



## PUNTA GORDA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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### **SPEED Rules and Regulations | 2015/2016 Show Season**

1. NBHA guidelines will apply for Barrel classes. Bowtie governed by American Gymkhana Association. AQHA guidelines will apply for Texas Barrels, Hairpin, Flags, Poles and all other speed events. PGHA rules supercede all other rules.
2. Speed Shows are held the second Saturday of the month October through April unless otherwise noted. There will be 2 Double Pointed shows in the season. The dates of those shows will be decided by the Director. Open arena will run for 30 minutes, 1 hour prior to the start of the show.. The show will start promptly at 5:00 PM.
3. In Speed Classes (excluding Lead line classes) any deviation from the pattern will result in a disqualification/ no time. Per NBHA guidelines any barrel that is knocked over in Barrel classes 12-17 will result in disqualification. In the Flag race, any flag not stuck in the bucket or that hits the ground results in an automatic disqualification/no time. ANY FLAG USED TO STRIKE THE HORE WIL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.
4. Per AQHA guidelines there will be a five-second added penalty for each pole knocked over in any pole class: In Texas barrels or any Hairpin classes, if a barrel is knocked over there is a five- s e c o n d penalty. Hairpin poles will be set 15 feet off the barrel on each side. You must stay between the poles for a qualified run.
5. In all speed classes, points will be kept on a nominated horse and member rider combination.
6. Daily high point for speed classes: Competitor must enter a minimum of three classes per division. SEE SPEED SHOWBILL and ENTRY FORM. In case of a tie for high point two trophies will be awarded. Open classes do not count for high point.
7. Exhibition & Fun Event classes do not count towards year end age division and/or daily highpoint awards. Beginner Rider classes are open to all ages of riders and horses. Rider must be new to the Speed discipline and may only show in these classes for one year. Rider cannot enter any other age division.
8. ATTIRE: Proper attire will be worn while showing. Long pants, slacks, jeans, etc., Sleeved shirts, tank tops or a collared sleeveless shirt and boots with heels are required. No tube tops or spaghetti strapped shirts will be permitted under any circumstance while showing.
- 9.. **Helmets are strongly recommended for all riders.**
10. Year-End Prize Prizes will be awarded for all classes as follows:
  - 1) Grand Champion
  - 2) Reserve Champion
  - 3) Third Place

Placing to sixth place in all classes with the exception that all Youth Classes (17 and under) will be placed as far down as necessary to ensure all youth members receive recognition. Please see individual show bills/prize list for specific division eligibility information. Year end awards are based on the income of the Association. Class/Division awards may vary based on participation within those classes/divisions.

11. Class fees are as follows:

\$8.00..... Members & Non Members

\$5.00.....Exhibition & Fun Event Classes

\$40.00..... Poor Boy Members/Non Members per horse/rider combination for the day

(6 Age Division Classes; Excluding Exhibition and Fun Event Classes). **NO Refunds.**

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12. Riders shall be available when called for "Line Up". In speed classes when the horse and rider are in the holding pen it is permissible for the horse to walk directly from the chute into the pattern. **Only those riders called for "Line Up" will be permitted in the holding pen with the exception of horses that need to be walked into the chute, by an individual member over the age of 16, by foot or by horse. No two horses can be in the chute at the same time. No horse may be lead past the arena entrance gate except by the rider with exception of Beginner and Pee Wee riders. Once the rider is past the entry gate the walker/handler must exit the arena,**
13. For Speed events if any rider has trouble getting their horse into the arena when called, they will be given two minutes to enter the arena. If rider is still unavailable then the rider and horse will be disqualified.
14. Once a rider trips the timer the rider accepts the arena condition as is. Prior to tripping the timer the rider may ask the director to check the condition of the arena if they have concerns about safety or arena equipment. The director's decision is final. No refunds will be given if the rider chooses not to run.

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