



Contestant Rules & Release of Liability

Garwood Arena – Columbiana, OH

ALL contestants are required to check in with a Parent/Guardian and provide proof of age; we will accept a copy of a birth certificate, driver's license, or ID card that lists the birth date. The document can be printed or viewed on your phone/computer. We will not be keeping copies of the document; our office staff will simply verify the date of birth and return the documents to you.

Payment Methods: All entries are accepted online with a credit card only. Please remember we only accept credit cards online for pre-entries. Any late entries, stalls, RVs, or exhibitions purchased onsite must be paid for in cash or a personal check.

Barns and Stalls: All horses staying overnight must be stalled. No overnight tying to trailer or setting up of portable panels. If a contestant has a **stallion** please let the stall office know, so they can do their best to accommodate the horse. A stall purchase is required for all race contestants. No tying horses to a trailer on the gravel or grass for any amount of time. Horses must be unloaded and taken to their assigned stall.

Coggins & Health Certificates: At Check-in, all contestants must be prepared to show a current negative Coggins Test and provide up-to-date Health papers, according to the current state laws of the competition. It is the contestants' responsibility to know what the current requirements are at the time of the race.

Releases/Draw Outs/Substitutions: After entering, contestants may be refunded 70% of their fees for a medical draw-out by presenting a vet or doctor's release to the race director by 10pm, Tuesday, THE WEEK BEFORE the race. Horse substitutions can be made after that Tuesday, but must be turned in to the office the day before the run. A rider may compete on any horse, regardless of ownership. Each horse can only run under one rider for the entire event. An individual horse **CANNOT be run more than once, in any age division**, even if it is by two immediate family members. No selling entries, draw-outs only.

Number of Entries: Each contestant can enter up to 2 horses in their age group. No one contestant can run more than 2 horses in either the Junior or Senior Divisions. There is no limit for entries in the Friday Open, and no limits for exhibitions.

Refund Checks: Will be mailed the week following the race. Please expect US mail delays, as delivery time is out of SCYC staff's control.

Registered Names: All horses entered must run under their official breed association registered names. Riders with multiple entries must ride each horse in the draw position in which they draw up. If your horse is not registered, you may enter under their barn name.

Dress Code/Western Attire: Long sleeve, collared shirts, jeans without holes, western boots and a western hat or helmet.

Hats Fine: Hats must stay on past the timer. Hats lost in the arena will result in a \$10 fine. Hat pick up area will be determined by the producer. All hat fines will go into the Sherry Cervi Scholarship Fund.

Draw Order: You must compete on the horse in IT'S DRAWN ORDER. If you are competing on more than one horse, there will be no swapping of draw positions. Running a horse in a different draw position is an immediate disqualification.

Missed Run: If a contestant misses their run, it will result in an automatic No-Time. There will be no option to re-run.

Format: The SCYC Races will be in a 5D format.

Electric Eye: If the electric eye fails during a rider's run, the contestant has the choice of a re-run, or a refund. It is up to the contestant to contact office staff, and make it clear as to if they will take the re-run (at the end of the race), or receive a refund. **If a barrel is knocked down** during a run in which the timer fails, or any other penalties occur, all penalties will be carried forward. Thus, no option of a re-run or refund will be given.

No Times/Disqualifications:

A No-time will be given to a contestant for the following reasons.

- Failure to start the pattern within 60 seconds of the contestant's name being called, the first time
- Running a horse in a different draw position, swapping horses' registered names in run order, or purposefully withholding a registered horse's official name
- If you miss your run or run out of turn
- Knocking over a barrel
- If you break or miss the pattern
- Not being in dress code
- The horse falls
- Running the incorrect division, based on age
- Circling inside the arena, after passing through the mouth of the alley

Please help us keep the ground fair for all contestants. **Absolutely no extra circling of barrels, no circling past the mouth of the alley before your run, or training during competition runs.** If the pattern is broken, the rider needs to complete the pattern, in a timely manner, or exit the arena immediately. Failure to comply will result in a \$25 fine, and must be paid before the contestants next run.

Aggregate: The aggregate is based on the Horse/Rider combo, and includes both SCYC Rounds of Saturday and Sunday. If there must be a horse substitution for the SCYC 2nd Go, the rider can substitute the horse (as long as the substitute horse is not already being run in the same age group division by another contestant), but will be ineligible for placing in the average. The aggregate is calculated by adding both times together. The aggregate will be in a 5D format, 1 second splits of the total of the contestant's 2 run times.

