

International Mountain Trail Challenge Association

2017 Buckle Series



"Building bold and confident Trail Horses!"

To register, pages 9,10,12



2017 Schedule

1st **Sunday, August 20th, 2017**
BHP, Silvercreek WA

2nd **Sunday, October 8th, 2017**
BHP, Silvercreek WA

End of the year Championship Banquet
held at
Bolender Horse Park
Date to be determined



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Dear Participants,

Welcome to the International Mountain Trail Challenge Association Buckle Series! We're glad you've decided to join us in the exciting sport of Mountain Trail riding and to participate this exciting new Sport!

Any rider can participate in the Challenge. IMTCA membership fees can be paid at the time of registration. This discipline is open to all equines and riders of all skill levels.

Mountain Trail Challenge is a unique way to help build a solid partnership between a horse and rider. When this partnership is developed, you can plainly see its results as horse and rider navigate obstacles safely, boldly and confidently.

The IMTCA Buckle Series is open to everyone.

The IMTCA Awards banquet will be held at the Bolender Horse Park date to be determined.

Please read the information carefully. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email us!

Welcome aboard!

IMTCA President



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Important Contacts : For Bolender Horse Park /IMTCA

Office Management:

Lee Bolender (Bolender Horse Park): (360) 269-6156, jleecowgirl@gmail.com

Show Secretary:

Diana Jones (Bolender Horse Park): (360) 270-6765, ddljones@yahoo.com

Concession Hours

Sunday 11am to 2pm



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Aerial Views of Bolender Horse Park and the Course



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Driving Directions to Bolender Horse Park

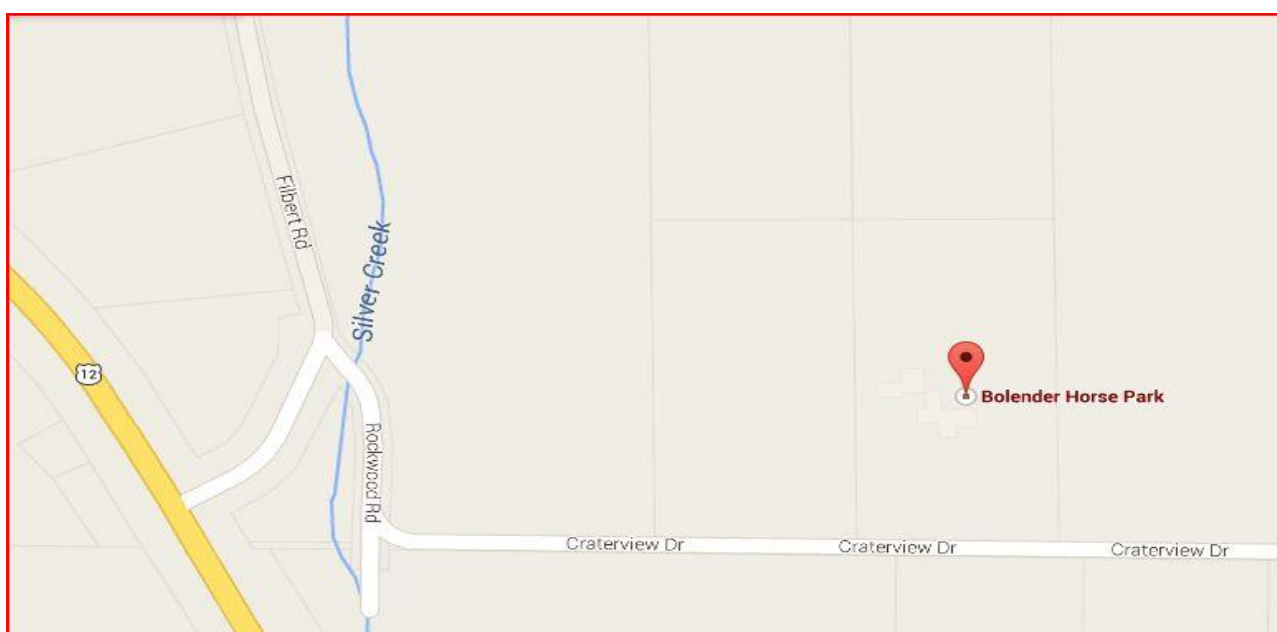
If you get lost on the way, feel free to call Mark (360) 269-5699 or Lee (360) 269-6156

From I-5

Bolender Horse Park is located half way between Portland, OR and Seattle, WA. Take exit 68 off of I-5 (US Hwy 12 / White Pass Hwy) east. Proceed east approx. 15 miles to mile marker 81 and turn left on the Filbert Rd. Go one block and turn right on the Rockwood Rd. – go one block and turn left in front of the Bolender sign (Crater View Dr. is unmarked). Go to top of the hill and turn left into Bolender Horse Park. Drive completely around the big barn and pull into a parking space if you have a horse trailer.

