



## **BYLAWS**      February 27 2024

### **1.0 SHOW STAFF**

- 1.1 Judge: All sanctioned competitions will be judged by at least one EXCA qualified judge.
- 1.2 The Show Secretary is responsible for administration duties involved with the Day of competition and must be a current OXC member.
- 1.2.1 Duties include but are not limited to: posting of patterns by division, Posting of the order of go, ensure scorecards are in order of go & ready for Judge & Scribe, entering of each scorecard in the excel EXCA spreadsheet and Scoring of each division at the end of it. Returning all scorecards to the OXC Office at the end of each show. The OXC office will provide the necessary files after closing of each race for printing.
- 1.2.2 The Show Secretary cannot hold Show Whip, Ring Steward, Scribe or Announcer positions at same show.
- 1.2.3 The position of Show Secretary shall be paid at a rate of \$100 per event.
- 1.3 Scribe: A scribe is the person to whom the judge dictates their penalties and scores, keeping a written record on score sheets. A Scribe and Judge work as a team, but the Judge makes all final decisions and should not be influenced by a Scribe.
- 1.3.1 This position may receive an honorarium of \$100 per event.
- 1.4 Timer: The Timer is responsible for running the electronic timing eye under the instruction of the Judge. Events without an electronic timing eye and runs may need to be timed on an official OXC Stop Watch as provided by the Show Secretary.
- 1.4.1 The Timer is a voluntary position.
- 1.4.2 Should an error in timing occur that is unrelated to the competitor at any time or point during a qualified, judged run, it will be the direction of the Judge to offer a re-ride immediately, at the end of the running order or after a reasonable respite for horse and rider.

## 2.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.1 All Board of Director positions are voluntary with the following exceptions:

2.1.1 The Secretary/Treasurer position carries an annual rate of \$1000 per year plus \$175.00 per race for race preparation and closure.

2.1.2 The Communications Director will maintain a budget of \$600 per year for the advertising/marketing expenses of the club.

2.1.3 Formal Written complaints regarding a director's action can be filed with the Board of Directors with a \$50.00 Fee.

2.1.4 A BOD Meeting will be called to address the formal complaint including director in question. At this meeting the director with the complaint will be able to present a written statement in defence. The remainder of the board will convene to discuss the level of discipline if in fact discipline is required with regards to the matter.

2.2 Detailed Duties of Secretary/Treasurer in addition to those listed in the constitution.

The S/T may sign event applications.

The S/T will apply for NAERIC approvals annually.

The S/T with approval of BOD will ensure insurance policy is current annually for the club. As well ensures that the not for profit registration remains current, plate renewal of obstacle trailer is current.

Before Event: S/T will receive electronic entries, process e-transfers, establish race file, establish order of go, work with judge to develop pattern, create individual scorecards. The documentation will be printed if S/T is attending event or can be emailed to Show Secretary.

After Event: S/T will create EXCA file, submit and pay EXCA Point Fees. Create pdf of results and submit to Communications Director, submit results for other organizations ie TIP., prepare and submit invoice to host of event, scan individual scorecards. Email scorecards to competitors who request them. Tabulate points in year end file. Process payouts to competitors.

2.3 Regional Directors at Large Responsibilities (Currently 2) on Board)

Be responsible for engaging with membership on local needs of the area. This could be done by attending local shows, tack swaps, clinics to meet with current & future members.

Assist in marketing OXC to the local area membership & future membership for more region visibility. This could be done by attending local shows, tack swaps, clinics to meet with current & future members.

Assist in delivering the host race packages & obtaining event contracts. Be a point of contact to assist the BOD with obtaining races, as well as help with details of any OXC events secured in their region.

### **3.0 RULES OF COMPETITION**

3.1 As an affiliate of the host organization EXCA, OXC sanctioned events shall be governed by the rules of the EXCA.

3.2 For liability compliance, all competitors at OXC sanctioned events must be OXC members in good standing.

#### **3.3 Tack Requirements**

All tack must be traditional western or Australian with the exception of the novice division where permitted.

