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# EXTREME TRAIL COMPETITION !!







Green Mt Appaloosa Horse Club presents an Extreme 'Trail Challenge Competition at the Vermont State Fair grounds., Rutland. Sunday, June 14, 2015—10:00 AM Rutland Fair Grounds center of the race track. Youth, Novice Adult and Open Adult Divisions Year-end Awards for club members with any breed. For more information: Www.greenmtappaloosa.org 802-468-1223 weekdays



### 2015 June - GMtApHC **Extreme Trail Competition Registration Form**

#### Please fill out one form per horse and rider team.

Name of Participant:					
Name of Horse:		Breed:			
Address:					
Phone:	Email:				
In Case of Emergency call:		Phone #:			
Entry Fees: \$30 per division pre-entry;	check one: Youth		Nov W/T	Adult	

### Mail To: GMtApHC, 6310 Monument Hill Rd, Castleton, VT 05735

or email: Deborah.danforth@castleton.edu

Pre-Entries by 6/10/15. Post Entries accepted at \$40 after 6/10/15.

\*\*Proof of 2015 negative coggins and rabies vaccination will be required. Please mail copies with entry form\*\*

LiabilityWaiver: Rider signature for the Extreme Trail Competition shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that the rider is subject to all the rules and regulations of the event. As part of the agreement, I will not hold the sponsors, GMtApHC, their officials, organizers or volunteers responsible for any action taken or for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with this event. I further agree to enter at my own risk knowing that any event involving equestrian sports is dangerous. I will be in control of myself and my horse at all times, and take all responsibilities for any damage we may cause.

#### Vermont State Statute: As used in this section:

1. "Equine" means a horse, pony, mule or donkey.

2. "Equine activity" includes but is not limited to:

2.1. Equine shows, fairs, competitions, performances, or parades that involve any and all breeds of equines and any of the equine disciplines, including but not limited to dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, Grand Prix, three-day events, combined training, rodeos, riding, driving, pulling, cutting, polo, steeple chasing, English or

Western performance riding, endurance trail riding, gymkhana games and hunting.

2.2. Equine training or teaching activities, or both;

2.3. Rides, Trips or Hunts.

3. "Equine activity sponsor" means an individual, group, club, organized camp, partnership or organization, whether or not the sponsor is operating for profit or non profit, which sponsors, organizes or provides the facilities for an equine event, including but not limited to pony clubs, 4-H, hunt clubs, riding clubs, schools and college sponsored classes, programs and activities, therapeutic riding programs, stable and farm owners and operators, instructors and promoters or equine facilities, including but not limited to farms, stables, clubhouses, pony ride strings, fairs and arenas at which the activity is held. 4. "Participant" means any person, whether an amateur or professional, who engages in an equine event, whether or not a fee or other consideration is paid to participate in the equine activity.

4.1. No person shall be liable for injury to, or death of, a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, insofar as those risks are necessary to the equine activity and obvious to the person injured.

5. An equine activity sponsor may post and maintain signs which contain the warning notice specified in this section. Such signs shall be placed in a clearly visible place in the proximity of the equine event. The warning notice shall appear on the sign in black letters, with each letter to be a minimum of one inch in height.

6. Every written contract entered into by an equine activity sponsor for the providing of professional services, instruction or the rental of equipment, tack or an equine to participate, whether or not the contract involves equine activities on or off the location or site of the equine professional's business, may contain in clearly readable print the warning notice:

WARNING Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for injury to or the death of, a participant is equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary pursuant to 12 V.S.A. #1039 Added 1995 No. 1336 (Adj Sess) #2.

### Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature If Under 18: \_\_\_\_\_



### 2015 GMtApHC Extreme Trail Competition Rules and Regulations

1. An Extreme Trail Competition is a timed event during which the performance of each horse and rider team will be judged for quality of horsemanship. For each obstacle, the judge(s) will award points on a scale of 0-10 based on 1) the rider's horsemanship and 2) the teams overall performance. Bonus points can be awarded for extreme performance adding points from 0-3, with 3 being the best overall achievement of the task.