East on HWY 12

If you're traveling from the east on US Hwy 12 – when one crosses the Lake Mayfield Bridge going west then take the first road to the right (Filbert Road). Go one block and turn right on the Rockwood Rd. – go one block and turn left in front of the Bolender sign (Crater View Dr. is unmarked). Go to top of the hill and turn left into Bolender Horse Park. Drive completely around the big barn and pull into a parking space if you have a horse trailer.



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About the Challenges

Refer to the IMTCA 2017 Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations

What to expect at a Challenge

A competitive event for Mountain Trail and Extreme Mountain Trail is known as a challenge. A challenge tests a horse and rider's ability to navigate both natural and man-made obstacles in a safe manner and with technical skills that demonstrate great horsemanship. There will be up to three levels of difficulty that are designed to challenge but not intimidate riders. Attire and tack required for participating must be neat, clean and in good working order.

The overall purpose of the Trail Challenge is to promote good horsemanship skills and provide an educational venue for equestrians. Trail Challenge tests an equine and rider on their ability to work as a team and navigate obstacles which they might experience on a trail.

The horse and rider will encounter various obstacles during a Trail Challenge. Sometimes they will encounter difficult trail situations which will better prepare the equine and rider in the real world. Through education and experience, riding becomes more pleasurable, while safety and fun are encouraged.

Judges: All challenges must be judged by IMTCA certificated judges. A judge must have the ability to evaluate horsemanship skills such a rider's skill in controlling and maintaining the equine. The judge should be also familiar with the natural movement of the equine.



IMTCA Judge Scoring Reference 2017

Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Entry 2 points	Slightly off center	Not straight 1 horse length	Refuse 2				Acknowledges obstacle No break of gait (wow)
	Slightly not 1 horse length	Pause more than 3 seconds	Won't enter				
	Slightly not straight	Refuse 1	Jump in				
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Horse not straight					
		Hopping in					
Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Body 5 points	Tic	Hopping in	Stumbles	Horse dis- tracted	Small rearing	Out of obstacle 2 feet	Nice consistent forward gait (wow)
	Slightly off center At entry	Break gait Per each stride	Rushing	Consistent tight rein	Unsafe but not -5	3 refusals	
	Slightly un- straight	Each off center stride	Break gait By 2 strides	Horse not listening		Falls off obstacle	
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Lose fwd motion	Wrong lead at lope			Off course	
		Moves or steps on obstacle	Break gait at lope			Disobedience	
		Incorrect gait or lead	Knockdown			4+ steps on dismount or ground tie	
		Horse steps 1 on dismount	1 foot out of obstacle			Holding on to saddle except mount, dismount or Going up/down hill	
		Ground tie				Excessive whipping or spurring	
		Skip required space/step				Horse rears/bucks	
		Off center/				Seriously unsafe	
					Drops obstacle		
					Let go of gate		
Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Exit 2 points	Slightly off center	Hurry/rushes	Not safe				Acknowledges obstacle No break of gait (wow)
	Slightly not 1 horse length	Not straight 1 horse length	Jumps out				
	Slightly not straight	Not centered	Doesn't exit at exit				
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Hopping out					
Entry Disqualification							
Horse or rider falls		Abuse/aggressive schooling			Improper language to judge		
Horsemanship = 5 points Deductions (-1 to -5)							
Excessive use of hands to instill fear or praise		Equipment failure or unsafe					
Jerk on bit		Enter/Exit from incorrect side/direction					
Excessive spurring		Riding outside boundary					
Overcorrection of horse		Failure of correct gait between obstacles					
Dirty tack		Failure of travel line between obstacles					
Dirty horse		Head too low or over flexed					
Consistent tight rein		Inappropriate to judge					
		2 hands with shank bit Novice and Level 1 = -1 Level 2 = -2 Level 3 = -3 Open = -5					

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General Rules and Regulations for Bolender Horse Park

There is **no smoking** in the buildings or stables or around the concessions at Bolender Horse Park. Please observe the 5 mph limit on the property.

