

Impact of the Horse - Two Worlds, One Event

60-Day In-Hand Mustang Challenge

Rules and Regulations

Competition Regulations:

1. Competitors must be 10 years of age or older at the time of application submission.
2. In the event that the approved Competitor becomes unable to show the 60-Day In-Hand Mustang, an approved substitute will be allowed to showcase said Mustang.
3. Any applicant or selected competitor may be removed from the selection process or competition, at any time, if found to have alleged history of cruelty to animals or humans.
4. Applicants must meet all *BLM Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Requirements*, as well as Impact of the Horse rules and requirements. Removal of any competitor, from the application process or competition, is at the discretion of the Impact of the Horse Committee.
5. The Impact of the Horse Committee of Trustees, may at any time, conduct a criminal background check on applicants and remove any applicant from the process for any reason or no reason. This includes any misconduct among peers or towards Event Administration or Coordinators.
6. Trailer requirements: You must provide transportation for your horse to and from the competition.
7. Photos: By signing the application, you are also authorizing the release of all photos, videos and filming to be used to promote the event and will become property of the Impact of the Horse Committee; including but not limited to Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, or other social media outlets. We **STRONGLY** encourage posting publicly, your horse and you on competition days, but not other competitors unless given prior consent. We highly encourage posting on social media in relation to your Impact journey and competition preparation.
8. Competitors are required to provide a high resolution (300dpi) headshot photo of themselves and a photo of them and their horse, as well as a short bio with their application. Competitors are required to submit regular photos of the horse's progress.
*Body condition photos will be submitted to ImpactOfTheHorse@gmail.com within ten (10) days of Challenge Mustang's Pick-Up Date. Additional deadlines TBD.
Please include the Horse's Name, Age and HMA information with each submission.
9. Competitors must fulfill all requirements related to hauling, stable facilities and care of horse, as outlined by BLM Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Requirements.
10. Competitor's applications for Impact of the Horse's 60-Day In-Hand Mustang Challenge, must be postmarked no later than August 1st or emailed no later than August 8th, of the Competition Year.
11. Stalls will be available for your horse, at Sage Creek Equestrian, throughout the competition. There is a cleaning fee of \$10/day, per stall, for the duration of your horse's stay. If you request extra shavings for your stall, a fee of \$10 per bag will be added.

12. Arenas will be available for warm up, along with scheduled practices. Schedule and location of arenas to be announced. Please refer to www.SageCreekEquestrian.com for dates and times of the Event.

13. Finalists moving on to the *Championship Round* on Day 2 of the Event will be announced following the Competition on Day 1.

14. Competitors are required to attend the rules meeting prior to the event. (Thursday Evening or Friday Morning).

15. Competitors must provide sufficient notice if health or other issues arise, for the horse or competitor, which may keep them from adequately training and/or showing the horse.

CONDUCT:

Participation in this event is by invitation only, therefore, the Committee of Impact of the Horse has the qualified right to determine eligibility, and may at any time, remove an applicant or contestant from the contest for talking inappropriately about the judging, other contestants or the Event itself. The Impact Committee, in this or any case, may remove the contestant, from this and/or any future Impact of the Horse competition, for any unsportsmanlike attitude or conduct.

Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and humane, in the treatment of the horse and Event Staff; such as to promote the implementation of the Event and promote fair competition. This includes, but is not limited to: conduct while a competitor has horse(s) in their possession, conduct on the show grounds, conduct while competitors are wearing Impact of the Horse Logo, and includes the conduct of individuals traveling with competitors, spectators, or Event Managers, and all other persons present on the show grounds.

Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct, such as illegal actions, indecency, profanity, or any inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited.

Event Management may immediately expel offenders from the competition or show grounds in order to preserve the decorum of the Event.

SPONSORSHIPS:

The Impact of the Horse Committee has entered into corporate sponsorship agreements with a variety of companies. The Committee asks that competitors honor those sponsorships. The Impact of the Horse Committee may supply shirts with sponsor logos for competitors to wear during the event, but may also be required to wear shirts during promotional situations.

A. Competitors will be restricted from wearing apparel or equine products during the competition that have logos that are larger than 4 inches wide and 2 inches tall.

B. Competitors may not hang banners of any size in the stall area promoting any sponsors, unless pre-authorized by the committee.

C. Competitors may have brochures or small printed materials available in their stall area to promote their training business and their sponsors during the Event.

