

Palm Equestrian Academy Trail Challenge Circuit

Rules, Guidelines and Entry Form



March 18, April 15, October 28, December 1

Levels:

Agility-In Hand Class

Master Walk, Trot, Lope/Canter throughout Course

Intermediate Walk, Trot and Beginning Lope/Canter throughout the Course

Training Walk and Trot Only throughout the Course

Gambler's Choice: All Levels Combined

Leadline: 8 years and under

Classes:

Leadline

Agility A-single course in hand only

Agility B and Level Combined-2 courses Agility B and 1 Level, scores combined to calculate winners.

Training Level

Intermediate Level

Master Level

Gambler's Choice

Agility and Level Judging Guidelines:

1. Always judge with positive score, not by considering penalties first.
2. Horsemanship skills and how the handler/rider works with his horse are most important.
3. Rider's Position & Balance is to be judged.
4. Rider's Effective use of aids to be judged
5. Horses showing bravery, cautiousness and confidence will be rewarded.
6. Horse's willingness and obedience to his rider must be rewarded.
7. Correct fitting of tack will be judged.
8. Judging Based on 0-10 for each obstacle.

Obstacle Scoring:

10 – Excellent

9 – Very Good

8 – Good

7 – Fairly good

6 – Satisfactory

5 – Sufficient

4 – Insufficient

3 – Fairly Bad

2 – Bad

1 – Very Bad

0 – Not Executed

Collective Marks:

Rider's Position & Balance

Rider's Effective Use of Aids

Credits:

- *Ears forward & show expression at obstacle
- *Consistent rhythm at walk between obstacles
- *Rider is on correct diagonal when using posting trot
- *Consistent rhythm at trot between obstacles and over obstacle
- *Careful and confident horse at obstacle
- *Carefully looks and studies obstacle with slight hesitation and does obstacle safely with confidence

- *Consistent rhythm at Lope/Canter
- *Correct Lead at Lope/Canter
- *Relaxed, Confident, Careful horse with consistent rhythm at any obstacle, before, during, and after
- *Ears forward and bright expression, obedience at obstacle
- *Horse shows NO resistance to his rider and happy in his work

Penalties:

-1 point

- *Loosing rhythm in any gaits between obstacles
- *Loosing rhythm while doing an obstacle
- *Break of gaits at walk or trot

-3 points

- *breaking gaits at lope/canter
- *knockdown of an obstacle

-5 points

- *Disobedience or resisting, bucking, rearing, kicking out

- * skip required space/step in an obstacle
- *5 second refusal at an obstacle then proceeds
- * steps on top of or out of an obstacle once in it

- *Second 5 second refusal of an obstacle
- *jumps or spooks at or on obstacle

- *Misses or refuses to do an obstacle

Disqualification:

- *Does not complete course for any reason

- *Rider falls from horse

Gambler's Choice:

1. All Obstacles will earn points within 5 minutes time limit—at 4 minutes a whistle will indicate 1 minute remaining. Double whistle indicates that time is expired.
2. Obstacles may be ridden in any order.
3. Obstacles must be ridden only once, no repetition of obstacles.
4. Each obstacle is assigned a point value. Bonus points may be earned with increased level of difficulty as listed.
5. Class A Minimum Total 200 points Class B Maximum Total 199 points
6. To earn points on an obstacle, horse and rider must do the following:
 - Horse must show confidence while executing the obstacle.
 - Rider must keep horse in center of obstacle and straight.
 - Rider must keep the horse in GAIT through the obstacle.
 - Rider must keep the horse in good control between obstacles.
 - It will be the judge's decision, if the horse and rider do the obstacle balanced, controlled in the gait, smoothly and effortlessly to award the full points available on that obstacle. Deductions may be made at the judge's discretion.
 - It will be the judge's decision, if horse and rider are out of control, the obstacle will receive NO SCORE
7. HIGH SCORE WINS! RIDE SMART AND HAVE FUN!

Gambler's Choice Point Value Per Obstacle

10 Loch Ness—Walk In & Out—
 Bonus 10 points Trot circle in Water
 Bonus 20 points Canter circle in Water
10 Grand Junction Bridge—Walk over
10 Camel Pass-Walk over

