

2025-2026 Winter Gymkhana Buckle Series

Dates

October 18

November 1, 15, 29

December 13

January 3, 17, 31

February 7, 21, 28

February 28 is finals

Doors at 10 am, gymkhana starts at 11.

Age Groups

Open – ages 16+

Youth – ages 11-15

PeeWee – ages 10 and under (have to be age 10 or younger as of January 1st, 2026)

Fees

Open and Youth fees - \$30 horse/ride combo

Exhibition - \$15

PeeWee - \$15

Format

Four events per gymkhana, however, due to time constraints only the first three events will count for points and payout. The fourth event will be for fun. Barrels and Poles will be in every gymkhana, followed by two other random events.

Payouts and Prizes

Half-back payouts for Youth and Open at each gymkhana, based on highpoint straight placement (no Divisions). Times for each event are summed and the lowest time places first. Please [RSVP](#) so that we can prepare the draw in advance. Payouts are independent of year-end prizes, so you do not have to buy-in to the series to win money. Drop-ins are welcome. Payout placement will be on a 1:4 format – for every 4 horses registered, one payout place will be added.

To be eligible for year-end prizes, a buy-in is required per horse/rider combo. Youth/Open - \$50, PeeWee \$20. Buy-in fees are due November 1, as points start accumulating once fees have been paid. No deciding to buy-in halfway through the season because your horse is doing well. You are welcome to buy-in later than November 1, however previous points will not be counted.

Each age group has a highpoint buckle up for grabs. To be eligible for prizes, riders must attend at least half the gymkhanas with the same horse. Multiple horses per rider welcome.

Year-end prizes will be awarded on a points scale. Times for each event will be summed resulting in placement. 1st – the fastest horse overall gets 100 points, second fastest gets 90, and so on. The lowest overall gymkhana score will be dropped to allow a missed gymkhana. Everyone eligible will get a year-end prize, regardless of placement. Although the best prizes will be awarded to the highest point earners.

A break in pattern or knocked barrel/pole will result in a +99 second time. Buybacks are available for every event at \$10/each, to be paid via **cash only day of**. A buyback will negate the original time.

The Series Final won't have a payout or points accumulation due to time constraints.

Attendance will be counted though.

PeeWee

No payouts for PeeWees but they will receive a small prize bag at each gymkhana. Mostly candy.

To be eligible for year-end prizes, PeeWees must also attend half the gymkhanas and pay buy-in fees, although it does not have to be with the same horse. Buckle eligibility is the same as the Youth/Open highpoint format. PeeWees must accumulate points on the same horse to be eligible for the buckle – no switching to a step-up horse to gain an edge.

Helmets are mandatory for PeeWees.

Cancellations

Any temperatures lower than -15 C or blizzards will result in a cancellation. Please refer to the Facebook page for cancellations before heading out. We won't have any make-up gymkhanas.

Please allow additional travel time, as the Athabasca bridge is still under construction.

Our goal is to provide a fun, safe, and supportive environment to further our horsemanship skills. All ages and experience levels are welcome!

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