



RULES – EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

- Coaches who have attended & completed the SOOK Equestrian Coaches Training session to become certified are eligible to register & bring athletes to compete.
- Athletes who have trained with a Special Olympics Oklahoma Certified Equestrian coach & have been training for a minimum of 8 weeks are eligible to compete in this event.
- **IMPORTANT:** Athletes with Down Syndrome who have been diagnosed with Atlantoaxial Instability are NOT eligible to participate in Equestrian events.
- Athletes may compete in a maximum of 3 equestrian events.
- Athletes will compete in Age Groups, when possible.
 - Jr. Division: 8 – 15 yrs. / Sr. Division: 16 – 30 yrs. / Master Division: 31+ yrs.
- Athletes may compete only in events which match their division level. Athletes may not use a horse-handler lead or sidewalker in those divisions that do not allow those supports.
- Coaches are responsible for placing their athlete(s) in the proper division according to their level of ability in each event. Please make safety a main priority in divisioning.
- The Competition will be conducted using the Official Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules for the sport of Equestrian. These rules will be strictly adhered to during the competition.
- Safety equipment required in the official rules will be applied to all athletes and horses.
- In the saddle, athletes must be able to hold their head & upper body upright without assistance. Athletes must be at least 8-years-old to participate in Special Olympics competition.
- Athletes and their coaches will be required to supply horses, tack & all equipment.
- Lunch – Lunch will be offered. We will call all registered coaches to get numbers of attendees.
- A Coggins' test that is current within 1 year must be provided for all horses participating in the event. The Coggins' test paper must be brought to the event and will be presented to the vet representatives before the horse may be unloaded at the site. NO exceptions.
- The Event Director for this Equestrian competition will be Larry Casillas, Special Olympics Oklahoma Equestrian Sports Director. Contact Larry at 918/520-9977 if you have questions.
- To register athletes for the upcoming competition, read & complete the required registration forms contained in this packet.

- Stall space is available –free of charge –if you would like to bring your horse(s) in on Friday night. You must arrive from 5:00 – 6:00 pm when the Vet will be checking Coggins papers. This is a new location and the Stalls are different from before. Stalls are covered but there are no walls on the stall barn. Your horses will be outside under a roof. The stall barn is also approximately a quarter mile from the Arena. During competition times there is a large lean-to attached to the arena where you may tie up your horses.
- **NO horse may be unloaded & stabled until papers are checked & approved by Vet. The Vet will have to leave by 6:00pm, You need to be there and ready to have your horses checked before 6:00pm**
- Stalls will have shavings on a dirt floor. You do not need to provide shavings this year.
- Call by October 10th to reserve stall space –800/722-9004 or 918/481-1234. Ask for John.

Riders may compete only in events which match their division level.

A Level: Walk, Trot/Jog, Canter/Lope –Independent only. Rider is expected to compete with no modifications to NGB rules.

A: Rider can perform any class requirements

B Level: Walk, Trot/Jog

B-I: Independent; can perform any class requirement

B-S: Supported; can physically perform any class requirements

- Rider may have sidewalkers and/or lead

C Level: Riders will ride at the walk only

C-I: Independent

C-S: Supported; can physically perform any class requirements

- Rider may have sidewalkers and/or lead

- **Supported indicates athlete may have a horse-handler lead or sidewalker if necessary**
- **Independent indicates athlete must compete without any assistance**