The novice, young guns & youth divisions, at regular OXC sanctioned races, any saddle without a horn is permitted. Saddles without a horn will not be permitted at OXC Provincial Finals or Championship Races.

Tack and attire shall match (example: no western hat with an English saddle and britches). For English there should be an English saddle, English saddle/girth/pad, britches, field boots, and hunt cap or helmet (English breast collar, over shirt and spurs are optional)

Mechanical hackamores, tie downs, martingales, cavessons, drop nose bands and any form of gag bit or slip bit is not allowed. English riders; cavessons, drop nose bands, and any type of equipment that restricts the equine from opening its mouth freely is not allowed. Bitless bridles and combo halter/bridle bridles must be approved by the judge at the walk through.

Any bit that has a mouth piece not secured to the shank, with the exception, of the loose O ring is not allowed. Example a D ring is secured and is allowed. A bit with leverage of any size where the mouth piece is not the exact secure position between the shank and the bridle attachment is a gag or slip bit and is not allowed.

A bosalito will be considered a cavesson except in a traditional two rein set up. A bosalito will not be used with a get down rope.

It is acceptable to ride without a bridle or bareback.

### 3.4 Dress Code

Traditional western attire, Australian Stock attire and where applicable English attire is required.

Dress jeans or colored jeans are acceptable.

All Riders shall wear long sleeve button down shirts. With judges consent short sleeve button down shirts will be allowed.

Logos, with the exception of makers mark, on shirts, jackets, pants are not allowed unless approved by the EXCA office.

Shirts must be tucked in when the rider begins competition.

Riders must wear riding boots with a heel. Tennis shoes are not acceptable. Half chaps and short riding boots may replace traditional field boots.

Riders shall wear a western style hat or certified riding helmet. Ball Caps are not allowed. English riders must wear a hunt cap or approved helmet. Any youth rider, no matter the division entered, shall wear an approved certified helmet.

Chaps (with the exception of English riders with short riding boots) and spurs are optional

## 4.0 DIVISIONS

4.1 Subject to demand, all divisions may be offered as outlined by EXCA with the exception of OXC Provincial Finals where the green division will not be offered. OXC will offer a Futurity & Maturity Division at OXC Provincial Finals.

4.2 Effective January 1 2024, all 9 divisions will be offered at each OXC Sanction Race as listed by EXCA.

4.3 Home division is declared by the competitor on their annual Membership Form. This will be reviewed by the Secretary/Treasurer and this will assist in determining "riding up" divisions for entries.

4.4 Riders under the age of 7 will be allowed to compete in the Young Gun division. The rider will be in control of their mount on their own & not on a leadline. If lack of safety & control is apparent, the judge may excuse the competitor from the ring and entry into future events may be restricted by OXC Board decision until the rider reaches the age of 7.

4.5 Lead Line Division, starting in 2022 OXC will introduce for competitors under the age

Rider age qualifications: 4 years to 10 years.

A rider who competes in the lead line division can not ride up into any other divisions including Young Guns or Youth.

The rider must wear the appropriate show attire (including helmet).

The person leading the horse and rider must be a parent/guardian or be at least 14 years of age with permission from the rider's parent/guardian.

**Tack/Horse:**

Western tack is preferred (English is allowed).

The horse must wear both a bridle and a halter;

- Reins must be attached to the bridle
- Reins in the hands of the rider
- Lead line must be attached to the halter, not the bridle.
- Person leading the horse must hold the lead line.

The lead line class does not count as one of the horse's three runs of the day.

**Obstacles/Courses/Ring:**

The lead line division is only to use half of the provided ring.

The course will consist of six obstacles

- Obstacles will be kept at a skill level that is suitable for the age range and being on a lead.

**Additional:**

The lead line division will be held at the OXC Provincial Finals.

Entry Fees will be kept separate for the lead line division with prizes awarded at each race. The high point award will be determined.

Entries will not be limited at each race and will be slotted according to overall entries for the race. Time slot will be announced after the closing of entries.

4.6 Novice Youth Division, starting in 2022 OXC will introduce for competitors.

Rider: Minimum age of 12 - maximum age of 17.

