



## **Irricana & District Agricultural Society Gymkhana Series 2026**

### **Goal**

To provide a safe, fun learning environment for families wanting to improve their skills in the sport of gymkhana.

### **Membership**

Individual Membership \$80

Family Membership \$200 \*Max of 4, \$10/extra child

Leadline Membership \$40

One time drop in fee \$10

Must have AEF Membership

Membership includes all entry fees, Irricana & District Agricultural Society Membership, year end prizes, arena rental, maintenance and equipment. Membership Registration, Waiver Form & Payment found @

[www.irricanaagsociety.com/events](http://www.irricanaagsociety.com/events)

### **Irricana & District Agricultural Society Gymkhana Club Committee**

Patricia Jordan & Teal Hallaby

### **Age Categories (As of January 1, 2026)**

Leadline, 8 & Under, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+

### **Events**

**8 & Under, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+**

Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Dummy Breakaway & Stake Race

**Leadline**

Barrel Racing, Pole Bending & Hat Race

### **Dates**

Saturday June 13, 2026

Wednesday July 8, 2026

Saturday August 22, 2026

Saturday September 19, 2026

### Sunday's:

Warm Up 10:30AM

Leadline Start 11AM.

All Other Age Categories Start 12PM. 10MIN Warm Up after Leadline is done.

### Wednesday's

Warm Up 5:30PM

Leadline Start 6PM.

All Other Age Categories Start 7PM. 10MIN Warm Up after Leadline is done.

### **Entries**

Printed entry forms will be at announcer table. Please check your child in by highlighting their name prior to event starting.

### **Year End Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded after Finals. Must attend 3 out of the 4 dates to qualify for prizes.

Leadline will receive a leadline prize.

8 & Under, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17 will receive a club prize.

All around high point prizes including buckles for 8 & Under, 9-11, 12-14 & 15-17 only.

No prizes for 18+.

In the event of a tie for year end prizes, lowest time recorded overall will be determined as the winner. Fun year end horse and rider games after finals.

### **Points**

1st place 10 points

2nd place 9 points

3rd place 8 points

4th place 7 points

5th place 6 points

6th place 5 points

7th place 4 points

8th place 3 points

9th place 2 points

10th place & down 1 point

No times 1 point. (Only for 8 & Under, 9-11, 12-14 & 15-17).

### **Volunteers**

Volunteering is mandatory. This is a non-for-profit organization. Must volunteer 3 out of 4 events. Volunteer sign up sheets will be printed at announcer table for each gymkhana event.

Timing, Recording, Announcing, Raking, Gateman, Gate Announcer, Manure Clean Up, Set Up & Take Down. If you do not sign up for a volunteer position, a position may be assigned for you by our gymkhana club committee members.

## **Sponsorship Dinner March 2026 @ 5PM Date TBA**

Please consider volunteering at our annual sponsorship dinner. Our gymkhana events, year end prizes and awards wouldn't be possible without our amazing sponsors. Please contact our gymkhana committee to see how you and your child can get involved.

### **Rules**

- Helmets are mandatory for all riders under 18.
- Velcro keepers on saddle seats are prohibited for any age member, no lace up footwear while riding, boots must have a heel.  
Contestants must be ready when your name is called. If you are called 3X you will be turned out of your event.
- If the electronic eye malfunctions, a re-run will be issued. Final call on any discrepancy is up to the Irricana & District Agricultural Society Gymkhana Club committee.
- Campground is off limits. Parking and horses are only allowed in the marked designated areas.
- Warm up and riding is only permitted inside the arena.
- Treat riders, volunteers, and horses respectfully. Horses that kick must always be flagged and attended to.
- Unnecessary roughness or abuse of animals will not be tolerated. Offenders will be asked to leave the arena immediately and in the event of severe or repeated abused will be asked to leave the club.
- Sportsmanship is to be always promoted. Committee Members have the right to deem a horse or rider as unsafe and may be asked to leave the arena.

The committee will make the call to cancel an event due to weather with enough notice before the scheduled event. Cancellations will be posted on the Facebook page.

### **Barrel Racing**

The rider will cross the start line, circle around the 1st barrel (left or right), proceed to the 2nd barrel and then continue onto the 3rd barrel in a clover leaf pattern, then proceed back across the finish line. Penalties add 5 seconds for each barrel knocked over. Going off pattern or crossing back over the starting line before completing the pattern is a disqualification and a no time.

### **Pole Bending**

The rider will cross the start line, proceed to the end of a line of six poles, then turn the end pole and weave down through the pattern, again turn at the last pole and weave back up, then proceed back across the finish line. Add 5 seconds for each pole knocked over. Going off pattern or crossing back over the starting line before completing the pattern is a disqualification and a no time.

### **Dummy Breakaway**

The rider will start behind the designated start line with rope in hand and proceed toward the dummy. A legal run begins once the horse crosses the start line. The rider must rope the dummy cleanly and the rope must break away from the saddle horn when the dummy is caught. Time will stop when the rope breaks free from the saddle horn. If the rope does not break away properly, the run will result in a no time. Breaking the barrier, missing the dummy, or losing control of the horse in an unsafe manner will result in a no time. Contestants must maintain safe horsemanship at all times.

### **Stake Race**

The rider will cross the start line, proceed to the far pole and turn (left or right), come back to the near pole and turn the opposite direction, go back to the far pole and turn the same direction as the first turn and proceed back across the finish line.

This event makes a figure 8 pattern. Going off pattern or crossing back over the starting line before completing the pattern is a disqualification and a no time.

### **Hat Race - Leadline**

The rider will cross the start line, proceed to the far pole and turn (left or right), come back to the near pole and turn the opposite direction, go back to the far pole and turn the same direction as the first turn placing the hat back on the pole and proceed back across the finish line. This event makes a figure 8 pattern.

### **Point Horse Declaration Rule**

Although competitors are welcome to use more than one horse for events, they must declare which horse will be their point horse before their run. Only the declared horse will be eligible to earn points toward year end prizes and awards. If no declaration is made prior to the run, the first horse ridden will automatically be considered the point horse. No changes will be permitted after the run has started.

If a competitor must switch horses due to unruliness or safety concerns, officials must be made aware of the change before the run takes place. The committee promotes safety above all else and stands behind the goal of providing a fun learning environment for all participants.