

**KINGSTON FALL FAIR HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE
PRESENTS
Fourth ANNUAL OBSTACLE COURSE RACE**

This is a great spectator sport – there will be music and cheering is encouraged. Pass the word, bring all your friends & family and let's have a great time!!!

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 15th, 2016 – 5 P.M.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 16, 2016 – 9 A.M.
INDOOR ARENA
KINGSTON MEMORIAL CENTRE**

After our inaugural event in 2012, the Obstacle Course Race is back! This very exciting event, fashioned after the Extreme Cowboy Race is being offered for the fourth time at the Kingston Fall Fair after a very successful event last year. This year there are 4 divisions:

Thursday – 5 p.m. - 12 years and under at January 1st, 2016
7 p.m. 13 – 18 years at January 1st, 2016

Limited to 10 entrants per division and open to English and western riders.

Friday - 9 a.m. - Category 1: 19 and over at January 1st, 2016 **WHO HAVE NEVER COMPETED IN THIS TYPE OF EVENT. Limited to 10 entries and top 5 may be called back for a second go, time permitting.**

11 a.m. - Category 2: 19 and over at January 1st, 2016; **Limited to 15 entries and top 8 will be called back for a second go, time permitting.**

ENTRIES FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14th, 2016. PRE-ENTRIES ARE RECOMMENDED AND WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

The entry fees are as follows:

Thursday competition: \$5.00/entry. Prize Money – First - \$20.00; Second - \$15.00; Third - \$10; Fourth - \$5.00. Ribbons awarded to Fifth place. All competitors must pay a \$1.00 youth membership fee to the KDAS. ***All competitors must show proof of liability insurance and have an adult parent/guardian sign a liability waiver on behalf of the competitor.***

Friday competition:

Category 1 & 2:

Entry fee is \$20.00 and the entry money for each category will be pooled and paid back at 40%, 30%, 20% and 10%. Ribbons presented to 5th place. At the discretion of the Kingston Agricultural Society, there may be added money to the prize money paid out.

All competitors must pay a \$7.00 membership fee and provide proof of liability insurance. The obstacles to be attempted will differ for each division, with the degree of difficulty higher for the Category 2 entries.

Obstacles to be expected may include the following: open and close gate; ride through a curtain; noodle monster; bridge; carry items (pail, tarp etc); walk over tarp; jump a log; side pass rails; back through patterns; pull a rail; etc. The riders are expected to demonstrate good horsemanship and safe riding. Each obstacle is judged, and the course is timed.

RULES:

1. All competitors are expected to compete within their capabilities;
2. Western or English tack is acceptable. The rider must realize that not using a western saddle may affect their ability to complete some obstacles properly;
3. This event is a judged and timed event. Failure to complete the entire course in a specified amount of time will result in disqualification;
4. Order of go will be drawn fifteen (15) minutes prior to the competition;
5. Points will be awarded for each obstacle on a scale of 1 – 10 based on the horse's attitude, the rider's horsemanship and the ability to complete the obstacle properly;
6. Contestants are required to complete each obstacle within a thirty (30) second time limit, or they will be directed to the next obstacle.
7. Any rider who falls off their horse during the course will have one (1) minute to catch and remount without any assistance.
8. The competitors will be allowed to walk or ride their horses in the arena prior to the start of the competition. There will be a 15 minute limit and no obstacles will be approached or practised during this time. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the judge regarding the course and obstacles.
9. Any outside distractions such as spectators, noises etc. will be considered part of the course and each contestant must understand that this is considered "the luck of the draw".
10. At the judge's discretion, a contestant may be issued a re-ride should an outside distraction from beyond the course be so great as to inhibit the contestant from having a fair opportunity to compete. Re-rides will take place after the final contestant.
11. All obstacles must be attempted by each competitor. If a contestant goes off course and skips an obstacle, they will be disqualified. There will be no direction from the judges or ring crew if an obstacle is missed.
12. Proper riding attire is required, suited to the tack used. All contestants aged 18 and under MUST wear an approved riding helmet. It is strongly recommended that all contestants wear a riding helmet. Horses are permitted to wear protective leg gear. There will be no mechanical hackamores, tie downs, nosebands or cavessons. The Judge will evaluate each horse's tack as it enters the ring. No modifications can be made to tack to aid in the competition. No crops are allowed.

13. Any dispute or complaint by a contestant must be brought to the attention of the judge/official timer before the contestant leaves the course area. All contestants will accept the judge's decision as final, and are not subject to appeal.
14. There will be an official timer and back up timer. The timer's records are final and may not be contested. Should all times fail, the contestant will receive a re-ride at the end of the class.
15. Overall ride times will be allotted additional points in accordance to the following criteria: fastest run: 5 pts.; 2nd fastest run: 4 pts; 3rd fastest run: 3 points; 4th fastest run: 2 points; 5th fastest run: 1 point.
16. There will be a minimum of 10 obstacles in the Thursday evening competition and a minimum of 13 in the Friday competition;
17. In the event of a tie between the top places at the end of the class, the winner will be determined by the fastest run.
18. Any breed of horse or pony is permitted. No stallions may be ridden by anyone under the age of 18.
19. Mistreatment of any horse or pony is not permitted. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Any horse or pony determined to be lame at the time of competition will be disqualified.