



## Superhorse Championships 2009

# Rules, Regulations and Guidelines Handbook

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# Mounted Shooting



Mounted shooting will have **6 standard patterns** which will be drawn at each event. A different pattern will be used on each go-around. They will stay the same thru the 2009 season and finals. If a short go is implemented the final stage to be run is the X. All balloons will be of same color. The draw will be as entered, order of go will rotate in each go-around.

**Firearms:** Two single action revolvers of .45 Caliber, designed prior to 1898 or reproduction thereof, will be allowed. Each gun will be allowed 5 rounds. Holsters are defined as a pouch formed in the shape of a gun. Belted holsters, pommel, cantle, and/or shoulder holsters are all that will be allowed. Once the contestant has loaded there firearms for competition there will be a designated area that they cannot leave under any circumstance! If a contestant fires a live round off outside the arena they will be disqualified from the event immediately, NO EXCEPTIONS!

The legal age of any contestants participating in any Superhorse Championship event will be 12 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competing year. If a new competitor has not competed in the mounted shooting category of any event, please check in with the arena director prior to competition.

**Courses of fire:** All courses of fire will consist of 10 balloons, 5 of one color 5 of another color except the short round course if used will be of same color. Contestant will engage the first 5 targets with one single action revolver then holster and draw the second single action revolver to engage the second half of course. Contestant must holster first gun before drawing second gun.

**Timing:** An electric eye will be used at all events for starting and stopping the contestants run and a backup timer. There will be no re-rides due to timer malfunction. If a contestant crosses the timer in the process of warming up before the run, they will automatically receive a 60 second on that run! A back up hand timer will be used in case of a timer mal-function, no re-rides will be allowed.

**Scoring:** The mounted shooting category of the competition will be the raw time (without penalties) plus any penalties added together for the course time.

**Penalties:** Missed target will be a 5 seconds, Knocked over barrel 5 seconds, Dropped gun in the course of fire 5 seconds. Unintentional dismount during the course of fire will be 60 seconds. Failure to holster first gun 5 second penalty. If the cone or PVC is moved during that run, it will be considered a penalty of 5 seconds. If balloon pops at anytime during the run, you must engage that balloon, either way if accidental or not.

**Gates:** All courses with gates will carry a 5 second penalty for a knocked over gate cone.

The (No Alibi) Rule shall be in place at all SHC events. (No Squibs, High primers or misfires accepted)

If a contestant hits two balloons in the same half of the course with one shot they do not have to engage the target shot by the first round. If the contestant misses a target in the first half and they have an extra round from the two balloon rule, they can go back and pick the remaining target up. If a contestant engages the course of fire, they accept it as is. There will be a judge or flagger to give permission to the contestant to start the course. There will be a match director at each event to oversee all categories.

**Ammunition:** All ammo will be provided by the Superhorse Championships events, no other ammo will be accepted period. Once the contestant is loaded, they are not permitted to leave the designated area set forth by the committee. There is a no alibi rule at all events on ammo.

**Targets:** When inflated, all targets should measure 6 to 9 inches in diameter. All contestants, if a target is not busted completely when they cross the timing line it will be a 5 second penalty. If the balloon is partially deflated and still has ANY air remaining, it is not considered popped period! Contestants will not ride the course of fire while the balloon setters are in the arena. Spectators will NOT be allowed in the arena or warm up area at any time.

