



EAP SLALOM CHALLENGE

GUIDELINES(issued January 2011 / amended Dec. 2011)

OBJECTIVES:

1. To establish a sporting activity that will appeal to a board range of equine enthusiast nationwide;
2. To introduce a standardized competition format similar to the FEI Challenge series that can be considered a national championship (including team);
3. To promote the statues of the FEI particularly in equine welfare;

GUIDELINES: Competition rules for the Slalom Challenge 2011 series:

1.0 Organization

1.1 Role of EAP:

- 1.1.1 Prepare and issue the guidelines;
 - 1.1.1.1 Organizers are not allow to modify the guidelines;
 - 1.1.1.2 Only the Board of Trustees can amend the guidelines;
 - 1.1.1.3 Only the current guidelines can be used for events;
- 1.1.2 Appoint event organizers;
 - 1.1.2.1 Only qualified organizations will be appointed;
 - 1.1.2.2 Organizers must submit an Event plan that identifies the show officials; schedule of event; venue of event.
- 1.1.3 Sanction the events;
 - 1.1.3.1 The Organizers can only announce the competition date after the EAP has approved its plan;
 - 1.1.3.2 The EAP will appoint the Technical Delegate to oversee the event; the technical delegate must be present at the event to be official;
- 1.1.4 Collate and publish results;
 - 1.1.4.1 To receive the competition Official Result Sheets (ORS) results from the various participating groups;
 - 1.1.4.2 To ensure that the results sheets (RS) are properly accomplished and authenticated;

- 1.1.4.3 After collation, publish the results and distribute to all groups;
- 1.1.5 Declare national winners;
 - 1.1.5.1 The EAP will declare the national winners based on the collated results;
 - 1.1.5.2 Local winners will be included in the published results but only for information purposes;
 - 1.1.5.3 National winners will be the competitors with the fastest times in their particular class;
- 1.1.6 Resolve Objections;
 - 1.1.6.1 The Technical delegate will forward objections to the Technical Committee; it will be the responsibility to of the Technical Committee to resolve objections;
 - 1.1.6.2 The Technical delegate can be authorized by the Technical Committee to make on the spot decisions;
- 1.2 Role of Organizing Committee/Host:
 - 1.2.1 To conduct the competitions in accordance to guidelines; promote the sport in its community;
 - 1.2.2 To seek sponsors and allow EAP solicited sponsors to participate in the event;
 - 1.2.3 To submit the Event Plan and take responsibility for its implementation;
 - 1.2.4 To implement equine safety and protection measures;
 - 1.2.5 To implement public and competitor safety;
- 1.3 Event branding and franchise guidelines;
 - 1.3.1 The event is a franchise owned by the EAP; and should always be prominently featured in any publicity, signage or announcements;
 - 1.3.2 The event organizer (OC) shall respect the event branding and cannot change, diminish or eliminate the EAP logo, and event title from any publicity, announcement and/or signage;
 - 1.3.3 The event branding shall be 'EAP Slalom Challenge'; the Organizer can use the brand in conjunction with a title sponsor; ex. XX – EAP Slalom Challenge' or the 'Organizer' - EAP Slalom Challenge;
 - 1.3.4 Organizer shall secure EAP's approval before it is allowed to accept a title sponsor;

Event & Competition rules

2.0 Entries

- 2.1 Classes
 - 2.1.1 Children (male and female 8 to 12)
 - 2.1.2 Youth (male and female 12 to 21)
 - 2.1.3 Open (male and female)
- 2.2 Multiple entries – when rider enters in more than one class;

- 2.2.1 Riders can enter only in the proper age group class and the OPEN class which is unrestricted;
- 2.2.2 Riders can enter more than one horse per class; the rider must nominate the horse to be recognized for the official results prior to the start of the event;
- 2.2.3 A horse can be used by more than one rider provided they are not in the same class;
- 2.2.3.1 Riders in the Children's and Youth classes have the option to enter their time as their time for the Open Class, without actually running in the Open class; if the option is exercised the rider must declare this prior to the start of the Open competition; once the event has started entries will be not be accepted;
- 2.2.3.2 Horses that did not Run but entered in the Open class using the time in the Childrens' and Youth classes may run with another rider in the open class.