>**Upon Arrival:** Please check in at the office for stall and parking assignments. Be sure to sign the Release of Liability Agreement.

>**Entries:**

- **Important Class Entry Information:** Circle the number of the class you plan to enter. Trainers may only enter open classes and money classes.

FAX your completed registration form page to (360) 985-2420.

- A rider can enter up to 2 Levels within each Division, a rider can enter In Hand and Riding in each level entered. See restrictions for Classes within each “Classes” box on Page 10 & 11. Novice are excluded from Money, Open and Level 3 Classes.
- Payments: No entries/stall reservations accepted unless accompanied with payment.
- Add/Drop/Change Class: Classes can be added or dropped by informing our office up until the first exhibitor in the class has started.
- Refunds: Requests for refund can be made up to 10 days prior to challenge and are charged a \$25 office fee.

>**Dogs:** There is a \$25 fee charged per dog, per day. You are responsible for picking up after your pet. Dogs must be kept leashed at all times and kept away from people, horses, dogs, the concession area and the course. Owners are financially liable for any dog-related incidents.

>**Parking:** Please park only in designated areas and not next to the buildings.

>**RV/Camping:** Spots are assigned based on vehicle/trailer length. There is a limited number of spaces available. Dry camping and limited lodging is also available.

>**Practice/Walk Through:** Exhibitors will not be allowed to practice on the competition courses on the day of the event. Warm up obstacles will be set up to use through out the show. If room allows. A obstacle walk through (without horses) will be done at 8:00am prior to the competition. Competition starts 30 minutes after the last walk through.

>**Disputes not covered by rules:** Any dispute not covered by the IMTCA will be referred to management, who’s decision will be final. We reserve the right to adjust the schedule or to substitute judges if necessary. Changes and corrections will be posted in the office.

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IMTCA Challenge Registration Form

FAX this completed Form (Plus Pages 10,12) to: 360-985-2420 Tel: (360) 269-6156

Please circle the 2017 dates you are registering for:

August 20th (August 19th Lessons)

October 8th (October 7th Lessons)

End of the year Championship Banquet : Date TBD

Riders Name: _____ **Name of Horse:** _____

IMTCA Member No. _____ **Equine Age** _____ **Equine Breed** _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Lessons: Group or Private/Semi-Private: (day before challenges, not on show days)

2 Hour Group—\$70.00

Private/Semi Private Lesson (1-2 people) \$75 per hour/ per person (Times To Be Determined)

Novice and Level 1 _____ 11:00—1:00

Level 2 _____ 1:30—3:30

Level 3 _____ 4:00—6:00

Private/Semi-Private Lessons _____ Time TBD

Lessons: Group or Private (please circle) \$ _____

10 classes for \$200 in adult and youth (Gamblers Choice excluded)

Lead Line or Novice: \$35 per class _____ X \$35 \$ _____

Adult Classes: \$35 per class **or** 10 for \$200 _____ X \$35 \$ _____

Youth Classes: \$25 per class **or** 10 for \$200 _____ X \$25 \$ _____

Gamblers Choice: \$40 (\$200 for 1st place, must have 5 riders) \$ _____

Lodging: \$50 per person, per night \$ _____

RV Hookups: First Person \$25/night Additional persons \$15 each/night \$ _____

Youth free with parent

Dry Camping: First Person \$20/night Additional persons \$10 each/night \$ _____

Youth free with parent

Dogs: \$25/dog/day (must be leashed, you are responsible for clean up) \$ _____

Stalls: \$25/day or \$70 for 3 days \$ _____

Shavings/Bedding (mandatory): \$15.00 \$ 15.00

Stall Cleaning: \$15/day (will pick 1x/day) \$ _____

Stall Stripping: \$20/stall \$ _____

Haul In: \$20/horse (day of challenge) \$ _____

\$10 one-time charge to track scores for 2017 **No Charge for IMTCA members** \$ _____

\$20 fee for day of challenge entry \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Credit Card Payment Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVC _____

*** Make checks payable to IMTCA ***

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Within each Division, a rider can choose two Levels, In Hand or Riding, or both. See restrictions for Divisions within each box below.

