

## 2023 By Laws of Trail Dust Saddle Club

### **Article I Membership**

Section 1. The membership of this corporation is open to any person. Applicants under the age of 18 years must have written permission of a parent or legal guardian.

Section 2. Voting age shall be those members 11 years and older. Members 10 years and under shall be represented by a parent or legal guardian. Families will be limited to one vote total for those children 10 years and under.

Section 3. All dues are to be paid on or by the first day, which the rider competes. Amount of entry fees and membership fees to be determined by annual vote of the board. Members are entitled to participate in all club activities, according to their level of membership, for the calendar year.

Section 4. All members shall sign a liability release annually exonerating the corporation and all officers of responsibility for loss, damage, or injury during club activities and or club premises. A parent or legal guardian shall sign for children under 18 years of age.

Section 5. The corporation will make exceptions for legally emancipated teenagers. They will not have to be under a parent or legal guardian's control.

Section 6. Membership, at a reduced cost, shall be extended to those who do not wish to ride or compete for yearend awards, but are immediate family members of a riding member.

Section 7. Membership in the Trail Dust Saddle Club means a person's acceptance of all club rules.

### **Article II Officers**

Section 1. The Officers of the Corporation shall be President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Trail Boss.

Section 2. Any active member, 18 years of age or older (or is a parent or legal guardian of a qualified member), who has been in the club for at least 6 months, is qualified to be an officer or board member.

Section 3. When a board member has missed 3 meetings without sufficient reason the board member can be dismissed by the vote of the remaining board members. Board members are expected to inform the rest of the board prior to missing a meeting to allow a quorum to be reached. Board members are expected to attend no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of events held and be an active participant in duties during the events. If this qualification is not met the board member may be dismissed and would not be eligible to be a board member the following year. If an officer is absent from a meeting, the president may appoint a temporary officer to serve for that meeting. When an officer has missed 3 meetings without sufficient reason the office may be declared vacant by the vote of the remaining officers. Officers can also be dismissed if the duties outlined in the bylaws are not being met.

Section 4. The president shall fill any vacancy by appointing another officer for the remainder of the calendar year.

Section 5. Elected officers, full-day announcers and person providing a quad to pull the arena drag for the full day, will receive the value of one entry for one horse for all regular events, not to be cumulative – no cash value. Officers and event workers receiving this value shall pay the insurance fee, haul in fee, and any additional event fees including but not limited to jackpot.

Section 6. Any working member/officer may ride in any order, or in a different age group, if necessary, to be able to attend their duties and keep the event moving forward.

### **Article III Duties of Officers**

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and represent the corporation in all matters with the exception of horse activities. The president shall appoint and assist all committees as needed.

Section 2. The Trail Boss shall be in charge of all horse activities and shall appoint the assistant trail bosses. The Trail Boss shall preside over matters concerning the corporation in the absence of the president.

Section 3. The assistant Trail Boss presides over the duties of the Trail Boss, when necessary and assists the Trail Boss at all times.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep a written record of all corporation meetings; attendance of all activities, responsible for club correspondence with members, public inquiries, maintain a membership contact information list, and is responsible for forms available at events.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall pay bills, issue payments, and take care of corporation financial transactions, but only when by direction of the board or the membership, including but not limited to the maintenance of insurance and necessary licenses. The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that appropriate cash change is available at Gymkhanas and ensuring that any delinquent debt is addressed in a timely manner.

Section 6. In absence of the President, the Trail Boss shall assume the duties of the President and handle other duties assigned by the TDSC board. Section 7. The Secretary and Treasurer shall appoint assistants for the year if club size is requiring it.

#### **Article IV Meetings**

Section 1. General meetings will be held at every other event. The opposite months will be held at an off-site location the Tuesday after the event takes place at a designated location. Location to be determined per season based on club size and location availability.

Section 2. The President or Trail Boss may call special meetings. The time of each special meeting to be held will be determined by the President or the Trail Boss.

Section 3. Meetings will be held in an area that will be designated at each prior meeting unless a permanent meeting place is established.

Section 4. Meeting minutes shall be posted after each general meeting within one week.

Section 5. All TDSC general meetings should generally follow Roberts Rules of Order.