3.0 Qualification and Entries of Horses

- 3.1 At least four years old;
 - 3.1.1 If age cannot be established; Organizing Committee (OC) will certify the horse is fit to participate.
- 3.2 Passes Horse Inspection (HI) prior to competition;
 - 3.2.1 NO open wounds;
 - 3.2.2 Sound (if without shoes trot-up on any soft surface);
 - 3.2.3 EIA free certificate;
 - 3.2.4 No signs of discharge from nose and/or mouth;
- 3.3 Ponies and horses can compete in the same class;
- 3.4 Horses can only compete a maximum of three Runs;

4.0 Officials

- 4.1 Referee – Person in charge of competitions; can delegate certain functions but remains responsible for the decisions and final results;
- 4.2 Starter /Timers – Persons knowledgeable in operating and taking time from stop watches or electronic timing devises;
- 4.3 Secretary – takes charge of the entries, order of entry and records the times and penalties;
- 4.4 Grounds crew – attends to the physical arrangements of the arena; this includes set-up of arena, public safety and health concerns, PA system, stabling or paddock area, accommodations for grooms and horses.
- 4.5 Show veterinarian – to inspect horses prior to acceptance into the competition;

- 4.5.1 If no veterinarian available the Referee will conduct the inspection together with Secretary;
- 4.6 Organizing Committee Chairman – will be in charge of the event together with members of the committee; will be the chief coordinator with the EAP;
- 4.7 Organizing Committee – shall be comprised of – Chairman, Referee, Secretary, person in-charge of physical arrangements, show veterinarian.