Novice are excluded from level #3, Money and Open Classes.

Please circle the number of the class or classes you are entering.

To register, pages 9,10,12 must be returned by email, Mail or FAX (360-985-2420).

Lead Line Division

1. Lead Line

Novice Division

2. In Hand 3. Riding

In Hand Division

4. Level 1
5. Level 2
6. Level 3

Youth Division

In Hand

7. Level 1
9. Level 2
11. Level 3

Riding

8. Level 1
10. Level 2
12. Level 3

Junior Horse Division

(5 and under) (this is an Open Class)

In Hand

13. Level 1
15. Level 2
17. Level 3

Riding

14. Level 1
16. Level 2
18. Level 3

Adult Division

In Hand

19. Level 1
21. Level 2
23. Level 3

Riding

20. Level 1
22. Level 2
24. Level 3

Senior Horse Division

(6 and over) (this is an Open Class)

In Hand

25...Level 1
127. Level 2
1429Level 3

Riding

26. Level 1
28. Level 2
30. Level 3

Open Division

In Hand

31. Level 1
33. Level 2
35. Level 3

Riding

32. Level 1
34. Level 2
36. Level 3

Money Class

37. Gamblers Choice

Print Your Name: _____

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CATEGORIES:

Novice: Walking over obstacles/lesser degree of difficulty than Level 1

Level 1: New Partnership, Walk only, in hand or riding.

Level 2: Intermediate, walk and trot, in hand and riding. 180 degrees on some obstacles.

Level 3: Masters, walk, trot and canter, 360 degrees on some obstacles.

Lead Line: Rider on the ground, horse on line with person in saddle.

DEFINITIONS:

Novice: Limited exposure to mastering Mountain Trail obstacles. No more than 3 blue ribbons in a qualifying Trail Challenge or in the first 2 years of riding.

Youth: Any rider under 18 years of age.

Adult: 18 years of age and over.

Open: All riders qualified except for Novice

Trainers: Any rider who is paid to train or give lessons, can **Only** go in Open classes

Junior Horse: Horses 5 years and under (this is an Open Class)

Money Classes: Gamblers Choice, \$200 prize 1st place

ELEGIBILITY CLASSES PER DIVISION (AND FOR TRAINERS):

Novice

2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, 20, 21, 22

Novice riders may not ride in a level 3, Open or Money classes

Youth

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37

Adult

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37

Open/Trainers

4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37

RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS, DEFEND AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT
THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

The undersigned, as a Participant/Spectator/Visitor/Horse Owner/Contractor/Volunteer (collectively “**Participant**”), on his/her own behalf and, if applicable, as the Parent/Legal Guardian of a minor Participant, for good and valuable consideration, agrees to the terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, Defend, and Indemnification Agreement (“**Release**”).

