

Horsin' Around Expo & Battle of the Bulls 2010 **Trainers' Challenge Rules**

1. There is no entry fee for the **Trainers' Challenge**. This competition is for the purpose of providing a venue for local trainers to promote themselves as to their training methods, philosophies and skill.
 2. Participants will be competing for a Championship Belt Buckle.
 3. Each trainer is to provide their own horse for the competition. The horse is to be 2 to 6 years old and either a filly, gelding or stallion. The horse does not have to be owned by the trainer.
 4. Each horse brought by the trainer for the competition is to have no more than 40 rides. A log of your rides on your horse is to be presented to the expo secretary on Friday night.
 5. Trainers are to be present on Friday night during the festivities in the outdoor arena. Each trainer will be introduced and will be drawing for positions (who goes first, who goes last).
 6. Each trainer will have one 1/2 hour session on Saturday in a round pen and one 1/2 hour session on Sunday in the warm-up arena to work with their horse and to demonstrate to the audience their training methods, philosophies and skills. This part of the competition is not judged.
 7. On Saturday, the trainers will compete in the Schooling Horse Show in the following Trainers' Challenge classes:
 - ***Showmanship** (Class #6) – Judged on specific in hand maneuvers
 - Western Pleasure Class** (Class #30) – Judged on basic skills
 - ***Western Horsemanship** (Class # 38) – Judged on basic maneuvers
- * On Sunday afternoon the trainers will compete and be judged on the **Trail** course, where they will be asked to maneuver through selected obstacles.
- *The patterns, maneuvers and obstacles that will be required in the competition will be given to each trainer on Friday night. Both parts of the competition will be judged.
8. The scores from Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship and Trail will be added together for each trainer's final score. The highest score placing 1st.
 9. All Horse/rider equipment is rider's discretion, but horse equipment must be humane. Traditional cowboy gear is encouraged. Helmets are highly recommended.
 10. Each trainer must have a signed release on file with the expo before beginning their demonstrations on Saturday.
 11. All protests will be placed in writing and submitted within 30 minutes of the incident, together with a \$50.00 **cash** protest fee. If the protest is sustained or no decision is reached, the money will be returned. If the protest is denied, the money will be retained by the expo. Protests will be heard by five (5) members of the Horsin' Around Expo board. This group will assemble as soon as possible and resolve the protest by the end of day that protest is submitted. **REMEMBER** – This is for fun.
 12. **If no protests are filed within the 30 minutes of the incident, all places first, second and third are final. Due to the pressing time schedule, any other contested scores and/or complaints will be assessed and will be used to improve next year's competition. However, the results of this competition are then FINAL!**
 13. Changes may be made to these rules up to 30 days prior to the event, but not after.