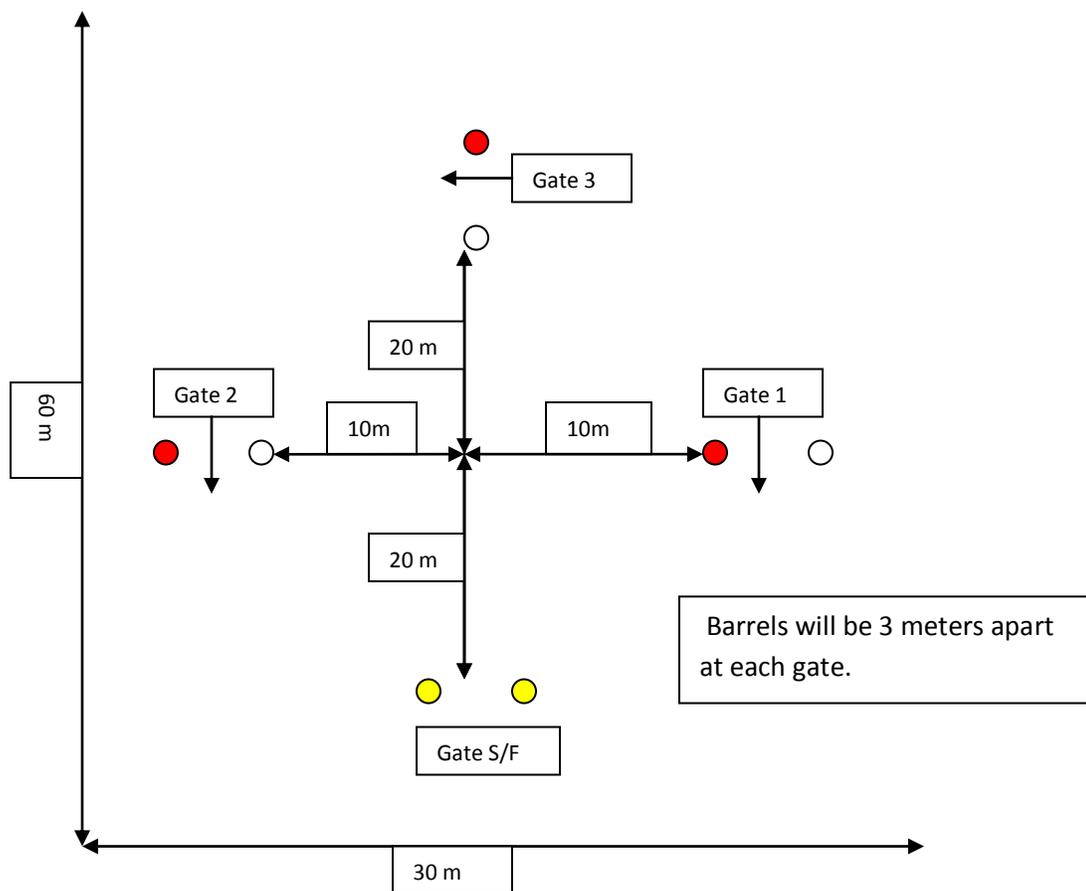
5.0 Arena set-up

- 5.1 Size 30m by 60m / sand or grass. The no obstructions within the arena.
- 5.2 Indoor or outdoor allowed;
- 5.3 Fenced area preferred but not mandatory; ~~flat; no holes or mounds;~~
- 5.4 Barriers and/or advertising streamers can only be placed outside the delineated arena area;
- 5.5 Gate set-up;
 - 5.5.1 Gate S/F = Start / finish line
 - 5.5.2 Gate 1 = Right of Gate S/F (see diagram);
 - 5.5.3 Gate 2 = Left of Gate S/F (see diagram);
 - 5.5.4 Gate 3 = Opposite of Gate S/F (see diagram);

6.0 Equipment

- 6.1 Plastic barrels
 - 6.1.1 Size 50 to 55 gals capacity;
 - 6.1.2 Markings for Gates = 3 painted red + 3 painted white
 - 6.1.3 Gate S/F – two painted yellow
 - 6.1.4 No substance or device must be used to prevent barrels from falling.
 - 6.1.5 Barrels cannot be buried; pegged or made stationary.
- 6.2 Timing devices – three hand held stop watched or one electronic;

7.0 Set-up diagram NOT TO SCALE



8.0 Competition Proper

8.1 Registration and Horse Inspection (HI) – This procedure is accomplished upon arrival at the competition venue by the show Veterinarian.

8.2 Registration - Riders are required to submit together with their Entry form a BAI certificate that the horse is free of EIA. The show secretary shall prepare a list of those horses that have complied with this requirement and submit to the show veterinarian to control the HI.

8.2.1 Only horses on this list will be inspected;

8.2.2 Any rider caught falsifying the EAI result document shall be banned for life from all EAP competitions.

8.3 The OC shall prepare a horse registration number tags upon acceptance of the entry. One tag/number per horse.

8.3.1 Only horses with a registration tag/number will be inspected;

8.3.2 It is desired but not mandatory that the tag be on the horse while at the venue; however, it is mandatory for the HI and while competing.

8.3.3 No tag no HI ; no competition

8.3.4 Rider caught exchanging or willfully tampering with the assigned number will be banned for life from all EAP competitions.

8.4 HI must be completed at least one hour prior to start of a class. It therefore advised that the OC publish a schedule and monitor that the HI is done in a timely and orderly manner to avoid delays.

8.4.1 The HI shall be conducted in one location, with a sign identifying the inspection box. There must be a trot-up lane clearly marked, at least 20 meters long, flat and free of stones.

8.4.2 Each horse is required to trot up in hand by the rider or representative.

8.4.3 Horses completing in more than one class only need to be inspected once; however, at anytime during the event the Show Vet spots an injury or unsoundness, the horse can be removed from competing further.