#### **Article V Election of Officers**

Section 1. The officers and board of directors of this corporation shall be nominated from the floor by the members or by self-nomination in November. Elections shall be held at the general meeting in December. Those members so elected shall take office on the first Saturday in January following their election and shall serve a one-year term.

#### **Article VI Conduct of Corporate Business**

Section 1. The affairs, property and powers vested in this corporation shall be managed and exercised by the board of directors, consisting of seven or eight board members, or their officers, or agents under the directions of the membership.

Section 2. The number of persons serving on the board of directors may be enlarged to not more than twelve or decreased to not less than five persons only by a motion passed at one meeting and re-passed at the succeeding mandatory meeting. The board members shall include the most recent past president, current officers, and other members in good standing.

Section 3. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors may also be taken without a meeting, when consent in writing, setting forth the action taken, is signed by all of the board members entitled to vote which includes but is not limited to electronic signature at the time the action is taken. Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the board members at a duly called meeting.

Section 4. A majority vote of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at all board and general meetings. When no quorum present, the meeting may be adjourned from time to time, without notice, until a quorum is present.

Section 5. The board shall meet upon call of any officer or two board members.

#### **Article VII Seal of the Corporation**

Section 1. This corporation shall have no seal but may at any time adopt a seal by a vote of the board of directors duly recorded in the corporate business minutes.

### **Article VIII Bank Accounts, Checks and other Documents.**

Section 1. All corporation funds shall be kept in one or more bank accounts in the name of the corporation. Checks, notes and other evidence of indebtedness must be signed by any of the following officers, who must be president, secretary, treasurer, or board member. The corporation shall not transport any property without notice and consent of a vote by majority of the board. In the event an object is sold the corporation shall not transfer any said property without notice and consent of a vote by the majority of the membership present at any general meeting.

Section 2. The books of the corporation shall be in the custody of the treasurer. All board members shall have a right to access thereto. Section 3. All other documents and records of the corporation shall be kept in a place designated by the board and noted in the minutes.

### **Article IX Appointed positions**

Section 1. These are appointed positions to support the club. These positions need to be done by an officer, board member, or member in good standing.

- **Web master:** Updated and maintains the club website.
- **Point Keepers:** This position should be shared by two members for double checking of accuracy.
- **Awards Committee:** This person ensures that daily awards, high and reserve high point awards and lead line prices. Regular Series Awards are ordered and are available in time for gymkhana events. This position can be done by several members throughout the season.
- **Announcers:** Two people need to be available at events to perform this task; one for each arena; the people doing this can share this job so that both can ride the event if they choose.
- **Assistant Trail Boss(es):** One to facilitate and enforce rules when using two arenas and one to provide back up and assistance when/whereas deemed necessary by the Trail boss.

### **2023 Gymkhana Series General Rules**

Rule 1. TDSC General Rules shall be reviewed and a ballot created by the membership at the November regular business meeting. Proposed rule changes and potential officers/ Board Members shall be voted on annually at the December regular business meeting. TDSC general rules shall go in effect January of the following year.

Rule 2. Participants under the age of 18 must have a release form signed by a parent or legal guardian before they may compete. A parent or specific guardian shall be present and responsible at all times for the care and control of the child during any TDSC event. . Any minor left unattended will not be able to compete. Repeat offenders may be subject to further warnings which may include but are not limited to written warnings, suspension, and removal from participation in club events.

Rule 3. Any member or participant who has been duly notified (via email, postal mail or three way call between debtor and two officers) of a delinquent debt incurred shall be barred from any type of participation until debt is paid.

Rule 4. No person shall excessively whip or spur any horse. Cruelty and crudity to horses shall not be tolerated inside or outside of the arena. Concerns of abuse should be reported to an officer or board member. Infractions may lead to ejection from the event by the Trail Boss or majority vote of the board. Repeat offenders may be subject to dismissal from the club. USEF rules may apply.

Rule 5. Uncontrollable, unruly horses or people shall be asked to leave the grounds and may forfeit any and all fees paid for the day. It shall be the rider's responsibility to mark any horses with a red ribbon or bow that might endanger other horses or people. If a stallion is attending, he shall be marked with a yellow ribbon in his tail. TDSC officers might require marking of the horse. All TDSC officers shall enforce this rule.

