

Calhoun Colt Show
August 27, 2011 @ 2PM
Dietz Arena, Calhoun, Missouri

Xtreme Trail Challenge

The Xtreme Trail Challenge is a unique event that encourages you and your horse to develop a partnership based on trust while having fun and meeting other horse people. Your partnership is then scored on an obstacle course designed to challenge your skills at all levels and encourage good horsemanship.

Purpose

This event will give you the opportunity to set some new fun goals with the possibility of winning money too. The Xtreme Trail Challenge is about having fun, building confidence, promoting good horsemanship and challenging you and your horse to new levels.

1. The **Trail Rider Division** is scored, not timed, non-competitive and confidence building. Open to all ages of horse and rider.
2. The **Xtreme Saddle Division** is scored, timed, competitive and challenging. Open to all ages of horse and rider.
3. The **Rookie Division** is for riders who consider themselves novice, but would like to experience the course. Rookie's can not compete in any other class. Rookie Division will be held on the Trail Rider course.

Horse Eligibility

Horses may see a course only once. A horse may compete on both the Xtreme Saddle Series Course and Trail Rider Course. The exception is the Rookie Division a safe horse is welcome to give multiple persons a good ride.

Open to any breed and riding discipline.

Entry Fees

Xtreme Saddle Series Division: \$25

Trail Rider Division: \$15

Rookie: \$10

How to Enter

Xtreme Saddle Series and Trail Rider Challenge OBSTACLES

Xtreme Saddle Series obstacles will be more difficult than Trail Rider course obstacles. Most obstacles will come from this list. Show management has the right to be creative.

TYPICAL OBSTACLES:

1. GATE - Opening, passing through and closing the gate.
2. CROSSING OBSTACLE – poles, logs, bridge, water, ditch, or tarp
3. DRAGGING OBSTACLE – log, tire, tarp, pallet, etc
4. ROPE A STATIONARY STEER – judged on horse, not rider's roping ability
5. LOADING INTO A TRAILER
6. REMOVE, CARRY AND REPLACE AN ITEM - slicker, bucket, ball, flag, saddlebag, etc
7. BACK or ride thru & around obstacles or up and down hill
8. SIPEPASS over a single pole or poles.
9. JUMP - Lope over a small jump (log or small barrel). Youth may trot.
10. MAILBOX – Approaching the object and handling an item
11. THROUGH – Cowboy curtains, tunnels
12. NATURAL TERRAIN - brush, sticks, downfall areas, ravines, hills, debris
13. MOUNTING – From fence, block, log
14. CIRCLES or Straight Line– trot, lope, lead changes, slow, fast
15. LOUD NOISES
16. MAZE or tight fit
17. PICKIN UP HORSES FEET

18. PONY A HORSE (Xtreme division)
19. WATER – crossing, sprinkler, carry, creek

A course walk through for competitors will be 30 minutes before competition begins. It is the competitor's responsibility to fully understand the course and rules at this time. Obstacles must be completed in the designated order. It is acceptable to ask the judge where to go next.

SAFTEY

Obstacles are designed with safety in mind. However, if you feel an obstacle is beyond the abilities of you and/or your horse you may skip that obstacle. You will receive a zero for that obstacle but will still receive a score for the course. Helmets are encouraged but not required. Competitors and parents/legal guardians of youth assume all responsibility when on the grounds and participating in the event. An adult is allowed in the arena when the Rookies compete.

RULES

1. Open to any discipline of riding and breed(s) of horse.
2. Horse can go through each course only once. Exception: Rookie Division.
3. A rider may exhibit multiple horses.
4. All riders must sign a release form. Riders 17 years or age and under must have parent/guardian signature on release form.
5. Riders must pay a non-refundable entry fee.
6. Riders may not consume alcoholic beverages before or during their ride. A rider will be disqualified if it appears that the rider is using drugs or alcohol.
7. Equines must be serviceably sound horse and in good condition as determined by the judge.
8. Horses may be shown in any division if the rider is eligible for the division.
9. It is expected that each horse shall be treated humanely with kindness and respect at all times. Horses should have the opportunity to display their great natural ability not hindered by drugs, surgical alterations or inhumane treatment. Our position is to hold to the highest standard of integrity in treatment and care of the horse.
10. The judge always has the option of disqualifying an exhibitor for safety reasons, disrespect or misconduct.
11. No whining, moaning, complaining or sniveling of any kind. There shall be a one-year ban on crybabies and poor sports and a three-year ban on jerks. The object is to have fun and to better our horsemanship.
12. No horses on the course before their turn.
13. If you choose to lead your horse through an obstacle you must remount before moving toward the next obstacle.
14. If you happen to fall off your horse and you can regain control with out assistance and remount you may do so. If your horse leaves the course you are disqualified.
15. The judge shall have the right to blow whistle and ask contestant to move on to next obstacle. Upon the third refusal rider should move to the next obstacle.
16. Failure to complete an obstacle results in a zero for that obstacle and a one-minute time penalty, not a disqualification.
17. It is permissible to change rein hand to work with an obstacle.
18. Please respect the facility, treat it well and clean up after yourself.
19. Show management has the right to add additional rules if necessary. Rule additions will be posted at registration table.

TACK & ATTIRE

Attire: Boots with a heel are mandatory. Dress should be appropriate for the weather and the event, neat and functional. Show clothing not required.

Tack must be safe, humane and in good working condition.

JUDGING

Each contestant will perform the required trail pattern individually. The best trail horse will be willfully guided with no apparent resistance. Any movement made by the horse on it's own or deviation from the pattern must be considered a lack of control. Credit will be given for smoothness, calmness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority in performing the various obstacles while using controlled speed. This event is intended to display the versatile working ability of a horse.

All judges' decisions are final. The official timer will have the final time decision and may not be challenged.

Scoring: Each obstacle will be worth 5 points.

Scoring system;

- 0- Not Attempted
- 1- Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 2 or 3 refusals
- 2- Attempt made, uncooperative horse, 1 refusal
- 3- Obstacle complete with hesitation, rough but done
- 4- Obstacle completed correctly
- 5- Obstacle completed correctly with polish

Time

10-minute time limit for all divisions or as posted at walk through.

Points are awarded based on the fastest time and score combination.

50/50 Payback

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