

# Alabama Trail Horse Competition

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## **Alabama Horse Council**

**Sunday, January 24, 2010**

The Alabama Trail Horse Competition that is a true test of horse and rider through a course that is designed to challenge the horses skills and athleticism at the same time testing the rider's horsemanship skills. The AHC will accept 75 entries for the 2010 competition. Entry Deadline is JANUARY 15, 2010.

### **2010 AWARDS**

First Prize \$1500 Second Prize \$500 Third Prize \$250 Fourth Prize \$150 Fifth Prize \$100

High Score Youth

High Score Adult from Alabama

### **THE TRAIL COURSE**

The trail course will have two divisions each consisting of 5 obstacles:

\***Side A** - a natural trail course of five obstacles you would expect to see and experience while off on a trail ride.

\***Side B** - a horse and rider's test of skills, bravery and logic of how to finesse an obstacle and the course with a clean ride.

\*There will be a time limit for each entry/competitor. Entries will be allowed 4 minutes for each division of the course for a total of 8 minutes to complete their ride. It will be up to the rider to determine if they are spending too much time on a single obstacle. It will be up to the rider to decide when to move on to the next obstacle keeping in mind you will have a total of 4 minutes to complete the five obstacles in each division.

\*The trail course will be posted and copies made available for each exhibitor/contestant/entry one hour prior to the competition starting on Sunday, January 24, 2010. Prior to starting the competition there will be a brief meeting of entries inside Garrett Coliseum to view course, discuss obstacles and go over rules of the course.

\*Entries will not be allowed to ride the course before the competition. Entries will not be allowed to ride their horse in the facility on Friday or Saturday preceding the competition.

\*The order of go through the course will be determined by the AHC Event Committee and will be posted Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the AHC Fair Office. Note: The order of go is not determined by the order entries are received. All entries must be ready to ride the course when called. The competition will not be delayed for riders and horses not ready when they are called.

### **JUDGING**

There will be two judges for the trail course competition. The rider will have a score for each division. The two scores will be tallied together for one total trail course score.

Horses will be judged at each obstacle for willingness, skill of completing the obstacle, attempt of the obstacle and the rider's skills at handling and maneuvering the horse through the obstacle.

Each entry's total ride time will be recorded and will determine a tie breaker if there are multiple entries with the same trail score.

The competition time keeper/time clock will record the entry/competitors time.

Scoring: Each obstacle will be worth 10 points for a possible total score of 100 points.

### **COMPETITOR/ENTRY**

\*It will be left to the rider's discretion type of saddle, bridle and bit, halter, hackamore, gear and equipment.

Appointments will not be part of the entries score. Entries that choose to ride bridleless, this will not give bonus points or reflect in the riders score. However, bridleless will be allowed.

\*Helmets are not required, however are recommended.

\*Attire will be at the discretion of the rider. Attire will not reflect as part of the entries score.

\*Use of crop and spurs at the rider's discretion.

\*Competition open to all ages of girls and boys, men and women.

\*Entries do not have to be from or a resident of Alabama.

\*All entries must sign a liability release form. All minors must have release signed by parent or legal guardian.

## **MOUNT**

\*The rider's mount will be left to their discretion. All breeds of horses, mules and donkeys may be ridden.

\*A mount may only be entered one time, however riders may enter more than one mount.

\*Stallion entries are allowed.

\***All entries must have a current negative Coggins.** Copy must be sent with entry form and the original must be shown at the gate for admittance to the facility and grounds.

\*Entry responsible for all of their own tack, barn equipment, buckets, feed, hay, etc.

## **FACILITY**

\*Competition will be held inside Garrett Coliseum, Montgomery, Alabama.

\*Stalls available – barns complete with water, power outlets, wash racks, and lights.

\*Campsites available – bath house and restrooms near campsites.

\*Outdoor arena available for lounging, riding and working horses

\*Entries may bring their own props and/or equipment for practicing.

\***Arrival/Departure:** Friday, January 22, 2010 after 10 A.M. and must be cleared by Monday, January 25, 2010 at 8 A.M.

\*Stalls are not required if you plan to arrive and depart the day of the event. If you do not purchase a stall you must park in the designated grass areas. You will not be allowed to tie horses to the barns or use an unassigned/unpaid for stall.

Anyone using an unassigned stall will be charged \$100 per stall.

## **FEES**

\*Competition fee \$50 per entry

\*All entries will receive ONE pass for admission on Sunday.

\* **Entry Deadline is JANUARY 15, 2010.**

\*Stalls available for \$50 for the event. Fee is same for horse stall and tack stalls. No initial bedding provided.

\*Early arrival fee of \$20 per day if you plan to arrive before Friday, January 22, 2010 after 10 A.M. or depart after Monday, January 25, 2010 at 8 A.M.

\*All early arrivals before Friday, January 22, 2010 must make arrangements with the barn manager.

\*No shavings available for purchase after 8 P.M. each night unless prepaid for with submittal of your entry.

\*Any entry that will arrive after 8 P.M. on a night during the event must make after hours arrangements with the barn manager.

\*Shavings available for purchase. Fee for shavings will be posted on the AHC web site in January 2010.

## **ENTRY CONFIRMATION:**

\*The AHC will not be mailing out entry confirmations. However, if you provide your e-mail address, we will send you a confirmation of receipt of your entry in the competition. If you do not have e-mail, you may call the AHC Secretary and she can verify your entry. Charlotte Collins 800-945-8033.

## **COMPETITION MANAGEMENT:**

\*Competitors/entries are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials or competition management on the part of the owner or rider will disqualify the horse/mule/donkey from adjudication. The competition management reserves the right to remove the owner or rider from the competition without being liable for compensation or damages.

\*Refunds after entry at the discretion of the AHC competition management.

\*Indemnity and Non-responsibility clause: All entries acceptable with the understanding that neither the Alabama Horse Council nor its officers, nor any of the sponsors at the competition will be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury or damages done to any owner, horse/mule/donkey, attendant or their equipment that may be lost, destroyed or in any way damaged at this competition.