



2020 Gymkhana Rules and Regulations

Registration is 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm; the show will start promptly at 4:30pm.

Registration fees: Members \$7 per class or \$40 for the night and non-members \$10 per class or \$60 for the night. Beginner classes are \$5 per class for members and \$6 per class for non-members. If the first gymkhana class has started, you must pay per class. Once any class has started, no more entries may sign up for that class. You MUST register at least ONE class ahead of what you are entering. Any additional classes are to be paid for BEFORE entering the Show Ring. NO REFUNDS if the class has started and you want to scratch. NO REFUNDS will be given once the fourth class has started. Gymkhana stake class will be \$12 CASH and payout will be to the top 3 riders (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place).

*****NEW for 2020** Both members and non-members are eligible for a YEAR END AWARD if they meet the following requirements:**

- A) Show in 4 of the 7 classes in 3 of the 5 shows with the same horse/rider combination in the same division. Attendance at a show is only counted if you enter the ring and receive a time for your class within the division that you are trying to qualify for. You must also earn at least one point during the show season. Beginner Division riders will be eligible for a Year End Award Ribbon if they participate in all 3 classes in 3 of the 5 shows.
 - B) Complete 4 hours of volunteer time per horse/rider (handler) combo/per discipline. A friend or family member may volunteer on the rider's behalf. A form must be filled out and handed into the registration booth before you leave the show grounds, or your volunteer hours may not count.
1. You must show a copy of a negative Coggins Test at registration at every show.
 2. All riders will draw their position for the running order. If you are riding multiple horses, we will try to accommodate 2 horses between your rides. However, if you wait too long to sign up and there are limited spots available that may not happen.
 3. The Show Steward has the right to excuse you from the show ring if they see a lameness issue with your horse/pony.
 4. **EQUESTRIAN HELMETS MUST BE ASTM/SEI APPROVED AND BE WORN BY ANY RIDER who is 17 years and under while mounted on the club grounds. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Any rider who starts their run with a helmet must end their run with a helmet. Helmets worn by ANY rider must be secure and remain so during the entire run. The equestrian helmet you wear must fit properly. A rider whose helmet slides off or comes off their head while running, will be disqualified.
 5. **DRESS CODE:** A shirt with long or short sleeves, long pants and boots with heels. NO halter tops, tank tops or spaghetti strap type shirts can be worn in the show ring or while warming up. NO EXCEPTIONS!
 6. Disclaimer on entry form must be signed before entering any class. Children under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the entry form and assume all responsibility for the minor.
 7. You may enter the next higher age division if you are within ONE year of that division's beginning age; however, you may not go back down once you have competed at the higher level. If you start in the lower age division and decide to jump to the next higher division, your points will not transfer.
 8. No small children may volunteer for the IN gate and OUT gate! **The Show Committee reserves the right to make any exceptions.**
 9. NO ponying horses/ponies in either of the rings at any time.
 10. This is a tentative schedule; classes may be changed or rescheduled at the discretion of the Buxmont Show Committee. The Buxmont Show Committee reserves the right to alter, divide or cancel classes to expedite the show.
 11. You have 1 minute to enter the ring after your name is called. Once you have entered the ring you have 1 minute to begin your run, or you will be disqualified. **No refunds for missed classes or disqualifications.**
 12. You may dismount your horse, after your run; however, it is not required. If you choose to dismount, please do it as close to the out gate as possible as not to hold up the next run. If you choose not to dismount, please make sure your horse is able to walk out safely.
 13. Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P) If you are participating in the T.I.P. you must provide your T.I.P # prior to showing or an approved eligibility form must be presented prior to showing for your points to count. A high point ribbon will be given at each show, and a show series year end award and prize money will be presented to the high point T.I.P. rider.