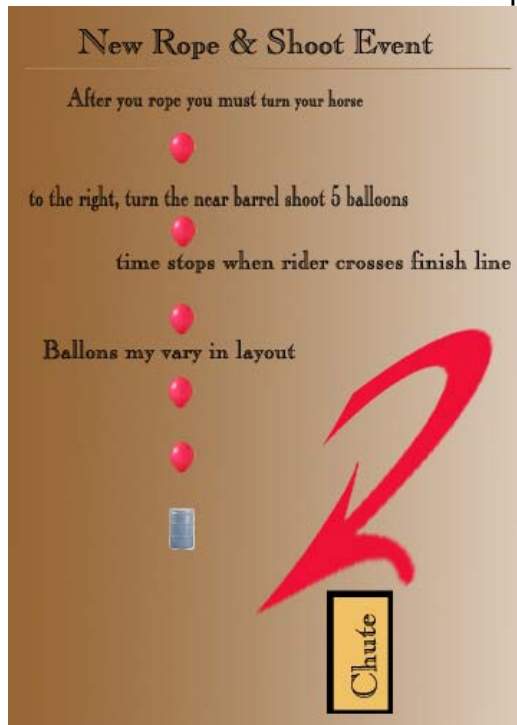
All targets shall be broken by gun fire. Then all targets (whether standing or laying down) shall be broken by gun fire to be considered a hit. All target broken accidentally or by nature shall be shot to avoid a five (5) second penalty.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the arena, staging and shooting areas. This includes all persons, contestants, match judges and flaggers, guests or anyone else in these designated areas. Any persons under the influences of alcohol, drugs or prescription medication will be disqualified from the event.

## Rope & Shoot



Rope & Shoot rules are the same as the breakaway and Shooting rules, only the rider will carry one loop in this event. After you rope you must turn your horse to the **right**, turn the near barrel shoot 5 balloons. Time stops when rider crosses finish line. If you DO NOT turn your horse to the right it is a 10 second penalty. A missed steer is a 15 second penalty added to the rider's time. Breaking the string by hand = No Time. Each missed balloon is a 5 second penalty.



# Breakaway Roping



We will be using horned cattle for the breakaway roping, no tails of ropes hanging down period. Ropes must be tied to the saddle horn with nylon string that is provided. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. A visible flag must be attached at the knot end of the rope for flagman or judge to clearly see. All ropes will be checked as you ride in the box by an event official. Strings must be broken by the steer and not your hand. Contestants will be coming out of the heading side of the boxes and electric eyes for barrier will be used at every event. Two (2) loops will be allowed if carrying 2 ropes, no rebuilding. Breaking the string by hand = No Time. There is a 30 second cutoff in the breakaway roping. Steers will be chute run for every competition, there is no draw on the cattle. Three (3) legal head catches, around the horns, neck, and a half head. Gate will be closed at the stripping shoot.

# BARREL RACING



Barrel racing will be standard patterns depending on arena sizes and conditions! (Any questions on standards, please refer to [National High School Rodeo](#) rule book) Electric eyes will be used as well as a backup timer in case of an eye malfunction. The draw will be as entered, and the order of go will rotate in each go-around.

# Superhorse Rules

Event specific rules are also located on the event web pages ([www.superhorsechampionships.com](http://www.superhorsechampionships.com))

**Breakaway Roping    Rope & Shoot    Mounted Shooting    Barrel Racing**

**Pro Division:** If you carry any type or form of a professional card of any discipline or equine profession, you may have to compete in the Pro division. The Pro card will be approved by the Superhorse Executive Committee and reviewed yearly to ensure the integrity of the division.

**Amateur Division:** In the Superhorse Events our goal was to provide a place for beginners, non-professionals the opportunity to compete against other said contestants on the same playing field.

An Amateur in the Superhorse is defined a person who has not directly or indirectly received pay, money, or sponsorships via cash, check, money order, cashier check, product of any kind for training in any manner at any time in their life. You may be asked to disclose and sign an affidavit stating that you are not a Pro, carry any type of Pro card, trained, assisted in training or ever trained any horse in any equine discipline in any facility other than your own home, barn, farm, or ranch facility. The Amateur card will be approved by the Superhorse Executive Committee and reviewed yearly to ensure the integrity of the Amateur status is not abused.

A person applying for an Amateur card under this rule may be asked to provide a detailed life history for the (5) five year period immediately prior to the date on the application for an Amateur card. The Superhorse Executive Committee may require additional information referencing this request.

Also an Amateur has to ride a horse that is registered in their personal name, corporation, ranch or farm. **Please note you don't have to ride or own a registered horse to compete in any SHC.** If your horse is registered, proof of ownership may be required by show management on any horses ridden in any Superhorse Event prior to the competition. The original registration certificate for registered horses or notarized copy thereof showing current ownership.