Rule 6. Riders shall always ride responsibly including on the grounds and in all arenas. This includes but is not limited to excessive speed, tracking a consistent direction, and following arena etiquette. All TDSC officers and board members shall enforce this rule.

Rule 7. Riders shall enter the arena by the end of their age division or will be disqualified unless exceptions have been made at the beginning of the day with the trail boss.

Rule 8. Trail Bosses event calls shall be final as of the end of each gymkhana. If a member wishes to protest the Trail Bosses call of an event, a \$25.00 fee is required immediately from the protesting party. The issue will be discussed and resolved by a board meeting (If one is held to resolve the issue) or by a majority vote of the membership at the next regular business meeting after the issue has been discussed. If the member wins the protest, the \$25 protest fee is refunded. If the Trail Bosses call stands, the protest fee (\$25) goes into the club general fund. The Trail Boss is to be given at least 72-hour notice of all protest's fees and the details of the protest to give the Trail Boss proper notice and time to prepare if necessary.

Rule 9. No stallions to be handled or ridden by any person under age 18. "Stallion" to be defined as an un-gelded male horse over the age of 1 year old. Age of both person and stallion shall be determined by age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

Rule 10. Bridle type is optional, no halters allowed as substitution. Western Saddle with horn, equestrian footwear and long pants are a requirement. NO shorts allowed. Helmets are STRONGLY encouraged by TDSC.

Rule 11. All time only rides shall be held after all age divisions have competed before the course is broken down. Time onlys will be 1 minute per ride.

Rule 12. In the event that a horse becomes lame the member may ride a horse in substitution for the day and continue to accrue points. In the event that a horse is sold the member may ride a horse in substitution for the day and continue to accrue points following presentation of bill of sale. Two riders may ride the same horse so long as they are in different age divisions and have no conflicting points.

Rule 13. Horses feet must pass the plane of the gate prior to running. Discretion of the trail boss and gate person. There are no run ins allowed. Riders in violation will receive two warnings and then will be dismissed for the day. Horses should be in control and walking upon exiting the arena warnings also apply.

Rule 14. All participants at the daily TDSC events shall except and agree to all rules outlined in the Bi-Laws.

Rule 15. Definition of off course: The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed patterns. A horse is on course when any part of the horse crosses the start/ finish line. It remains on course as long as it is run in accordance with the prescribed pattern for the event being run until every part of the horse crosses the start/ finish line. If a rider goes off course, but corrects the course and completes the prescribed pattern, there will be no disqualification or penalty. Breaking the timer line after starting the pattern, but before the course has been completed is an "off course" and therefore receives a "no time".

Rule 16. TDSC is a family-oriented club. Bullying will not be tolerated. All participants, members and non-members alike will refrain from using insulting, offensive, or improper language, that is or may be perceived as offensive and hurtful to others. This includes but is not limited to verbal, email, texting, social media, or any other means of communication. The board will take these accusations very seriously and will take whatever action is necessary to resolve the problem. This may include but is not limited to written warning, suspension, or removal from participation in TDSC events. The action taken will be at the discretion of the board.

Rule 17. No riders or spectators, mounted or unmounted, should be gathered at the entry gate end of the arenas unless their age division is in progress or they are assisting a horse enter or exit.

Rule 18. Volunteers and participants running the gate must be 16 or older due to safety.

Rule 19. Any complaints made regarding TDSC events including but not limited to personal conflicts, running of club affairs, and suggestions should be made in writing via email to the trail dust email so these can be properly assessed and resolved.

Rule 20. No consumption of alcoholic beverages or substances at TDSC events

### **DIVISIONS**

Rule 1. Divisions shall be master's A & B, Senior A & B, Junior A & B, Pee Wee A & B, Lead line and time only. Time Breaks and or divisions can be adjusted by vote of the majority at the November business meeting.

Rule 2.

