

**Every other Wednesday at Brewer Arena 6-8:30pm**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**AND**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

Gymkhana events often emphasize children's participation and in most of the western United States, the phrase means "games on horseback". The Gymkhana will include timed speed events such as barrel racing, keyhole race, flag race, pole bending, and on or off-horse roping.

For Gymkhana purposes, the age of the exhibitor as of September 1, 2025, will be maintained throughout the year. Horses of any breed or combination of breeds may be entered. **There will be no stallions allowed.** Event staff may excuse unmannerly or unruly horses from the arena and/or showgrounds.

- Fees:
  - \$10.00 per day entry per participant **or** \$40 for the series
  - Family of 4: \$35 for the day **or** \$140 for the series

The Los Alamos County Recreation Division will accept entries and fees at 2760 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, NM, 87544 **throughout the series.** Any questions, please call (505) 662-8170.

NO REFUNDS will be made for any reason except the incapacitating injury or illness of the contestant or horse.

### Basic Rules:

- **No Studs/ Stallions**
- All classes may be ridden in these types of tack:
  - English, Western, Dressage, and Australian saddles. NO Bareback.
- Bridles may be in any style. No "bit less" bridles. Bosals are OK.
- Bits must be humane as described in AQHA, USEF, USDF or WE. No mechanical hackamores, gag bits, or bumper bits.
- No martingales, no draw reins, no metal browbands.
- Spurs are optional but must be humane. Whips are allowed in speed events.
  - Excessive "whipping" or spurring of any horse will disqualify the rider.
- All Youth **MUST** wear a helmet in all events.
- Open riders are encouraged to wear helmets in all classes, but Western hats may be used by adults.

### Classes

- Open
- Novice
- Lead Line

### Event Schedule

1) Check in at 5:45pm	3) Keyhole Race	5) Pole Bending
2) Opening presentation 6pm	4) Flag Race	6) Barrel Racing

**NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE ARENA GROUNDS UNLESS ON A LEASH**

Date paid	Received By

# 2026 Los Alamos County Gymkhana Entry Form

Contestant Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING – MUST BE SIGNED:**

*RISKS OR HAZARDS INHERENT IN THE LOS ALAMOS COUNTY GYMKHANA THAT MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ILLNESS, BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH INCLUDE, BUT MAY NOT BE LIMITED TO: TRIPPING, FALLING, ANIMALS, ADVERSE WEATHER, CUTS, SCRAPES, SPRAINS, AND BREAKS.*

I acknowledge that there are certain hazards and risks inherent in the Los Alamos County Gymkhana, and I understand and appreciate the nature of the risks. I understand that these hazards or risks could result in property damage, illness, bodily injury, or death to myself, my family members, or my guests. I agree to fully explain these risks to my family members and my guests prior to the activity.

I also agree to abide by the rules and policies established by the Los Alamos County Parks & Open Space, and Recreation Divisions. For the safety of, and in fairness for, all contestants working in a class, persons outside the arena should not assist riders inside the arena in any way. The Ring Steward and the Judge control the conduct of the classes; other unauthorized persons should not enter the arena without the acknowledgment or permission of these officials.

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry by my signature, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the organizers of the County for any and all injuries sustained and suffered by me during this event.

**IN CASE OF INJURY OR INABILITY TO FINISH THE COMPETITION, I HEREBY GRANT THE LOS ALAMOS COUNTY PARKS & OPEN SPACE & RECREATION DIVISIONS PERMISSION TO TRANSPORT ME / MY CHILD TO THE NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY.**

I have carefully read this statement and understand it to be a release of all claims and causes of action for illness, injury, or death that occur while participating in the Los Alamos County Gymkhana, and an agreement to indemnify Los Alamos County for losses, damages, and liabilities that may arise as a result of participation in this activity. In the event that I am legally precluded from extending indemnification to the County, I will be required; nevertheless, to agree to be responsible for all claims and damages arising from personal injury or damages caused to persons or property resulting from my activities, subject to all applicable immunities and exceptions. This agreement and release of liability is voluntary given.

I certify that I am 18 years of age and have read and accept the responsibility clause of this form (if the contestant is under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must sign the form). I hereby grant full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, and any other record of my participation in Recreation Programs for any legitimate purpose.

Participant Written Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature (if 18 or older) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Written Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if Participant Under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_