

MUST ACCOMPANY EXTREME COWBOY RACE APPLICATION



Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Race™ at Equine Affaire April 8, 9 & 11, 2010 • Columbus, OH



RULES AND JUDGING

1. The Extreme Cowboy Race will be a timed event during which the performance of each horse and rider team will be judged on each obstacle for quality of horsemanship. For each obstacle, the judge will award performance points on a scale of 0–10 based on the horse's attitude, the rider's horsemanship, and the team's overall performance.
2. Contestants may not have a current or prior business or personal relationship with any competition judge.
3. Contestants will be required to complete each obstacle within 30 seconds in order to receive points for the obstacle. If an obstacle is not completed within 30 seconds, the contestant will be flagged/whistled and must move on to the next obstacle.
4. Each contestant must complete the entire course within a specified amount of time (to be determined based on the number of obstacles in the course). Any contestant who fails to meet this time limit will be disqualified. The time limit will be listed in the materials each contestant will receive upon check-in at the Barn Office.
5. Any contestant who falls off of his/her horse will be disqualified, will not be permitted to remount, and will be excused from the arena.
6. Obstacles and competition rules will be reviewed in a contestant meeting before the race begins. It is the responsibility of the contestant to fully understand the rules of the competition before the race begins. Contestants will be permitted to ask questions about the rules up until the first contestant enters the course. Questions should be directed to Craig Cameron, the competition coordinator, or Equine Affaire's Program Director (Coagi Long).
7. The qualifying and Finals courses are subject to change at the discretion of Craig Cameron, the judge, and/or the management of Equine Affaire up until the time that the first competitor enters the ring for the first qualifying round or Finals round, respectively. Any changes in the course will be dated, timed, and posted in the Barn Office; it will be the contestant's responsibility to check for any course changes.
8. The crowd at the event is considered to be part of the course, and each contestant acknowledges that the crowd may be a distraction to his/her horse.
9. At the judge's discretion a contestant may be issued a re-ride should an outside distraction from beyond the course (such as a fire alarm going off, a medical emergency, etc.) be so great as to inhibit the contestant from having a fair opportunity to compete. If a contestant wants to request a re-ride, he/she must request a re-ride within two minutes of (a) the ride being stopped at the discretion of the judge or competition management, or (b) the rider completing the course and receiving a time. If a re-ride is issued, the contestant will receive the re-ride at the end of the qualifying rides on the same day.
10. Each contestant must make an effort to complete each obstacle in the course; contestants may not choose to skip an obstacle. All obstacles must be accomplished in the order set forth in the course summary. If a contestant goes off course and skips an obstacle, he/she will be disqualified. Should a contestant veer off course and miss an obstacle, he/she must go back and complete the obstacle before

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moving on to the next obstacle. Neither Craig Cameron, nor the judge, nor anyone on the competition crew will alert the contestant that an obstacle has been missed.

11. Contestants may utilize any western tack or equipment that is considered to be standard in the industry and in recognized competitions. Any bit, spur, or other piece of equipment deemed to be severe or inappropriate by the judge will not be allowed. The judge will evaluate the tack on the horse when it enters the arena. Mechanical hackamores and tie downs will not be permitted. For their safety, riders are encouraged to wear approved riding helmets. Horses are permitted to wear protective leg wraps, boots, or other leg gear.
12. No modifications may be made to the saddle or gear used by a contestant to aid in the completion of the course.
13. Contestants should be outfitted in proper western attire. This includes but is not limited to a long sleeve shirt with collar, a western hat or riding helmet, and boots. Tennis shoes, billed caps, tee shirts, shorts, etc. are not permitted.
14. All contestants will compete in the order in which their names are drawn; failure to compete in this order will result in disqualification.
15. Contestants may not change horses for any reason in the qualifying round or Finals. If a contestant's horse is injured after the qualifying round and before the Finals, the contestant must withdraw from the competition. If a contestant withdraws from the Finals, the contestant that placed 11th in the qualifying round will be given the opportunity to advance to the Finals.
16. Any dispute or complaint by a contestant must be brought to the attention of the official timer prior to the contestant leaving the course arena. All contestants agree to abide by the rulings of the judge; the decisions of the judge will be final and not subject to appeal for any reason.
17. The judge and/or Craig Cameron and/or the management of Equine Affaire, Inc. may disqualify a contestant for abuse of any animal or violation of any contest rule. No drugs may be administered to any contestant's horse to enhance the horse's ability to navigate the course. The administration of drugs (other than those prescribed by a veterinarian for treatment of a specific condition) will be grounds for disqualification.
18. The ride time calculated by the official timer for the competition will be deemed the official time for each contestant's ride and may not be challenged by any contestant. There will also be a back-up timer. Should the primary fail, the back-up time will be made the official time. The timer's records are final and may not be challenged in any way by the contestant. Should all timers fail, the contestant will receive a re-ride at the end of all competitors for that day.
19. Overall ride times in the qualifying rounds will be translated into points by arranging all ride times from fastest to slowest and then awarding points as follows:

1-5 (Fastest)	= 5 pts.	16-20	= 2 pts.
6-10	= 4 pts.	21-25	= 1 pt.
11-15	= 3 pts.	26-36 (Slowest)	= 0 pts.
20. The points from each obstacle will be totaled and added to the time points. The 10 horse and rider teams with the highest overall point scores from the qualifying round will advance to the Finals. The order of go for the 10 finalists will be posted in the Barn Office at 7:45pm on Friday.
21. Following the completion of the qualifying round, Craig Cameron will select one "Wild Card" contestant to compete in the Finals. The selection of this contestant is at the discretion of Craig Cameron and may not be challenged in any way.

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22. The course will be modified for the Finals. The Finals course will be posted in the Barn Office at 6:00pm on Saturday. Any questions regarding the Finals course should be brought to the competition coordinator between 6:00pm and 6:45pm in the Barn Office.
23. All contestants who advance to the Finals will begin with a score of zero. No scores from the qualifying round will be carried over to the Finals. The horse and rider team with the highest overall point score in the Finals will be the 2010 Extreme Cowboy Race Champion.
24. Overall ride times in the final round will be translated into points by arranging all ride times from fastest to slowest and then awarding points as follows:
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| 1-3 (Fastest) | = 3 pts. | 7-9 | = 1 pt. |
| 4-6 | = 2 pts. | 10 | = 0 pts. |
25. In the event of a tie for first, second, third, or fourth place, the scores for a certain number of pre-selected obstacles will be combined, and the contestants with tied scores will be placed according to their combined scores for these obstacles. The obstacles that will be used to break a tie will be announced at the contestant meeting prior to the race. The obstacles will also be noted on the course map and summary that each contestant will receive up check-in at the Barn Office.

I have read the Extreme Cowboy Race Rules listed above and agree to comply with these Rules. I understand that if I fail to comply with these Rules that Craig Cameron, the judge and/or the staff of Equine Affaire may withdraw me from the Extreme Cowboy Race and I will forfeit all entry fees.

Name of Applicant (please print): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Signature: _____