All Amateur cardholders will be reviewed annually at the time of application on a form supplied by the Superhorse staff and returned along with annual dues. An Amateur card may be revoked at any time. However the revoked card holder shall have the right to appeal before the Superhorse Executive Committee. The burden of proof of eligibility shall be upon the applicant or card holder.

Any Amateur, Senior or Pro cards may be revoked and must be surrendered immediately to the Superhorse staff and the holder of the card revoked shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Superhorse Executive Committee.

**Senior Division:** Minimum age is 55 years old. You are eligible to declare Senior status if you turn 55 in the current year. Once you declare Senior status you must stay in the division until the end of the calendar year. Declaration of division must be made at the beginning of the calendar year.

What is needed to describe an unregistered horse: The Superhorse events may require four pictures (one of each

side of the horse) showing all markings and a statement from a certified veterinarian attesting to the horse's age. The burden of proof rests with the owner as to ownership.

If you disagree with the status of the card you must carry, you may petition the Superhorse Executive Committee in writing via U.S. Postal Service or email stating your specific case. It will be looked at on an individual basis. The Superhorse Executive Committee will notify you back in writing via US Postal service or email within 10 business working days.

**Single Event Permit:** It will be \$15.00 and can be used as many times as you like. Points will not be tracked for rider or horse on a permit. If you decide after the start of the event that you purchase a permit for you can convert it to a membership at that event only for points to be counted. Once the event you purchased permit for is closed, i.e. checks paid you can no longer convert that event to a membership and have it counted for points.

**All Divisions:** If you or your horse becomes ill prior to an event you can receive a refund with a written letter/invoice from your Doctor or Veterinarian. You must contact by PHONE a Director 1 hour before the event to qualify for the refund. If you have extenuating circumstances that causes you to not attend a Competition you may submit a grievance with the Boards of Directors to review your request for a refund.

**Finals:** You must compete in the Finals to be eligible for the Finals awards, cash or prizes.

**Note:** You do not have to have a horse registered with any breed association to compete in any Superhorse event or Competitions. However if you want your horse earn points for year-end prizes and awards or to be acknowledged thru their respected breed association you probably should consider riding registered horses. It is easier to track points on your horse with a registered number that is assigned to them by their breed association for the Superhorse staff. Please be aware and understand how the point system works for year-end prizes and awards, the Superhorse staff would not be responsible for lost points because of no way to track (sorely or bay) results at any Superhorse competition. Please abide by the Superhorse registration qualifications.

**Example 1:** What if I have leased a horse or horses for the year; can I ride in the amateur division?

**No.** All horses entered in the Amateur division must be registered in the rider's name.

**Example 2:** What if I have bought a horse, but the breed association has not processed the papers yet. May I show them in the Amateur division?

**Yes.** A signed transfer does not constitute ownership, however if the registration and transfer and fees are on file with the breed association a document in writing from the breed association stating that all papers are on file with them, entry will be granted.

All amateur contestants may be asked to provide proof of ownership of horse at time of check-in. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disciplinary action by the Superhorse Executive Committee, either probation or suspension, whichever is deemed necessary for the infraction.

**Example 3:** What if I have a horse that is registered in my husband, wife, or child under the age of 21 still living at home entered in the Superhorse event can my husband, wife, or child also compete in the Amateur division?

**No.** No two family members may ride the same horse in the same division however the other family member may ride the horse in the Pro division or trainer.

**Example 4:** Can a Pro division rider ride in the Amateur division?

**No.**

**Example 5:** What if my brother, sister, aunt or uncle owns a really nice horse can I ride them in the Amateur division?

**No.**

**Note:** All contestants must have proof of membership to show the committee or show officials at time of check-in.

In the event that a member enters and places in a Superhorse event and does not hold a current Superhorse Amateur, Senior or Pro card all monies won and points earned will not count towards eligibility for awards or prizes. No money or points will be awarded retroactive to payment of fees.