9 Coal Mine Passage-Walk
 Bonus 5 points to Trot through

8 Cross Logs-Lope FULL CIRCLE on
 Correct Lead
 Bonus 10 points to Lope a Circle EACH
 DIRECTION on EACH LEAD

8 Foot Hill A-Walk Up
 Bonus 5 points to Walk Down

7 Skinny Bridge-Walk
7 Slippery Slope-Walk Up or Down

6 Big Bank A-Walk Up or Down
 Bonus 3 points to Trot Up or Down
 Bonus 6 points to Canter Up or Down

6 Big Bank B-Walk
 Bonus 3 points to Trot Up or Down
 Bonus 6 points to Canter Up or Down

6 Booty Hill-Walk Up or Down
 Bonus 6 points to Trot Up & Down
 Bonus 10 points to Canter Up &
 Down

6 The Logs—Trot a Circle each direction—
 changing direction through the
 middle of the circle

5 Mountain Pass-Walk
 Bonus 5 Points to Trot though
 Bonus 8 points to Canter through

5 Foot Hill C-Walk Up or Down

5 Turtle Hill—Walk over 3 Logs

5 Baby Bank A-Walk Up or Down-
 Bonus 3 points to Trot up or Down
 Bonus 5 points to Canter Up/Down

5 Cross Logs —Walk over a Log—Side
 Pass—Walk out

 Bonus 5 points to not touch any logs

10 Scary Gully-Walk through Path
 Bonus 10 points to Trot through Path
10 Devil's Hole-Walk
10 Alligator Pond #2-Walk

9 Rope Gate—Open and Close

8 Foot Hill D-Walk Up
 Bonus Points 5 to Walk Down
8 Foot Hill B Up & Down & Walk Sand Box
 Bonus 5 points to Turn 360 in Box,
 either direction
8 Duck Pond-Walk

7 The Narrows—Trot between “L” Logs
 Bonus 5 points to Trot through

6 Deer Forest—walking over ALL the logs
 in the Forest

6 Texas Two Step-Walk Up & Down-Stop
 on Top
 Bonus 5 points on Top show hands
 free of reins

6 Grand Tetons #1 & #2—Walk Up & Down
 Bonus 6 points to Trot Up & Down
 Bonus 10 points Canter Up & Trot
 Down

5 Backing Chute

5 Baby Bank B-Walk Up or Down
 Bonus 3 points to Trot Up or Down
 Bonus 6 points to Canter Up/Down

5 Alligator Pond #1 —Walk through
 Bonus 5 points with 360 turn

4 Wooden Path—Walk through—
 Bonus 5 points Trot through

**Portion of Entry Fee will be paid back to First, Second &
One additional placing chosen at random**

Fees: Open practice \$25 for 30 minutes. Coaching session before competition \$50 for 45 minutes. Agility class \$20. Under Saddle class \$25. Agility and Level Class \$30. Gambler's Choice \$35. Non competing horse \$20.

Entries: All Entries must include a Coggins dated within 1 year. Entries will not be accepted without complete entry forms and fees. All horse must be entered and wear a number at all times while on the grounds. There are no refunds of any fees.

Stabling and lodging: Stabling is \$35 with first bedding. Additional bedding is available for purchase at \$10 per bag. Stabling is assigned on first come first serve basis. Houses with single and double rooms are available for \$65 per person per night on a limited basis.

Payment: Make checks payable to **Palm Partnership Training** and mail to: **Marie-Frances Davis 9445 NW 60th Ave Ocala FL 34482**. Entries can also be submitted online with credit card payment at www.lynnpalm.com. Online entries will incur a \$15 processing fee.

Warmup and Practice: Areas for Longeing and Riding are available at Fox Grove Farm on Saturday at 1:00 pm in designated locations. Course will be open at designated times only.

Helmets must be worn at all times while on the course.
Dogs are welcome and must be leashed.

Directions to Fox Grove Farm: From I75, take exit # 358, FL-326W. Take County Rd 326 approximately 1.8 miles to NW 60th Ave. Fox Grove Farm is 1.3 miles on your right. Please use gate marked STUDENT ENTRANCE at 9281 NW 60th Ave Ocala, FL 34482.

Trail Challenge Circuit – Same horse and rider combination must compete in 3 of the 4 Palm Partnership events to be eligible for a circuit award. Same horse and rider combination must compete in 4 of the 4 competitions to be eligible for High Score and Reserve Score for both Under Saddle and Agility Divisions. **Circuit awards presented at Banquet Saturday, December 1.**

Circuit Awards

- **Handcrafted Silver Trophies for High Score & Reserve Score Donated by Three Does Ranch & Three Oaks Ranch**
- **Custom Molly's Silver Belt Buckles for Each Level**
- **Youth Awards donated by SpringHill Equine Clinic**
- **Annual Traveling Trophy for the Heidi Burkhalter Sportsmanship Award**

Daily Awards

- **Optional Individual Class Rosettes, First through Sixth**
- **Sponsored Awards Presented for First Place with 3 or more entries**
- **Tickets Equivalent to points for future entry fees or prizes in place of ribbons**



2018 Trail Challenge Circuit Entry Form

Rider Name _____ Back Number _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Emergency Contact Number _____

Email Address _____

Division (please circle one): Leadline Training Intermediate Master Gambler's Choice

Horse Name _____

Age _____ Sex _____ Breed _____

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| 1. Agility A | 6. Training Level |
| 2. Agility B with Training | 7. Intermediate Level |
| 3. Agility B with Intermediate | 8. Master Level |
| 4. Agility B with Master | 9. Leadline |
| 5. Gambler's Choice A or B | |

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Under Saddle Class \$25 x _____	\$ _____
Agility A Class \$20 x _____	\$ _____
Agility B And Level \$30 x _____	\$ _____
NonCompeting Horse Fee \$20	\$ _____
Gambler's Choice Class A or B \$35	\$ _____
Office Fee:	\$ 10.00
Stabling: \$35 x _____	\$ _____
Camping: \$35 x _____	\$ _____
Shavings: \$10 x _____	\$ _____
Lodging: \$65 x _____	\$ _____
Credit Card Processing Fee: \$15	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

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