8.5 A horse if a horse is found unsound after a run, the rider's results still stands but the horse will be declared disqualified from further competition.

8.6 The Show Vet will return the HI sheet to the Show Sec. for preparation of the Order of Entry list.

8.6.1 Order of Entry – shall be the list of competitors in a particular class/competition allowed to compete. The OE list shall indicate the name of the rider, name and tag number of the horse. The time of each class included.

- 8.6.2 The secretary shall post the deadline for submitting entries for the competitions. The deadline should be set not less than one hour before the start of each class.
- 8.6.3 Only horses that pass the horse inspection are qualified can be included in the Order of Entry sheet (OES)
- 8.6.4 The OE shall be posted 20 minutes prior to start of event at the entrance to the arena; the announcer shall likewise make an announcement by reading the OE.

8.7 Course

- 8.7.1 Rider starts behind Gate S/F waits for signal to start;
- 8.7.2 After given signal to start rider rides towards Gate 1 passing through gate between the red and white barrels; RED on the RIGHT side of rider;
- 8.7.3 Proceeding to Gate 2; again passing between barrels with RED on RIGHT side;
- 8.7.4 Proceeding to Gate 3; again passing between barrels with RED on RIGHT side;
- 8.7.5 Proceeding to S/F Gate passing between the two yellow barrels;

8.8 Start

- 8.8.1 Running starts are allowed provided the run starts within the arena area.
 - 8.8.1.1 If rider starts run outside the arena he/she will be asked to stop and correct the mistake; **the rider is eliminated if the mistake is repeated;**
- 8.8.2 Timers will start the time the moment the chest of the horse crosses the S/F line;
 - 8.8.2.1 If manual/hand timing is used, two timers on the left yellow barrel and one on the right yellow barrel; the right side timer will be the Starter;
 - 8.8.2.2 It will be the responsibility of the Starter to give the signal to start the run after checking with the two other timers. This also applies when electronic timing is used.
 - 8.8.2.3 If an electronic timer is used, the electronic eyes shall be placed at the side of the yellow barrels on the start side.
 - 8.8.2.4 If the electronic timer fails; the Starter will stop the rider and manual timing will be used;
 - 8.8.2.5 The Starter can stop the run if one of the timers did not start their stop watch; timer who failed to start stop watch must raise hand and call attention of starter;
- 8.8.3 After given the signal to start, the rider has 60 seconds to cross the start line;
 - 8.8.3.1 The Referee will keep track of the 60 second time limit;
 - 8.8.3.2 If the rider fails to start within 60 seconds, the Referee will ask the rider to postpone run until all other riders have started;
- 8.8.4 **If rider fails to pass between yellow barrels and/or touches one of the barrels he/she is eliminated;**
- 8.8.5 **Rider can start run-up anywhere in the arena; even inside the course provided no barrel is touched in the process; otherwise the rider is eliminated;**