All horses must have a current coggins and health papers at every Superhorse event

**Protest Procedures:** All protest must be addressed by the end of the event that the protest occurred in. The protest must be brought to the specific Event Director. If that Director is not present please see other Event Directors. The judge's decision is final. Event Director names are located on the [Rules & Regulations](#) web page.

## Superhorse Competition Guidelines

### Event Entries

There will be a cut-off entry deadline 1 week prior to every event unless that event has a different policy. **Last to enter is the first up in each Event.** If you can't meet this time frame, please contact [Entries@superhorsechampionships.com](mailto:Entries@superhorsechampionships.com).

There is a \$20.00 Late Entry Fee. Registering early helps plan for the Competition. Each event will have a flyer describing event location, schedule, site specific rules and directions. The \$20.00 Late Entry Fee will be waived for one (1) Superhorse Competition.

**All Late Fees Are Being Waived For The Decatur, Texas Superhorse Competition**

## Superhorse Competitions

### Pro Division

Entry fees will be \$300.00 for Pro division at each event with 70% payback. Plus there will be added monies at

all Pro events. We will pay 10% to each event example: of the 70% payback 5% will go to the fastest times on each round of the breakaway roping, 5% will go to each round of the barrel racing, 5% will go to each stage of the mounted shooting. Added monies will be in the Pro Division only. Added monies plus the remaining payback will go to the overall high point horses on all 3 events combined.

### **Amateur and Senior Divisions**

Entry fees will be \$140.00 for the Amateur and Senior divisions at each event.

### **Single Event Permit**

The Single Event Permit will be \$15.00 and can be used as many times as you like. Points will not be tracked for rider or horse on a permit. If you decide after the start of the event that you purchase a permit for you can convert it to a membership at that event only for points to be counted. Once event you purchased permit for is closed, i.e. checks paid you can no longer convert that event to a membership and have it counted for points.

Paybacks will be 1 place for every 5 riders up to 5 places maximum.

Payback percentages:

- 0-5 riders 1 place 100%
- 6-10 riders 2 places 60% 40%
- 11-15 riders 3 places 50% 30% 20%
- 16-20 riders 4 places 40% 30% 20% 10%
- 21-74 riders 5 places 32% 25% 20% 15% 8%
- 75-plus riders 6 places 28% 22% 18% 15% 12% 5%

If the number of entries exceeds 75 per gender the paybacks will be 6 places for that event.

All event points and monies will be gender split. Points are gender specific and will stay with the horse. Ladies will not compete against the men.

In the case that we will have more than one arena available we will run each event simultaneously depending on number of contestants.

There will be 2 go-arounds minimum for each event. Depending on locations and time constraints we will have a short go. (2 rounds and a final)

## **Superhorse Qualifier**

In conjunction with other events, if there are time constraints there is now a Superhorse Qualifier. Entry fees will be \$150.00. Same format and percentages of payback as listed below. These will be onsite entry events. Books will close one hour prior to start of the event. The point system is as follows is for individual events and overall Superhorse.

Superhorse qualifiers will have one go around of each event. All Superhorse Competitions will have two go arounds of each event.

We will be keeping track of points and monies won for each category to determine the year end superhorse champion. We will also have year - end awards for each category for the high point breakaway horses, barrel racing horse, and shooting horse. Points and monies won will be available on-line for tracking.

We will be keeping track of points and monies won for each rider as well.

Due to the possibility of ownership changing, all points and monies are retained by the horse. In the case of the rider changing horse in the year, points and monies start over. Horse must have competed at 50% of competitions to compete at Finals.

### **Superhorse Competitions and Qualifiers Points**

Points will be given down thru 10 place in each category. There may only be 5 places paid but you will receive points down thru 10<sup>th</sup>.

Point System: The top 10 horses & riders will receive points from 10 to 1<sup>st</sup> in each category.

- 10<sup>th</sup> placing horse & rider will receive 1 point
- 9<sup>th</sup> place horse & rider will receive 2 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> will receive 3 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> will receive 4 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> will receive 5 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> will receive 6 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> will receive 7 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive 8 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive 9 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 10 points

The year-end Superhorse Champion will be a cumulative of total points for all categories at all events sponsored by the Superhorse Championships. In the event of a tie, we will go by time when appropriate.