- Elite A&B divisions 50 and over
- Master A&B divisions are ages 36 to 49 Senior A& B divisions are ages 20-35
- Junior A & B divisions are ages 13 to 19.
- Pee Wee A & B divisions are ages 12 and under
- Ages shall be determined by the rider's age on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Rule 3. Lead line division:

- Lead lines only do the first 3 classes of the day.
- Will receive participation ribbon and/or prize in each event they ride.
- No Daily Hi-Points
- At year end each qualified rider will receive the same award.
- Handler must be 16 years or older and have parental consent to lead the lead liner through the course.
- Multiple riders may qualify on the same horse.

Rule 4. Pee Wee's are allowed to have verbal or visual help from the outside of the course. If the horse, rider, or equipment is physically touched or the assisting person enters the course, it will be considered a no time. Final decision is made by the Trail boss.

Rule 5. Division and time breaks may be adjusted with the approval of the board of directors. Adjustments to be specified at the beginning of the year before the first gaming day.

### **AWARDS**

Rule 1. A "Daily High Point Award" and "Reserve Daily High Point Award" shall be presented to each of the divisions at the end of each gymkhana day. Points shall be awarded for each gymkhana event by divisions as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> = 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 3, 4<sup>th</sup> = 2, 5<sup>th</sup> = 1. The division where a rider's most points are for the day shall count towards the Daily High Point and Reserve Daily High Point. All other points in other divisions shall not count for the Daily High Point or Reserve Daily High Point Award.

Rule 2. Hager Award points shall be awarded to the five fastest times ridden by members of the day in each event regardless of division.

Rule 3. A participation ribbon may be awarded to each rider who did not receive any other ribbons or awards at the end of the gymkhana day.

Rule 4. In case of a tie for Daily High Point Awards or Year End Awards a count of first places on down shall break the tie. In the event that there is an exact tie for said awards an event will be draw and the winner of that draw will take the lead.

Rule 5. Five events shall count towards Daily High Point Awards in each division. The five events shall be Birangle, Texas Barrels, Speed Barrels and Key Race. Random event will be reserved for the jackpot event.

Rule 6. If two or more horses are ridden at one gymkhana, you must declare which horse you wish to use for Daily, Year End and Hager point at sign ups each gymkhana. However, a TDSC member can nominate multiple horses for Daily, Year End

and Hager awards. There will be a \$20 nomination fee per each additional horse. Two or more horses that have already been nominated may not be substituted for each other for original nominating member.

Rule 7. Time only division riders shall not be eligible for any points, money, placing year end awards or daily awards.

Rule 8. Nonmembers may ride and qualify for Daily High Point but not qualify for yearend awards.

Rule 9. Year End Awards shall be:

- Hager Award: presented to 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place. Jackpot Award: presented to 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place.
- Lead line: all riders to receive the same award

Yearly High Points shall be figured as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> = 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 8, 4<sup>th</sup> = 7, 5<sup>th</sup> = 6, 6<sup>th</sup> = 5, 7<sup>th</sup> = 4, 8<sup>th</sup> = 3, 9<sup>th</sup> = 1
- Placings are: Elite A&B, Master A&B, Senior A&B, Junior A&B, Pee Wee A&B, Leadline Division

Rule 10. The division where a rider has the most points for the year shall count towards the Year End Awards. All other points in other divisions shall not count for Year End Awards.

Rule 11. To qualify for Year End Awards, a rider shall meet the following requirements:

- Shall be a current paid member.
- Shall have attended at least 3 business meetings. With the option to pay the amount of \$10.00 per member per missed meeting up to 2 meetings with the requirement that the amount has to be paid in full by the end of the November meeting. Members under 11 years of age shall be represented at 3 business meetings by a parent or legal guardian. The parent shall have one vote no matter how many of their children are under 11. A parent or legal guardian may appoint a family member to represent their 11 and under member to qualify for the business meeting requirement for no more than 1 out of the 3 meetings required. It is the rider's responsibility to keep track of the number of meetings they have attended and which horse they have ridden at which gymkhanas.
- Shall have ridden in a minimum of one event in 50% of the series gymkhanas (half of the gymkhanas held).
- There is no sponsorship requirement for Hager Awards.
- Members are required to volunteer at 2 TDSC events. Sign-ups will be done with the trail boss the day of the event.
- Awards fee of \$ 30 shall be paid by Novembers meeting.