Tie Breakers: In the event of a tie for an **individual race**, the prize money for both places (the one the contestants tied for and the next place) will be split evenly.

In the event of a tie for the **Aggregate**, the tie breaker will be determined by the contestant with the fastest time in the 1st Go of the SCYC. If those times are the same, then the second tie breaker will be determined by the contestant with the fastest time of the 2nd Go, and if those times are the same, then numbers will be drawn out of the hat (#1 gets the highest place, #2 gets the next place, and so on). Example: If 2 contestants are tied for 1st place. The tied contestant that ran fastest time in the 1st go will win 1st place, and the other contestant will win 2nd place. Then the next contestant with the fastest average, after those two contestants, will win 3rd, and so on.

Awards: Contestants **MUST BE PRESENT** and in **DRESS CODE** for the award presentation on Sunday after the race, **no exceptions allowed**. If a contestant is not present or in dress code, his or her award(s) will be forfeited.

Payout/Check Processing: We will make every effort to have the payout checks ready for pick-up 30 minutes after the last contestant runs each day. Checks that are not picked up will be mailed to the address provided on your entry form. If a contestant does not complete their Check-In Form (Address, Social Security Number, etc.), they will not be able to pick up their check, nor will the check be mailed, until the required information is provided. It is the contestant and/or guardian's responsibility to provide this information. **In order to receive a check, you MUST provide a Social Security number.**

Sportsmanship & Abuse of an Animal: All contestants, and their family members, are expected to display good sportsmanship to others and animals at all times. Abusive behavior or neglect of an animal will not be tolerated. Abuse or neglect of an animal will be determined by the race operators, and all decisions by the race staff are **FINAL**. The minimum fine for abuse or neglect will be \$500, and you may be asked to leave the race immediately. No electronic training devices are allowed for any

reason. If you are asked to leave, due to the abuse or neglect of an animal or for the use of an electronic device, all winnings and entry fees will be forfeited, and fines must be paid before you may enter another SCYC Race.

Scooters, Segways, Bikes, Skateboards, or ANYTHING you ride on with wheels is not allowed in any buildings or stall barns. Garwood Arena posts a strict, no-exception policy for the horses' and humans' safety. Breaking this ground rule could result in disqualification from the event.

Dangerous Animals: If the SCYC Production Management deems an animal dangerous to the owner, other individuals, other animals, or the property, SCYC Production Management reserves the right to ask the contestant to remove the animal from the race premises immediately. If you are asked to remove a horse or asked to leave, it will count as an automatic disqualification for the horse and/or contestant, and the contestant's entry fees and winnings will be forfeited. All decisions by the race staff are **FINAL**.

Fines: All fines must be paid at the show office. Contestants will not be allowed to compete, pick up winnings or prizes, and will be put on an ineligible list until all fines are paid. All fines will go to the SCYC Scholarship Fund.

Any questions or disputes that are not covered by the above rules shall be decided at the event by the SCYC Production Management. All decisions are final, and are subject to change.

RELEASE of LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE PERSONAL INJURY: By signing this document and/or making entry as a participant, I hereby understand that no matter how careful the sponsors, offices, directors, or participants may be, my injury, illness, or death, as well as that of my horse, or my child is a possibility. And furthermore, I, as a participant (or parent/guardian of a participant) agree to hold harmless Sherry Cervi, the Sherry Cervi Foundation, Sherry Cervi Youth Championships and the Garwood Arena, its agents, management, contractors, and employees from any expense, cause of action, damage, or claim of damage (including legal fees) of any kind whatsoever, which I might assert as a result of my (or my child's) injury, sickness, death or claim. I also understand that all contestants and horses will be photographed and videoed and it is the sole property of Sherry Cervi Foundation and Sherry Cervi Youth Championships. **AGE CERTIFICATION** – By the appearance of my signature as indicated below, I certify that I am 18 years of age or older, or that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant/entrant who is under the age of 18. I further certify that I have available at the request of even management, a current **NEGATIVE EIA TEST CHART** on each animal I have on the event grounds. I understand that if State and/or Local Authorities require presentation of said test chart at this event and I cannot present a **NEGATIVE EIA TEST CHART** for any or all animals, I will be personally responsible for any fines and will be responsible for any fines levied on the event producer. Sherry Cervi Youth Championships will add your email address to our mailing list and that of our national sponsors. If you wish to opt-out, you may do so using the link contained in the communication in question or by contacting us with your name and email address.