

# **Old West Horse and Rider Challenge**

**Four Phase Competition for single riders and teams**

**Phase 1: Let's Ride**

**Phase 2: Riding the Trail**

**Phase 3: Keeping the Peace**

**Phase 4: The Wild West Show**

**Ozark Booster Club Rodeo Arena**

**Ozark, MO**

**September 12, 2015**

**October 17, 2015**

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# **Competition Rules-Judging**

## **Phase 1- Let's Ride**

**In this phase each Lone Ranger or Gang member will be asked to ride a pattern that may include figure eights - trotting over logs - backing through poles. You will be asked to demonstrate walk-trot-canter. This phase is to demonstrate that you and your horse have what it takes to get the job done on the ranch.**

**Judged 60% on overall riding ability**

**Judged 20% on overall teamwork of horse and rider**

**Judged 20% on horse's attitude**

## **Phase II-Riding The Trail**

**In this phase you and your horse have to demonstrate that you're handy on the trail. You may encounter water-bridges-downed timbers-rocky trails-stray cattle or wild animals. Can you and your horse handle the round-up or guiding that wagon train west? A series of obstacles are set up in the arena. Each horse and rider must negotiate all of the obstacles.**

**Each obstacle is assigned a point value and the horse/rider will be evaluated on the willingness, responsiveness, correctness and general attitude at each obstacle.**

**Obstacles will be posted on the website week prior to the event.**

## **Phase III- Keeping the Peace**

**The West can be a wild and wooly place. In this phase you and your horse may need to step in and help the local Sheriff keep the peace using your handy Colt 45 water pistol.**

**Competitors will be given two Colt 45 water pistols and will be asked to hit a series of targets that will be set up in the arena. This is a timed event so you will want to get through the course as quickly as possible while being as accurate as possible.**

## **Phase IV-The Wild West Show**

**This is a FreeStyle phase where the competitors need to use music, props and, of course, costumes. We encourage you to be creative and have fun. Who is your favorite western character from television-film-**

books or your favorite historical figure from the old west? Well why not become that character or figure out of the old west for this phase. Don't be shy -embrace that inner child in you and dress up, have fun. Don't forget to include your horse in your costume - they like to have fun too. Don't forget about your music - it can be a popular country western song of today or it can be an old standard sung by Roy Rogers or whatever you like, just make sure it goes along with your character. Also make sure your horse approves of the song.

The only rules:

Each competitor must perform at least 2 gaits (of their choice) going both directions of the arena.

Each competitor must perform a stop at some point during the performance.

Each competitor must perform a back at some point during the performance.

Performance may be of any time length, but must not exceed 4 minutes.

Judged 10% on teamwork

Judged 40% on performance (gaits, stop, back, use of arena)

Judged 25% on creativity

Judged 25% on entertainment

**We don't have many rules, but here are the ones we do have.  
We ask all competitors to abide by them:**

- 1. Always be a good sport**
- 2. No abuse of horses or humans**
- 3. Be Respectful to the Judge -Sheriff - Deputy Sheriff - Staff**
- 4. Be respectful of other Cowboys and Cowgirls**
- 5. All pets must be on a leash**
- 6. Have fun and enjoy yourself**