

Dear Participant and NATRC Member,

Thank you for joining the NATRC Obstacle Challenge! We want to encourage you to spend quality time with your horse, continue to build strong skills together and engage with NATRC family as we endure the pandemic.

Your donation to the Obstacle Challenge is greatly appreciated and we wanted to share a little bit about the ins and out of this challenge...

First, have FUN!!!!!! We want you to ride your horse, practice the situations that we often experience in NATRC and receive feedback that will be helpful not only for future competitions, but also as you and your horse navigate down all trails you encounter. We have five official judges that will review your videos and score them, similar to Dancing with the Stars.

To participate in the challenge you must adhere to the following guidelines:

### **NATRC Obstacle Challenge Guidelines**

1. There are 5 Challenge sets, each set consisting of 5 obstacles
2. The fees are \$10/set and \$40 for all 5 sets signed up in advance, these fees are per horse/rider pair.
  - a. Participants signed up for all 5 sets are entered to win the Overall High Point Award provided they complete all 5 Challenges on the same horse.
    - i. The Top 6 cumulative points will receive placing medallions
  - b. Participants signed up for single sets are eligible to receive one participation tag when the entire challenge is completed. All participants receive the commemorative tag.
  - c. Participants can sign up with different horses on the individual sets of challenges (\$8 per additional horse on individual sets), or can pay an additional \$40 donation to compete in the \$40/5 set National Challenge.
3. Videos
  - a. \*\*\*This is on the honor system
  - b. Your first video should be a brief introduction of you, your horse and your goals to the judging panel
  - c. You have 3 attempts to try per obstacle. Submit your best video by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each challenge month to [natrcobstaclechallenge@yahoo.com](mailto:natrcobstaclechallenge@yahoo.com).
  - d. Please keep your videos short, under 30 seconds. If an obstacle requires or allows longer time, it will be mentioned in the Challenge Set description.
4. Judging
  - a. The judging panel will consist of five judges that will watch each submitted video and score it on a scale of 1-10 (like Dancing with the Stars) and provide feedback/tips for you.
5. One Challenge Set will be released each month for the next 5 months. Deadlines for video submission will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of each challenge month.
6. Encourage your friends, family, and barn mates to participate! All membership types (Competing, Supporting and Fan) are included. Free Memberships for first time members are available!
7. HAVE FUN!!!! Post your bloopers and successes to our NATRC Facebook group, help encourage everyone and let's smile and belly laugh!

Welcome to the challenge and we look forward to following your journey!

Sincerely,

The NATRC Challenge Team