Eligible Novice Youth riders are allowed to ride "up" into regular OXC / EXCA Youth only.

Young Gun Riders are allowed to ride "up" into Novice Youth, should they meet the skill level.

Tack/Horse: Western tack (English is allowed). A Novice Youth may ride a maximum of three horses.

Obstacles/Courses/Ring: The course shall contain 10 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points. Novice Youth shall not be required to jump but may be required to ride over obstacles. Obstacles shall be rated 1 – 3.

The Novice Youth Division is considered an entry level Youth division that will allow the rider to develop confidence and additional horsemanship skills to allow the rider to move into the regular EXCA Youth Division. The purpose of the Novice Youth Division is to provide a division that is fair to all base level youth riders. Young Gun riders are allowed to ride "up" into Novice Youth, should they meet the skill level of a Novice Youth with parental approval. Novice Youth riders are allowed to ride "up" into the regular EXCA Youth Division of competition only.

The OXC board reserves the right to request a rider to move out of the Novice Youth Division into the regularly sanctioned Youth Division, based on their prior year accomplishments. The Novice Youth Division is designed for base level youth riders who have developed only the basic riding skills, such as loping, backing and side passing, etc. and have had little or no success competing in other equestrian events.

A Novice Youth would be requested to move out of the division under the following guidelines:

- Rider achieved a total score of over 330 points over the maximum 5 highest scores - average of 6 points per obstacle over 5 highest pointed races; therefor considered above average score consistently.
- Review of data regarding how many times a Novice Youth rider has won their division and the number of riders that were in the Novice Youth Division at each race.
- Review of recommendations submitted by judges regarding appropriate placement of the Novice Youth rider.
- Review of Rider's placement in the Provincial Championship.
- A rider may petition the Executive Board to remain in or return to the Novice Youth Division.

Added sponsorship or prize donations are encouraged. The Novice Youth Division will be eligible for OXC Year End High Point Award(s). OXC will offer the Novice Youth Division as part of the Provincial Finals, with a Championship Award(s). OXC reserves the right to cancel the Novice Youth Division based on insufficient entries. Entry fees would be refunded, minus the OXC Admin processing fee.

## **5.0 YEAR END AWARDS**

5.1 OXC members in good standing in each division shall be eligible for OXC high point year-end award in that division. Points obtained prior to becoming an OXC member or in non-sanctioned competition will not count towards year-end awards.

5.2 The horse & rider score will be accumulated from the top 5 races during the year.

5.3 Points earned in OXC sanctioned competition will only be eligible for EXCA acknowledgement for EXCA members in good standing at the date of competition.

## **6.0 OXC PROVINCIAL FINALS**

6.1 The OXC Provincial Finals is the last and final race of the Ontario Xtreme Cowboy Club and is held before the EXCA World finals. The Provincial Finals should be judged by the highest carded EXCA judge available at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

6.2 In order to qualify to attend the OXC Provincial Finals, you must;

6.2a Be a member of OXC in good standing

6.2b A horse/rider team must compete in 3 races that are OXC Pointed Shows or if the race requirement is not met, a horse/rider team must compete in 1 race and can buy in at \$200.00 to attend the Provincial Finals. All other fees for Provincials will be in addition to the buy in amount.

6.2c Top 5 scores will be used for determining standings. All races will be single points for OXC calculations.

6.2d Entries must be made and complete as directed

6.2e You are permitted to qualify more than one horse/rider team but may not exceed more than 3 per OXC Division.

## **7.0 Fundraising**

7.1 Fundraising Director , will organize various fundraising throughout the year for the club at the events. All Board of Directors will support the fundraising of the club.

### **7.2 Fallen Cowboy Fund**

This fund has been established to provide assistance when a cowgirl/cowboy who is a member in good standing with OXC is in need.

All monies would be collected at the shows and deposited into the primary bank account but would be maintained within the OXC Chart of Accounts as separate funds. This would keep the monies collected within the membership.

Determination of where the money goes would be the responsibility of the Board of Directors, who could hold an emergency meeting to address the Fallen Cowboy situation and vote. Minutes of this meeting would be recorded for future reference.