DRUGS:

No person shall administer drugs internally or externally to a horse, either before or during the event. Any medication, drug, mechanical device or artificial appliance, which is of such character that could affect the horse's performance or appearance at the event is prohibited.

IF a horse is receiving medication for therapeutic purposes, the trainer must submit a letter from their veterinarian to the Impact of the Horse Event Manager, prior to the Event, as to the reason for the medication and the prescribed amount.

THE IMPACT OF THE HORSE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DRUG TEST ANY HORSE, AT ANY TIME, DURING THE EVENT AND COMPETITION.

COMPETITION RULES:

- A. Scoring is based upon the relationship between horse and Trainer and will be scored on their ability to present and handle the horse. The horse should be relaxed and responsive to the Trainer.
- B. Trainers may clip or trim horse's mane, tail, ears, muzzle, and fetlocks, or leave in natural state.
- C. No points will be deducted for short or rubbed-out manes or tails.
- D. The score will not reflect the horse's conformation.
- E. Horses may be shown with or without shoes. If horses are left unshod, the horse's feet must be in healthy condition with proper trimming. Judges may question corrective shoes or pads.
- F. No person shall in any way alter, change, or attempt to hide the natural marking and/or rubbed or raw skin of a horse by dye, powder, surgery, or in any other manner.

TACK:

- 1. Horses are to be shown in a standard, nylon, rope, leather, plain or silver halters.
- 2. All exhibitors must allow their equipment and/or horse to be examined by the Show Steward, Judge and/or Veterinarian.

GENERAL:

- A. Judges' scorecards will reflect the execution of maneuvers and obstacles. An additional numerical score will be awarded for the horse's willingness to respond to Trainer's commands in an effort to reward a positive horse and Trainer relationship.

B. In the event of a tie in any final placing, the tiebreaker will be determined by the first coefficient score, if the coefficient score doesn't break the tie, it will then revert to the Judges for placing.

C. Standing on your horse's back and/or riding bareback is strictly prohibited.

ATTIRE:

Dress code is whatever is appropriate for the discipline in which you ride.

Costumes that detract from proper horsemanship will not be allowed.

Horses may be exhibited in English, Western or any other appropriate equine style or equine style of equipment. Exhibitors are asked to wear appropriate attire and headgear, which reflects their style of training. Silver on tack or sequins on shirts will not earn extra points.

RUGGED TRAIL COURSE:

A. Horses will be asked to exhibit two (2) gaits; walk and trot, within the course.

In addition, trail-type obstacles will be part of the course.

The course will require skills that include stopping, backing, turning and circles to the left and right.

B. Competitors will be given a specific competition course. Competitors will be shown a demonstration of the course and be able to “walk through” the course without their horse prior to the event.

C. Competitors will be given ample time to attempt all obstacles. Should a horse refuse an obstacle three (3) times, a Judge will ask for the competitor to move on to the next obstacle.

D. Competitors will be given an opportunity within the course to show their horse “at their best” with no required maneuvers in a designated area.

Props and music are not allowed during this part of the competition.

FINALS:

1. ALL 60-Day In-Hand Challenge Mustangs will return the next day for a “Final’s” performance.

2. Competitors will enter into “The Finals” with a “clean slate”.

No previous scores will be counted towards final placing.

3. Competitors are required to use music during their Final’s performance, and will have 3-4 minutes to perform their freestyle to the music of their choice.

Deductions will be made if the freestyle is shorter than three minutes or longer than four minutes.

The Event Committee will provide the sound system and operator for the Final’s music.

Impact of the Horse Committee will not be responsible for music selection and/or dubbing to length.

All music will be played “AS IS”.

Please submit clearly labeled music, in MP3/MP4 format, to: ImpactOfTheHorse@gmail.com

4. Maneuvers to be incorporated into the performance
 - a. Walk and Trot
 - b. Stop and Back
 - c. Trot Circle(s) to the left and right.

PROPS:

Competitors must provide their own props and assistance for arena set up and take down.

Approved props are restricted to the use of: Bareback Pad, Size Appropriate Saddle, Rope, Bullwhip, Training Flag, Lunge Whip, Bedroll, Slicker, Tarp, Hobble, Bridges, Poles, Pool Noodles and Dog.

AWARDS:

ALL 60-Day In-Hand Mustang Challenge Competitors will be awarded prizes. There will be one (1) "60-Day In-Hand Adult Mustang Challenge Champion" and One (1) "60-Day In-Hand Youth Mustang Challenge Champion" awarded. Additional awards may be presented contingent upon sponsorships provided.