

National Finals Ski-Joring Races 2011 Rules

Open – Sport – Women’s – Junior Divisions

1. The Ski-Joring Races will have 2 go-rounds.
2. The course length will be a minimum of 600 feet, 12 gates and 3 jumps.
3. Individuals are NOT limited to two (2) entries but additional entries cannot consist of the same 2 individuals in any combination. Each horse is limited to two (2) entries.
4. NO DIVISION STRADDLING. No individual, horse or skier will be allowed to compete in more than one division.
5. Time starts and stops when the Skier crosses the start and finish lines.
6. The skier must be in an upright position and on at least one ski with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skier’s boots must cross the finish line. Rider must be aboard horse upon finishing for a qualified time.
7. There is a five (5) second penalty for each gate or jump missed. Both tips of skis and both boots must go around the gate, otherwise it is considered missed.
8. If the horse or rope displaces a gate prior to the skier negotiating it, the gate is considered missed. Any horse crossing or tripping a timing device will result in a disqualification of that run.
9. If the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second run, they may not find a replacement. They are disqualified.
10. Written parental consent is required for participants under 18 years of age. Parent must be present at registration.
11. Prior to race time, participants will be allowed to examine the course from inside perimeter of the track only.
12. Rope length shall not exceed 50 feet.
13. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
14. The decision of the Jury is final. Protests are to be submitted with a non-refundable \$50 protest fee to the timer or man in the middle immediately after the run in question. No protests will be accepted after the commencement of the next run. No recording devices will be accepted as evidence.

Longest Jump

The longest jump competition is considered a separate event from the timed events. Participants are allowed two entries regardless of their entries in the timed events. Subject to the rules below.

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2. If the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second run, they may not find a replacement. They are disqualified.
3. Distance will be measured at the foot impact.
4. Jumper must land and demonstrate control by skiing out of the landing.
5. Rider and Jumper must be a minimum of 18 years old.
6. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
7. The decision of the Judges is final.

Please Note:

- There will be a veterinarian on site who has the authority to disqualify an animal for medical reasons.
- Judges reserve the right to invoke THE SPARBY RULE, WHEREIN:
Competitors will be allowed 5 minutes from the time they enter the arena to stage their horse for a start. First infraction will result in that team being moved back in the start order. In the event they are unable to start their horse a second time, within the 5 minute time frame, that team will be disqualified for that go-around.
- All entries are subject to Board Approval and competitors will be urged to compete in the appropriate division.

Should there be an addition to the existing rules, they will be brought to your attention at registration. Please email your questions to tammy@redlodgecountry.com or villageshoppe@montana.net.