

## **JUNIOR HORSE SHOW OBSTACLE CHALLENGE GUIDELINES**

**ELIGIBILITY:** In order to be eligible to enter the Obstacle Challenge, a youth must have qualified in two (2) PAS qualifying classes and have completed their online entry for the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show. **AT LEAST ONE OF THE PAS QUALIFYING CLASSES MUST BE A RIDING CLASS.**

**CLASS RULES:** The obstacle challenge will follow the rules for Trail as stated in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows with the exception that protective boots are allowed. There will be a maximum time limit of two (2) minutes per obstacle or three refusals, whichever comes first.

**OBSTACLES:** Six obstacles will be selected from the following list:

- Gate: opening, passing through and closing the gate.
- Walk Over: bridge, water, ditch, campfire/smoke, or tarp.
- Walk Through: cowboy curtains, tunnel, waterfall, pool noodle wall, bottle wall, or ball pit.
- Drag: log, tire, tarp, pallet, etc.
- Carry: slicker, water bucket, flag, sack, saddlebag, etc.
- Mounting: from block or log.
- Maneuvers: maze/chute, back through, turn on forehand/haunches, board & barrel.

**SCORING:** Each obstacle will be worth 10 points. Points can be given in ½ point increments.

0 = Not attempted.

1 = Attempt made; uncooperative horse; 3 refusals.

2 = Attempt made; uncooperative horse; 2 refusals.

3 = Attempt made; uncooperative horse; 1 refusal.

4 = Obstacle completed with hesitation; rough but done.

5 = Obstacle completed with slight deviation or hesitation.

6 = Obstacle completed as expected.

7 = Obstacle completed smoothly and willingly.

8 = Obstacle completed willingly with finesse.

9 = Obstacle completed willingly with a higher degree of difficulty.

10 = Obstacle completed willingly with a higher degree of difficulty and extreme finesse.