8.9 Run

- 8.9.1 Once the rider has crossed the Gate S/F and all timing devices are functioning properly, the rider is now on his RUN and subject to the following penalties;
- 8.9.1.1.1 Failing to negotiate gates in sequence (1,2,3) – ELIMINATION;
 - 8.9.1.1.2 Failing to negotiate any of the 3 gates in the proper direction (red on right) - ELIMINATION;
 - 8.9.1.1.3 Touching any barrel with hand, foot (not leg), whip –ELIMINATION;
 - 8.9.1.1.4 Knocking down any barrel – ELIMINATION;
 - 8.9.1.1.5 Dislodging barrel without knocking it down - 5 sec penalty per barrel;
 - 8.9.1.1.6 Fall of horse or rider No penalty but time will continue to run;
 - 8.9.1.1.7 If rider fails to mount his horse within 60 seconds after a fall – ELIMINATION;
 - 8.9.1.1.8 If horse leaves arena area without rider mounted- ELIMINATION;
 - 8.9.1.1.9 Excessive whipping of horse especially if horse is resisting to negotiate a gate – ELIMINATION;
- 8.9.2 Each Gate must be negotiated in the correct direction; a Gate is only considered negotiated if the rider has passed between the barrels (in any direction).
- 8.9.2.1 If rider fails to negotiate a gate he can maneuver and approach the gate from the correct direction; if rider fails to negotiate the gate in the correct direction the rider is eliminated;
 - 8.9.2.2 Gate S/F can be negotiated in any direction provided the rider cross between the two yellow barrels;
- 8.9.3 If during the Run there is a failure of equipment and/or slippage saddle the rider has the option to stop but is eliminated; if the rider wishes to continues it will be at own risk; no restart or rerun allowed;
- 8.9.3.1 The Referee can stop the Run is in the opinion the rider and horse's safety is at risk; No restart or rerun; rider considered eliminated
- 8.9.4 The Run has ended and the time taken once the rider negotiates Gate S/F properly;
- 8.9.4.1 The time stops when chest of horse crosses between barrels of Gate S/F;
 - 8.9.4.2 For manual (hand held) timing; the time that is between the fastest and slowing time of the three stop watched will be the official time;
 - 8.9.4.3 For electronic timing; the time recorded will be the official time;
 - 8.9.4.4 Riders must cross Gate S/F mounted; time will continue until rider has cross Gate S/F mounted;
- 8.9.5 The referee shall get time from the timer/s and ask the secretary to record this time; if the rider is charged with time penalties the secretary shall record this and compute the official time.
- 8.9.5.1 The announcer will announce the run time and the official time.

9.0 Results and declaration of winners

- 9.1 The official Time (result) of the rider is the **run time (time after the run)** plus penalties .
- 9.2 The result of each run should be announced immediately so the rider and public will be informed.

- 9.2.1 It is important to announce corrections to any mistake/correction of time as well;
- 9.3 There will be five winners per class. The five fastest times;
- 9.4 The team results will be the sum of the fastest five competitors of the particular group;
- 9.5 Official Result sheet (ORS) is the document that will contain the results of the competition per class; one ORS per class. The ORS must conform to the EAP template.
 - 9.5.1 The Show sec. can use a working sheet for the competition and then transfer to the ORS prior to declaration of winners.
 - 9.5.2 The referee must check and certify the ORS prior to declaration of winners.
 - 9.5.3 Once the OBS has been signed by the referee the winners can be declared and awarded.
 - 9.5.3.1 It is important to note competitors with two entries since only the declared entry will be considered in the over all national results.
 - 9.5.4 The ORS must be sent to the EAP within 4 four days of the event by either by email (scan of OBS) or fax.

10.0 Objections

- 10.1 Objection to entry classification/qualification – this must be made with Show secretary
- 10.2 Objections to order of entry can only be made after the posting but before the start of the event. Made through the show secretary.
 - 10.2.1 If for any reason an entry listed cannot participate, entry is eliminated after failing to enter the arena after being summoned more than three times. NOTE: It is the responsibility of the competitor to monitor the proceedings of the event to anticipate his run. The organizers are not required to use extraordinary means to communicate to the competitors the order of entry.
- 10.3 Objections on the results can only be made within 10 minutes after the participants run; otherwise the objection is rejected. Made through the Show Secretary.
- 10.4 Objections regarding the officiating shall be handled by the EAP Technical delegate.
- 10.5 Objections regarding the organization shall be made through the EAP Technical delegate.
- 10.6 Resolutions for objections 9.1 to 9.3 shall be decided upon by the OC Chairman, the EAP Technical delegate and Show Secretary.
- 10.7 Resolutions for 9.4 and 9.5, shall be handled by the EAP Technical Committee.
- 11.0 The guidelines are subject to change; however only the EAP has the authority to amend these guidelines.
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