Rule 12. Points for Year End Awards shall begin on the day memberships are paid, prior to games starting.

Rule 13. All points for Year End Awards shall be counted after each gymkhana and available to the board for review within one week and posted to the members within 2 weeks.

Rule 13. Points shall be carried throughout the year for Hager and Year End Awards.

Rule 14. Riding and non-riding members must have attended 3 meetings to be able to vote in December. (Member in good standing).

Rule 15. Daily high point and reserve high point must be picked up at the end of the gymkhana or the award is forfeited. Riders may designate someone to collect their award at the conclusion of the gymkhana.

Rule 16. If there is an issue that is not covered by TDSC rules we may be falling back on WHO (Western Horseman's of Oregon) rules.

### **DIVISION AND TIME BREAK**

Rule 1. All reruns for any reason shall be considered a new run. No penalties or clean runs shall be carried over.

Rule 2. In event of reset of course all contestants who previously had run shall rerun on the corrected course.

Rule 3. In the event that a record is broken the course will be re measured for accuracy, records will be accepted within 6 inches of the original pattern.

Rule 4. Time breaks will be reevaluated and adjusted as needed by the board prior to the start of each season. Evaluations to be completed by using the times over several years for each course in each age division.

	Birangle	Barrels	Key Race	Poles	Speed Barrels
Senior A	15.651	19.937	12.991	33.258	11.412
Senior B	15.652	19.938	12.992	33.259	11.413
Master A	18.210	22.957	14.079	34.280	13.315
Master B	18.211	22.958	14.080	34.281	13.316
Junior A	15.732	19.760	14.507	33.313	12.090
Junior B	15.733	19.761	14.508	33.314	12.091
Peewee A	22.576	26.736	17.943	41.918	15.439
Peewee B	22.577	26.737	17.944	41.919	15.440
Elite A	20.299	24.999	15.999	34.999	15.399
Elite B	20.300	25.000	16.000	35.000	15.400

### **JACKPOT**

Rule 1. To qualify for the year end jackpot awards you must be a member and qualify for regular year end series award.

Rule 2. Membership is not required to participate in the jackpot event.

Rule 3. Entry in the jackpot events must declare on the jackpot entry form horse and rider. Switching rider or horse after entry has been made in the jackpot event will only be allowed by majority vote of attending TDSC officers and board members for good cause.

Rule 4. Jack pot is a 50/50 –meaning 50% of the pot is paid back to the event winners and 50% supports the year end jackpot awards.

Rule 5. Members earning year end points for the Jackpot high point are limited to enter 1 time in the jackpot event, per rider/nominated horse combination.

Rule 6. Jackpot event are placed in A and B divisions. Time break to be determined day of race by the average (toss out the slow and fast time and average the remaining)

Rule 7. Points in the jackpot event will be posted for all gymkhanas.

Rule 8. Year End Points: Points for jackpot high point will be accumulated by each qualified member regardless of age group in A and B divisions follows:

1st=5 points 2nd= 4 points 3rd= 3 points 4th= 2 points 5th = 1 point

Rule 9. Payout is from 1st -3rd the formula is: 1st- 50%, 2nd -30%, 3rd.-20%

Rule 10. Jackpot Events Selection: Jackpot will be the random event for the day.

Rule 11. To calculate the time break for Jackpot first remove the fastest and slowest times. Add all the remaining times together. Then divide by the number of times you added together.

**Example:** 25 riders-fast and slow times = 23 but say there are 5 no times-5 = you would divide by 18. This gives you the time break for day.

Rule 12. Disqualifications:

An “off course” as defined by TDSC regular event rules.

Jackpot will be double judged to limit timer failure errors.

Rule 12. No one horse/rider combination shall be awarded the jackpot saddle in consecutive seasons, in the event the same horse/riders combination wins, the runner up shall be awarded the saddle and the first place rider will have the option to choose an award within that seasons budget.

Rule 13. In the event an obstacle is knocked the rider will be given a no time.

#### OBSTACLE MEASUREMENTS

When using barrels: from center of barrel. When using poles: from center of pole base.