We have an Amateur division, Senior division and a Pro division to each gender. The Amateur division consists of the horse's registration with AQHA or respected breed association to be in the rider-owners name, this will be enforced! The Pro division will be for the horse and rider to be different (i.e.; Trainer).

Should your horse become injured, dies, or is sold before, on the way to, or prior to event starting you may substitute, or replace with another horse. After Superhorse event has started, no vet draw outs. Note: all points earned on the substituted or replaced horse will be tracked for year-end prizes and awards separately.

Dress code purpose is to promote a professional superhorse event with modern rodeo attire. No period clothing or chinks/chaps. Western hat (felt, straw or palm), boots should be of western style (no roper shoes or packers), long western pants, and shirts are to be long sleeved button down or snapped with a western collar are required at all times when in the arena. Sponsor/logo shirts are encouraged.

## Superhorse Calendar of Events 2009 Schedule

<b>Decatur, Texas April 4, 2009</b>	at the <b><u>NRS Event Center</u></b>
<b>Spearfish, South Dakota June 23, 2009</b>	at the <b><u>Seven Down Event Center</u></b>
<b>Sheridan, Wyoming June 27, 2009</b>	King Ropes & Saddlery
<b>Bozeman, Montana August 15 &amp; 16, 2009</b>	at the <b><u>Copper Spring Ranch</u></b>
<b>Gainesville, Georgia October 8 &amp; 9, 2009</b>	at the <b>Chicopee Ag Center</b>

**Superhorse Championship Finals November 6-9, 2009** at the Western Heritage Arena in Marana, AZ

Go to [www.superhorsechampionships.com](http://www.superhorsechampionships.com) for event flyers for information about a specific event and facility point of contacts.

