

Whitefish Winter Carnival
2010 Ski Joring Rules & Information
Sanctioned by North American Ski Joring Association (NASJA)

Divisions:

Open: The highest skilled competitors and fastest horses. You **must** be a NASJA weekend or seasonal member to enter.

Sport: The intermediate skilled competitors. The same team (horse, skier, rider) **cannot** compete in this division if your team won 1st place in this division in Whitefish **in the prior year**. You **must** be a NASJA weekend or seasonal member to enter.

Novice: Beginning level competitors. Your team (horse, skier, rider) cannot compete in this division if you won 1st in this division in Whitefish **in the prior year**. You **DO NOT** need to be a NASJA member.

Rules:

1. All competitors must be at least 18 years old by Jan 30, 2010
2. All skiers must wear approved snow sport helmets.
3. A horse can only compete in one division. A horse may not run more than 2 times a day.
4. A rider may compete in more than one division, but must compete on a different horse in each division entered. A rider may compete up to 4 times a day.
5. A skier can only compete in one division. A skier may compete up to 3 times a day.
6. A second entry of the same team is permissible in the same division provided that on the 2nd ride, the skier becomes the rider and the rider becomes the skier.
7. No substitutions are allowed for any team member. (horse, skier, or rider) If a team cannot compete for any reason, they are disqualified. No refunds will be given.
8. Each team is allowed 4 minutes to complete staging and begin the race. After this allotted time has expired, the competitors will be asked to leave the staging area. They will be allowed one more attempt at the end of the division. If the staging time is again exceeded, the team will be disqualified. The allotted 4-minute time period will begin at the declaration of a clear track.
9. The skier must be in an upright position and on at least one ski with rope in hand when crossing the finish line. Both skier boots must cross the finish line.
10. Both ski tips and both boots must go around a gate or the gate is considered missed.
11. No personal ropes will be permitted. 50 ft Association ropes will be provided on site.
12. Rope may be attached to the saddle horn or behind the saddle within 4 inches of the cantle.
13. If a skier drops the rope before crossing the start gate, he will be allowed a restart.

Penalties:

1. A 5-second penalty is assessed for each missed jump or gate.
2. A 5-second penalty is assessed for any horse breaking the plane of any jump, hitting a gate, or hitting a timing device.

Safety:

1. The on-site veterinarian will have the authority to scratch a horse for health reasons or concerns pertaining to the safety of the horse and the image of the sport. Any race official can require a horse to be examined by the veterinarian.
2. It is recommended that all riders splint and boot all 4 feet of their horses.
3. Ambulance crews will be on site.

Disputes:

1. If a team has a dispute concerning a gate call or track issue, a verbal protest must be filed with the arena judge immediately after the run so that an inspection of the track and a consultation with the gate-keeper can be made prior to a succeeding run. All other protests must be filed within 10 minutes of the run in question. A \$25 fee must accompany any protest. If the protest is sustained by the rules committee, the team will get its money back. If not, the money will go to a charitable organization of the host's preference.
2. The rules committee will make a judgment on a dispute prior to the start of the next class. If the run in question is the last event of the day, a ruling will be made within 10 minutes.

Course:

1. Length – 750 feet from start to finish gates.
2. Jumps – 3 jumps approximately 5 feet in height
3. Gates – Breakaway style where skier goes right of red and left of blue.

Sportsmanship:

Good sportsmanship is important to the success of our event and the image of our town. Your registration signature pledges your word to the humane treatment of your horse and respectful relationships to all fellow competitors and officials hosting this exciting competition. Failure to heed warnings from any race personnel may result in disqualification.

Race Results:

Race results and prize money will be awarded at The Craggy Range, 10 Central Avenue on Sunday evening.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!