14. **NO** racing horses in any areas other than the designated show rings. Anyone caught giving false or altered documents (i.e. Coggins, horse's age, rider's age, vet note etc) could be disqualified from showing for the year, pending an investigation by the show committee.
15. SIX ribbons will be awarded in each class unless the class has 15 or more riders; then a 7th and 8th place will be awarded. If the class holds 4 horses or less, the point system is: 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 2 points, 4th place = 1 point. If the class holds 5 to 14 horses, then the point system becomes: 1st = 7 points, 2nd = 5 points, 3rd = 4 points, 4th = 3 points, 5th = 2 points, 6th = 1 point. If there are 15 or more horses in a class, the points system is as follows 1st place = 9 points, 2nd place = 7 points, 3rd place = 6 points, 4th place = 5 points, 5th place = 4 points, 6th place = 3 points, 7th place = 2 points, 8th place = 1 point.
16. There must be 2 or more riders in 4 of the 7 classes to award a Champion or Reserve ribbon for the division for the day of show. A rider must participate in at least 1 other class to run the stake race. In the event, that you are combined with another class your points will be counted for the class/division that you signed up for.
17. If you run your horse directly to the in or out gate after your run, you will receive ONE warning; any additional infractions will result in a 5 second penalty added to your run time.
18. **You will be disqualified if you do any of the following:**
 - a. If you run thru the gate to start your run. The gate **MUST** be closed before you start.
 - b. Separate from your horse at any time during the pattern
 - c. Run the pattern wrong or knock over an obstacle.
 1. You may touch the obstacle to keep it from falling **BUT** once it has touched the ground it is a **NO TIME**.
 - d. If you over run the obstacle you **MAY** turn around and go back and do it; however, if your horse becomes unruly you may be asked to leave the show ring.
 - e. Any whipping or hitting your horse with a crop or other instrument on the horse's head or neck will not be tolerated. A shoulder crop, used appropriately (as per the judgement of the show committee), is permitted. Any excessive whipping will **NOT** be tolerated!
19. In the event of a tie for the end of the day championship, the number of blue ribbons won will determine the winner; if that doesn't break the tie the number of second places will decide it, and so on until the tie is broken. This will be done at the discretion of the Buxmont Show Committee. In the event of a tie for the year-end championship, the number of shows attended will determine the winner. Then if that doesn't break the tie, the number of blue ribbons won will determine the winner, if that doesn't break the tie the number of second places will decide it, and so on until the tie is broken. This will be done at the discretion of the Buxmont Show Committee.
20. Unmanageable horses will be asked to leave the ring; Unruly persons will be asked to leave the grounds.
21. Children must be under control at all times and if you bring your pets, they **MUST** be leashed or haltered.
22. Show courtesy and respect to the volunteers and participants at all times. The volunteers work very hard to make the shows run as smoothly as possible and the shows could not be run without them. If you have any questions or concerns about the show or the grounds including courses, participants, or volunteers you can address these concerns at any time to the registration booth. You will need to ask to speak to the show steward. The show steward will report the issue to the proper person and will report back to you if it warrants it.
23. Please be careful of the timers around the ring as they are extremely delicate.
24. **NO** parking, riding, or wandering on the neighboring properties.
25. The Buxmont Show Committee, the Buxmont Riding Club, or its volunteers will not be responsible for any theft, injury or accident to any person or animal on the club/show grounds.
26. Riders will assume all responsibility for any damage done to the Buxmont Riding Club property, accidentally or deliberately, by their horses, pets or their families.
27. Participants need to clean up their trash, hay and manure from their parking area.
28. Absolutely **NO** use of a cell phone, talking or texting, or the use of any other electronic device while mounted in the Buxmont Riding Club show ring. If you are seen using an electronic device in the show ring you will be asked to leave the ring immediately.
29. Using inappropriate/foul language or gestures on the Buxmont Riding Club grounds will be grounds for dismissal from the property. You will be asked to leave the club grounds, **WITHOUT** a refund.

Illegal DRUGS and ALCOHOL ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AT THE BUXMONT RIDING CLUB SHOWS.

Any person(s) who are found in violation of THIS RULE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SHOW AND GROUNDS IMMEDIATELY.

The Buxmont Riding Club Show committee has the right to remove all your acquired points for the day for any infractions or violations as stated in the rules listed above.