



West Texas Drifters 2025 Play Day Rules

Updated 1/3/2025

I. Office

- a. No more than one person signing up in the Crow's Nest at a time.
- b. You must present a current negative Coggins (Equine Infectious Anemia / EIA) certificate at each play day. If you do not have a copy available, you will be asked to leave.
- c. You are responsible for signing up to work, and filling out entry forms for your points to count.
- d. Books will open one hour before events start.
- e. Protests will be brought to the office with a \$25 cash only protest fee along with a protest in writing before the next event starts. The Rules Committee meeting concerning protests will be held in private and only the protestor and the protester and the Rules Committee may attend. Should you win the protest, the fee will be returned. If not, the club will retain the \$25 protest fee.
- f. Rules Committee shall be temporarily assigned as needed by the President. The Committee is defined as two members called to serve, and presided over by the President, who acts as a tie breaker vote. The Vice President will preside if the President is not present. Rules Committee is responsible for questions concerning Playday and Event rules, and Protests.

II. Fees

- a. \$3 per Event
- b. \$50 per play day family cap
 - i. Applies to members of a single family membership
 - ii. Does not include exhibition costs
- c. \$3 per Exhibition
- d. \$5 Office Fee if only exhibiting
- e. No refunds of entry fees
- f. WTD will not accept post-dated checks, or hold checks to deposit

III. Play day

- a. Events
 - i. Six events will be run each playday. Eight events will be run each season, in following with AASP&RC guidelines, per WTD Bylaw IX.B.1, plus new in 2020, we will add two new events. We will run 4 events at each playday, including barrels, with four other events alternating at the officer's discretion.

ODD Months:

Surprise Event (to be drawn)
Hitch & Go
Triangle Flags
Spur
Larryette
Cloverleaf Barrels

EVEN Months:

Poles
Straight Away Barrels
Hitch & Go
Spur
Surprise Event (to be drawn)
Cloverleaf Barrels

b. Classes

- i. Each rider must ride in their class.
- ii. Age is as of January 1st
- iii. Classes follow AASP&RC Guidelines:

Leadline (any age, assisted)	Intermediates 16 – 24
Super Pee Wee 6 & Under	Seniors 25 – 44
Pee Wee 7 – 10	Super Seniors 45 – 57
Juniors 11 – 15	Classic Seniors 58 & up

Walk/Trot (Co-ed, all ages)

- iv. Leadline riders must be led by a parent or guardian
- v. Leadline riders cannot be lead from horseback
- vi. Walk Trot riders cannot cross enter another class

c. Points

- i. Points are accumulated on the following scale:

1 st – 6 points	2 nd – 5 points	3 rd – 4 points	4 th – 3 points	5 th – 2 points	6 th – 1 point
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IV. Exhibitions

- a. Exhibition runs do not count toward points.
- b. Two exhibitions per rider, per event cap.
- c. Exhibitions can be canceled at the officer's discretion.
- d. Exhibitions will be at the end of each event.

V. Qualifying for Awards

- a. Daily Awards at Each Play day - ***Not currently awarding daily awards***
 - i. Play day High Point daily awards will be given to the top rider in each class at each play day.
 - ii. You do not have to be a member to qualify.
 - iii. Daily award placings do not count toward year end awards.
 - iv. Leadline riders will receive a participation award.
- b. Year End Series Awards
 - i. You must be a current member of WTD to accumulate points toward year end awards. Membership is not retroactive for rides before becoming a member.
 - ii. You must have twenty-four (24) rides for the year to qualify for year-end awards.
 - iii. A No-Time will count as a qualified ride; however, no points will be awarded for a No-Time. The rider must cross the timer at the start of the ride, attempt the patter and ride back across the timer to stop the clock for the ride to count as a qualified ride. In the event the rider does not cross the timer to attempt the patter or cross the timer to end the ride, a "NO-RIDE" will be recorded. In the event of a NO-RIDE, no points will be awarded nor will the ride count towards the number of qualified rides.
 - iv. All riders Junior and up must work one event at each playday they attend for their points to count.
 - v. A parent or guardian is responsible for working for Super Pee Wee and Pee Wee riders.
 - vi. Each class's Women and Men qualified riders will be placed 1st – 6th by point average. Awards will be determined at the end of the series.
 - vii. All qualified Leadline riders will receive an award.

VI. General Rules

- a. Three calls will be made for each rider, after the third call rider will be disqualified for that run.
 - i. In the event of broken tack, loose horse, or other unforeseen circumstance, the Crow's Nest must be notified in a timely fashion to bump the rider down on the call list without penalty. This does not apply to failing to appear to ride.
- b. No running horses outside the arena.
- c. Riders will use the South gate as an entrance, and the North gate as an exit.
- d. Disciplinary action for unmanageable horses **or** humans will be at the officer's discretion.
- e. Horses that are known to kick should be marked with a red ribbon. You are responsible for safely managing your own horse, and being aware of your surroundings.
- f. Riders must be able to hold themselves on horseback.
- g. Riders must be able to safely control and manage their horse.
- h. Riders may not tether or tie their horses together when warming up. You may pony, but the lead must remain in the rider's hand in the event a horse becomes unmanageable. **YOU MAY NOT PONY OR LEAD ANOTHER RIDER ON HORSEBACK DURING AN EVENT.**

- VII. Dress Code
- a. Suitable riding shoes with a heel is required.
 - b. Suitable riding clothing, long pants are recommended.
- VIII. Code of Reference
- a. Items not covered in the 2025 Play Day Rules will refer to:
 - 2025 WTD Arena Rules
 - 2025 WTD Bylaws
 - Robert's Rules of Order