1. **Assumption of Risk and Waiver:** Participant understands and accepts the risks of engaging in Equine Activities, while mounted or unmounted, as well as merely being near a horse, pony, mule, donkey, or hinny (collectively “**equine**”), include, but are in no way limited to, faulty equipment or tack that cause injury or death, Released Parties’ failure to make a reasonable effort to determine the ability of Participant to engage safely in an equine activity or to safely manage the particular equine provided based on Participant’s representations of his or her ability, Released Parties’ failure to conspicuously post warning signs of a dangerous inconspicuous condition on the real property, as well as: (1) the propensity of an equine to behave in a way that may result in injury or death to a person on or near it (ex.: jump, run, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, bite, stumble, fall, etc.); (2) the unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to a sound (ex.: doors opening and closing, snow and ice falling, rain, wind, thunder, voices, music, guns, etc.), movement, or unfamiliar object (ex.: machinery, equipment, obstacles, buggies, carts, barrels, ground poles, cones, flowers, flags, golf carts, mini-bikes, whips, bats, construction material, etc.), person or animal (ex. leashed or unleashed dogs, ducks, wildlife, equines, etc.); (3) a collision with an object or another animal; (4) the potential for a person participating in an equine activity to act in a negligent manner, to fail to control the equine or to not act within his or her ability; (5) natural hazards, including surface and subsurface conditions (ex.: ground holes, uneven terrain, slippery or deep footing, etc.); and (6) any material or object utilized or included in designing and/or construction of the mountain trail course provided by Mark H. Bolender or anyone or entity on his behalf or at his direction. Participant agrees that engaging in Equine Activities under this Release includes, but is in no way limited to, those defined in the Washington Equine Activity Liability Statute, WA ST 4.24.530 *et seq.*, as well as riding another’s equine, petting, guiding, leading, mounting, feeding, watching, and otherwise interacting with or merely being in the vicinity of equines (collectively “**Equine Activities**”). Participant understands the injuries, death, loss, and damage that may result from the inherent risks of engaging in Equine Activities or just being near equines, that equines are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous, even without warning, and that the risks listed in this Release is just a sampling and Participant is not relying on Released Parties (defined below) to list all possible equine-related risks. Participant understands that Mark H. Bolender highly recommends the wearing of an ASTM/SEI-certified equestrian hard hat (“**Hard Hat**”) for anyone engaging in Equine Activities. Participant understands and agrees that failing to wear a Hard Hat while engaged in Equine Activities increases the risk of serious injury and/or death, Participant is not relying on Released Parties to provide a Hard Hat, check a Hard Hat or its harness strap for proper fitting, or monitor the wearing of a Hard Hat at any time now or in the future. Participant understands and agrees that Participant has other facilities to choose from, he/she has inspected the facility property and trails and is satisfied that all are reasonable and safe for Participant’s intended use, he/she is voluntarily engaging in Equine Activities, he/she is directly and intentionally engaging in and assuming the risks of Equine Activities, and he/she agrees to at all times to be responsible for his/her personal safety. Participant agrees to purchase and maintain his/her health and liability insurance, remain responsible for his/her medical expenses, and waives his/her right to any claims arising from his/her participation in or observation of any Equine Activities, being near equines, or merely being present on real property owned, leased, rented, borrowed, visited, or otherwise occupied or utilized by Released Parties. “Released Parties” herein includes Bolender Horse Park, Inc., International Mountain Trail Challenge Association, LLC, Mark H. Bolender, Juanita Lee Bolender, and their respective family members, heirs, agents, trustees, beneficiaries, employees, working students, volunteers, independent contractors, clinicians, guests, visitors, invitees, partners, members, managers, officers, directors, owners, lessors, lessees, licensors, licensees, and others acting on their behalf.

2. **Release, Hold Harmless, Defend, Indemnify:** Participant agrees to release, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify Released Parties for any illness, injury, death, damage, or other loss (collectively “**Loss**”) incurred by Participant or to Participant’s property and/or horse, even if such Loss is caused in whole or in part by negligence or other fault of Participant or Released Parties (except gross negligence, or reckless or willful and wanton conduct). This Release shall not expire and shall remain in full force and effect in perpetuity.

3. **Governing Law, Jurisdiction, Time/Liability Limitation, Attorneys’ Fees, Jury Waiver:** This Release shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. All disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Release shall be resolved by the state court in Lewis County, Washington. Participant agrees that any and all claims for Loss by Participant against Released Parties must be brought within one (1) year of the date accrued and any surviving claim for personal property Loss is limited to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for any and all attorneys’ fees and costs incurred by Released Parties in enforcing the terms of this Release and/or in defending or prosecuting any claims or causes of action involving or relating to Participant. Participant agrees to waive trial by jury in any action with Released Parties.

4. **Severability, Modification:** If any provision of this Release is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent of the law. The Release can only be modified if signed by Participant and Mark H. Bolender.

5. **Certification:** Participant certifies he/she read this Release and understands that signing this Release is required for Participant to participate in Equine Activities with Released Parties, knows that he/she has other instructors, facilities and/or horses to choose from, and voluntarily intends on his/her own behalf, and on behalf of minor Participant, and Participant’s spouse, parents, family members, heirs, agents, trustees, beneficiaries, representatives, successors, and assigns, to be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein.

Date: _____ Participant’s Signature (on my own behalf and for minor): _____

Printed Name: _____ Phone/E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone: _____

Minor Participant’s Name and Date of Birth: _____