## 23. In Hand Obstacle Relay (IHOR)

23.1. Required Equipment
23.1.1. Halter and lead rope or leather lead
23.2. Prohibited Equipment
23.2.1. Bridles of any type
23.2.2. Whips, crops, or bats
23.2.3. Spurs
23.2.4. Chaps/Chinks
23.3. Optional Equipment
23.3.1. Headgear
23.3.1.1. Western hat
23.3.1.2. English helmet
23.3.1.3. Regulation helmet
23.3.1.4. No hat of any type
23.3.2. Gloves
23.3.3. Nose or chin chains (for the equine)
23.3.4. Leg Wraps
23.3.5. Ribbons, glitter, and sparkle on horses
23.4. This is a 4 person Team Event.
23.4.1. Schools with only 2 or 3 eligible competing athletes will be allowed to participate using 4 different equine.
23.4.2. Athletes must be of the same discipline, including same color shirt, for uniformity. They all must be all English or all Western.
23.5. All In Hand and Riding equine are eligible for this event.
23.6. Each athlete may earn up to 10 points each for navigating the mandatory obstacles.
23.6.1. Athletes will be judged on performance of the handler and equine as they negotiate each obstacle.
23.7. Gaits between obstacles are optional unless specified by the pattern.
23.8. Hand aids, without touching the equine, are allowed.
23.8.1. Athletes may touch equine when directed by the judge or specified in the pattern.
23.8.2. Athletes touching their equine should not expect a zero, but will be scored accordingly.
23.9. Each team member may earn up to an additional 10 points for the team by completing the bonus obstacle.
23.9.1. The four (4) mandatory obstacles must be attempted before a contestant may attempt the bonus obstacle.
23.10. Event Procedure
23.10.1. All team members shall be positioned behind the 30 ' start/ finish line in the arena.
23.10.2. Time starts when the first handler breaks the plane of the starting line.
23.10.3. The next contestant cannot break the plane of the start line until the contestant on course (handler) has crossed the start/ finish line.
23.10.3.1. A scratch has occurred when two handlers are determined to be on the course at the same time.
23.10.3.1.1. A team in violation will be given a 10 -point penalty for each occurrence.
23.10.4. Time shall end when the fourth equine's rear end crosses the start/finish line.
23.11. Each Team is allowed 5 minutes to complete the course.
23.11.1. Any teams exceeding the 5 minute allotment shall be assessed a 10 point penalty for each minute or fraction of a minute in violation.
23.11.1.1. 5:01 minutes -6 minutes $=-10$ point penalty 23.11.1.2. 6:01 minutes -7 minutes $=-20$ points
23.11.2. Time will be reported to .01 only. Thousandths place, if generated, will be dropped with no rounding.
23.11.3. Teams will be signaled to stop after 7 minutes on the course 23.11.2.1. A thirty second warning will be given.
23.11.2.2. When time is called, the athlete on course will not continue.
23.11.2.3. Teams will receive all scores to that point, and will accrue appropriate time penalties.
23.12. Points will be added up for all mandatory and bonus obstacles for each contestant and added together with the other team members to determine total team score.
23.13. Penalty points will be deducted from the teams' total to determine the final team score.
23.14. In the event of a point tie, time will be used as the tie breaker
23.15. Only an athlete currently on the course may re-set an obstacle during a team's go.
23.15.1. Arena crew will re-set the course between teams, but not between athletes on the same team.
23.16. Disqualifications (Also see General Rules 8.0 Judging)
23.16.1. If an athlete/team enters the arena with missing required equipment, illegal equipment, or illegal use of permitted equipment, including uniform violations, not considered unsafe, the athlete/team will be allowed to continue on the course and receive scores but the team will be disqualified from the event.
23.16.2. Obvious lameness or unsoundness detected in participating equine will result in disqualification.

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|  | CLASS: IN-HAND OBSTACLE RELAY |  |  |  |
| HIGH SCHOOL: |  |  | ATHLETE \#: |  |
| Obstacle: | Athlete\#: | Athlete \#: | Athlete \#: | Athlete\#: |
| From Off side trot into box. $270^{\circ}$ Left turn, change sides. Handler ok outside of box. |  |  |  |  |
| Trot out of box to circle. Place Left front foot in circle, $360^{\circ}$ Left forehand turn, keeping pivot foot in circle. Trot to back through |  |  |  |  |
| $180^{\circ}$ Right haunch turn. Back between poles and barrels. $180^{\circ}$ Right haunch turn. |  |  |  |  |
| Walk onto bridge, step front feet off. Keeping hind feet on bridge, "side pass" left around two corners |  |  |  |  |
| Optional: Trot over jump, horse and handler. |  |  |  |  |
| Penalty Points |  |  |  |  |
| Total points / Handler minus penalty points. |  |  |  |  |
| Total of Individual Handler Scores |  |  |  |  |
| Overall Handling \& Horsemanship - Including while waiting behind the start line. (10 points Possible) |  |  |  |  |
| Subtotal |  |  |  |  |
| Total Time: |  | Time Penalty Points: - |  |  |
| Total Team Points: |  |  |  |  |
| Judge's Signature: |  |  |  |  |
| Expectations: <br> - This is a horsemanship class! Equine and athletes should be properly groomed as in a showmanship class. <br> - Maneuvers should be crisp and practiced. Equine should show no resistance to handler during any maneuver and should appear as if not on lead rope. <br> - Equine should move quickly, but maintain the superior ground manners that one would expect in a showmanship class. <br> - Handlers will receive scratch penalties for each time there are two handlers on course at the same time. This includes crossing the line accidentally while switching sides of the horse behind the line. Scratch penalties will also be incurred if a horse on course inadvertenly crosses the start finish line while still competing. <br> - Exhibitors and equines must enter and exit the course on the inside of the startfinish poles. If athlete and/or equine crosses outside of the poles, the team will receive a No Time and only be eligible for participation points. <br> - All obstacles should be done by both horse and handler except where specifically noted. |  |  |  |  |

Optional


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| Legend : |  |
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| Walk | $=-=-=-=-=$ |
| Jog/Trot | $=$ |
| Back |  |