2. Horse and rider 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 the 30 seconds, the rider will be flagged/ whistled and must move onto the next obstacle. Time subject to change based on the obstacle.

3. Each horse and rider must complete the entire course, in order, as it is laid out. You must at least show an attempt at each obstacle. Riders may not choose to skip an obstacle. If a rider goes off course and skips an obstacle and continues with the course he/she will be disqualified. If a rider goes off course and misses an obstacle and realizes the mistake before moving on to the next obstacle on the course, he/she must go back and complete the obstacle. Neither judge(s) nor spectators will alert the rider that he/she missed an obstacle.

4. The rider should be mounted throughout the entire course once they have started the timer, unless specified by the course. If the horse refuses and obstacle and the rider chooses to dismount and lead their horse through the obstacle, the rider will not be disqualified but this will be reflected in their score.

5. Should a rider get bucked off or fall off, he/she may continue to compete provided he/she can catch their horse unassisted and remount within one minute. Should the horse leave the course boundaries, the rider will be disqualified for that run.

6. Obstacles and race rules will be reviewed in a mandatory rider meeting before the race begins. It is the responsibility of the rider to fully understand the rules of the race before the race begins. Riders will be permitted to ask questions about the rules up until the first run begins. Questions should be directed to the judge(s) and/or the walk through leader.

7. All riders will compete in the order in which their names are drawn. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Riders may enter more than one horse for separate runs. Riders may also share a horse for separate runs. (\* All will compete in the order their name is drawn!)

8. If a rider's horse is injured during the competition, the rider must withdraw from the competition.

9. Any dispute or complaint by a rider must be brought to the attention of the official judge(s) prior to the horse/rider team leaving the course area. All riders agree to abide by the rulings of the judge(s). The decision of the judge(s) will be final and not subject to appeal.

10. The judge(s) and the committee may disqualify a rider for abuse of any animal or violation of the race rules.

11. The crowd at the event is considered to be part of the course and each rider acknowledges that the crowd may be a distraction to his/her horse.

12. Riders may utilize any tack or equipment that is considered to be standard in the industry and in recognized events. For their safety, riders are encouraged to wear ASTM/SEI approved riding helmets. Riders under 18 years of age are required to wear an ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet. Boots with heels are required for all. Horses are permitted to wear protective leg wraps, boots or other leg gear.

13. The ride time calculated by the official timer for the competition will be deemed the official time for each team's ride and may not be challenged by any participant.

14. Overall ride times will be translated into points by arranging all ride times from fastest to slowest and then awarding points per obstacle. Points will be adjusted based on the number of riders entered. For example:

5 points awarded to the horse/rider team in the fastest 20%	1-8 (fastest) =5 pts
4 points awarded to the horse/rider team in the next fastest 20%	9-16 =4 pts
3 points awarded to the horse/rider team in the next fastest 20%	17-24 =3 pts
2 points awarded to the horse/rider team in the next fastest 20%	25-33 = 2  pts
1 point awarded to the horse/rider team in the next fastest 20%	34-40 = 1 pt

Each obstacle will be scored 0-10 with 10 being the perfect score. Judge(s) are allowed to use half point increments to score. A score of 6 is considered average for any obstacle. Refusal of an obstacle is 0-2 points depending upon the rider's effort, at the judge's discretion.

15. In the event of a tie, the scores from three pre-selected obstacles will be combined to establish a winner. Participants will be ranked based on the combined scores.

# Registration, exhibitor meeting, draw for order, and course walk through 9:30 AM. Youth division begins at 10 AM, Adults to follow.

Paybacks: Up to six riders, pay 1<sup>st</sup> place only; 7-10 riders, pay 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>; 11+ riders, pay 1<sup>st</sup>-3rd. Ribbons to six places.

Pre-Entry \$30 by 6/10/15 Post Entry \$40 after 6/1015

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Best of luck to all horse and rider teams!

## <u>Please use Dana Ave gate and drive around to parking and event, inside the oval of the track.</u>