

**Ski Joring Races****Divisions: Open – Sport – Local – Junior- Peewee**

1. The Ski Joring Races will have two (2) go-arounds.
2. The course length will be a minimum of 600 feet, 12 gates and 3 jumps.
3. Riders and Skiers must declare their NASJA point runs at registration.
4. Skier/Rider may not exceed two competitive runs for NASJA points, per race. No matter what combination of divisions entered.
5. Competitors in the Open or Sport divisions must be NASJA Members: annual or weekend in good standing. Memberships can be purchased at any sanctioned race.
6. There will be a four (4) minute gate hold from the time your name is called.
7. Competitors must be 18 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year to compete in the Open or Sport. Local is any age combination, Junior is 11 to 18 years old and Peewee is age 10 or under.
8. Time start and stops when the skier crosses the start and finish lines.
9. The skier must be in an upright position with rope in one hand and on at least one ski when crossing the finish line. Both ski tips and boots must cross the finish line.
10. There is a five (5) second penalty for each gate or jump missed. Both boots must go around the gate, otherwise it is considered missed. Two second penalty for each missing ring. (5) second penalty for any horse breaking the plane of any timing device and disqualification for entering the marked boundaries of any jump.
11. If the horse or rope displaces a gate prior to skier negotiating it, the gate is considered missed.
12. If the skier loses the rope, prior to crossing the finish line, the team is disqualified for that go-around.
13. If the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second run, they may not find a replacement. They are disqualified.
14. If a competitor can't complete their run due to interference they must abandon the run to get a rerun.
15. Written parental consent is required for participants under 18 years of age. Parent must be present at registration.
16. Prior to race time, participants will be allowed to examine the course based upon the condition of the track and the race official's discretion.
17. Rope length shall not exceed 33 feet for straight course and shall not exceed 50 feet for horseshoe and J hook.
18. Attachment of the rope to the saddle will be the option of the rider as long as it complies with the following: a.) Attachment is to the saddle horn. b.) Attachment is within four (4) inches of the cantle (under strain). i.) Attachment will be directly to the primary rigging rings of the saddle construction with a non-elastic material. ii.) Connection of the pull rope to the saddle will be to the centerline of the horse with a carabineer type devise. iii.) Prior to the race a race official should inspect and approve any attachment to the saddle other than the saddle horn.

## **Ski Joring Rules Continued**

19. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
20. Riders under 18 years old are required to wear an ASI safety approved helmet.
21. The North East Ski Joring Association will have a jury of 3 to 5 people. The Jury will be made up of non competing, non biased people; one of whom will be the NASJA TD, one will be knowledgeable in ski racing and one will be knowledgeable in equine events. The Jury will be on site during all the races with a good view of the entire course. The Jury will only be required to give an opinion if there is a formal protest filed.
22. The decision of the Judges is final and video reviews will not be considered. Protests are to be in written form and submitted with a non-refundable \$50 protest fee to the registration stand within 15-30 minutes of the run in question. The jury will review each protest in accordance with race and NASJA rules and a decision will be handed down within 15-30 minutes of receipt of the formal protest.
23. All Competitors must be NESJA (North East Ski Joring Association) members in good standing.
24. Must show proof of coggins and have all shots up to date.
25. To ensure that the sport of ski-joring remains fun and a family environment, the following sportsmanship policy has been adopted by NASJA and NESJA members and will be in effect at all sanctioned races. Sportsmanship will be required from all participants. Ski-joring officials, field flaggers, and all race officials will have the power to give out warnings or disqualify any person or team that they deem is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner. Failure to heed warnings from any race personnel may result in disqualification. Mistreating any horse, inappropriate language towards officials, spectators, or other competitors, and throwing or mistreatment of equipment, shall be grounds for disqualification.

### **Longest Jump**

**The longest jump competition is considered a separate event from the timed events. Participants are allowed two entries regardless of their entries in the timed events. Subject to the rules below.**

1. Individuals are limited to two (2) entries. Second entry cannot consist of the same 2 individuals in any combination. Each horse is limited to two (2) entries.
2. If the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second run, they may not find a replacement. They are disqualified.
3. Distance will be measured at the foot impact.
4. Jumper must land and demonstrate control by skiing out of the landing.
5. Rider and Jumper must be a minimum of 18 years old.
6. Skiers will be required to wear snow sport approved helmets. Eye protection is recommended.
7. The decision of the Judges is final.

**Please Note:** There will be a veterinarian on site who has the authority to scratch any horse for medical or discretionary reasons. Should there be an addition to the existing rules, they will be brought to your attention at registration. Please email your questions to [info@nesja.com](mailto:info@nesja.com)