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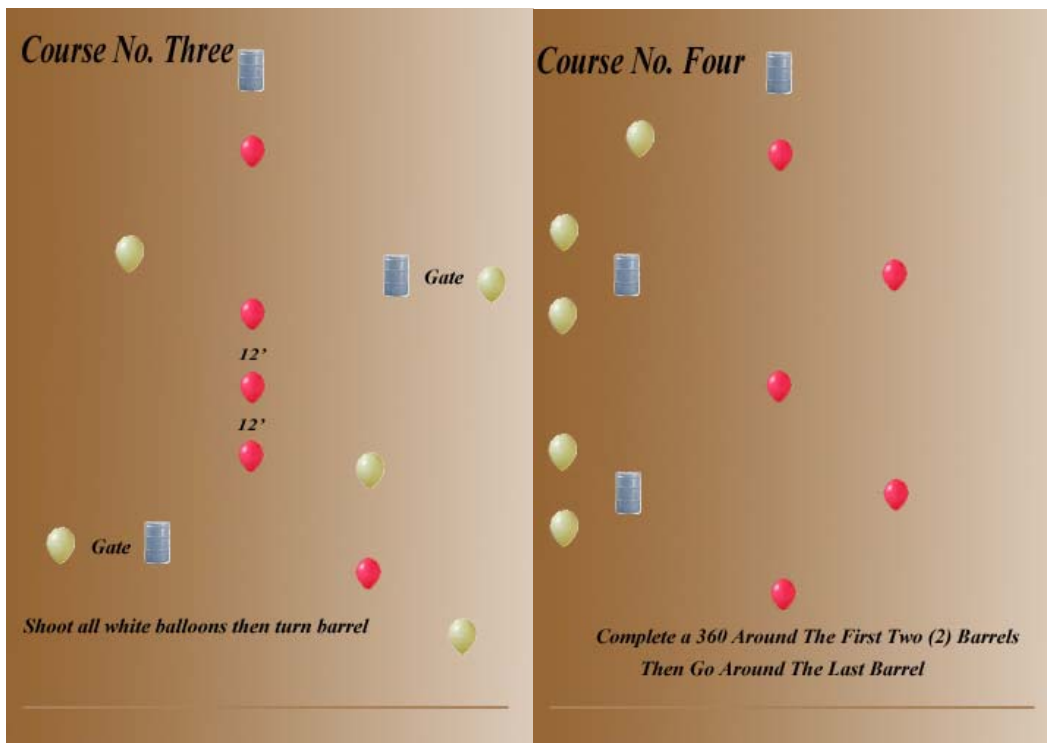
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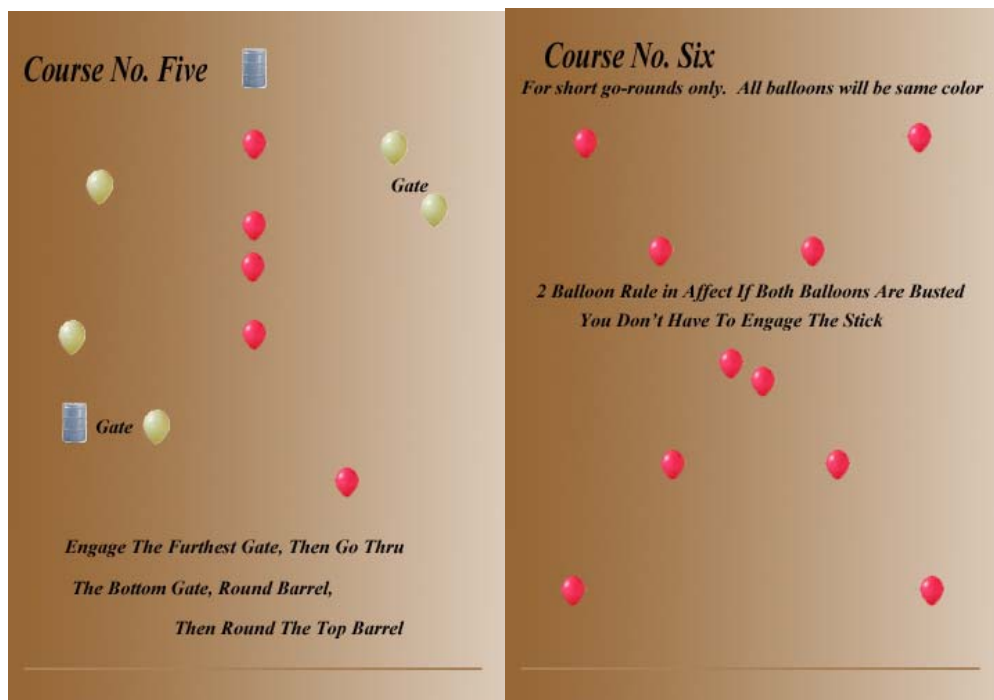
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## Mounted Shooting Courses





## Revised 7/21/09

On Pg 9, after the year-end paragraph: “in the event of a tie, we will go by time when appropriate.”

On page 2 under penalties: “If the cone or PVC is moved during that run, it will be considered a penalty of 5 seconds. If balloon pops at anytime during the run, you must engage that balloon, either way if accidental or not.

Vernon, Texas Event canceled.

Superhorse Championships date changed November 6-9, 2009.

If you have suggestions please let us know. Thanks

## Superhorse Championships



### Membership Satisfaction Survey

**Thank you** for taking the Customer Satisfaction Survey. The survey should take less than five minutes of your time to complete. After you fill out the form, You can save it and e-mail it to [info@prosuperhorse.com](mailto:info@prosuperhorse.com)

Please rate your satisfaction level with each of the following statements.

- 1 = very satisfied
- 2 = somewhat satisfied
- 3 = neutral
- 4 = somewhat dissatisfied
- 5 = very dissatisfied

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#### Superhorse Event

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| 2. How satisfied are you with the amount of time between classes?       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. How satisfied are you with the staff of Superhorse Championships?    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Rate your satisfaction with Superhorse documentation & registration. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Rate your overall satisfaction with Superhorse Championships.        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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| 8. Rate your overall satisfaction with the facility.        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

#### Superhorse Championships Web site

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| 9. Rate your satisfaction with Superhorse documentation & registration on the web. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Rate your satisfaction with ease of use of Superhorse Championships site.      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

11. How can Superhorse Championships improve your experience?

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