results will be announced and posted, and prize money and awards will be given out at the Longhorn Saloon & Grill downtown Sundance on Saturday evening following the Open division short round.