

International Mountain Trail Challenge Association

2017 Buckle Series



"Building bold and confident Trail Horses!"

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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
November 26th, 2017



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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 on November 26th, 2017.

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

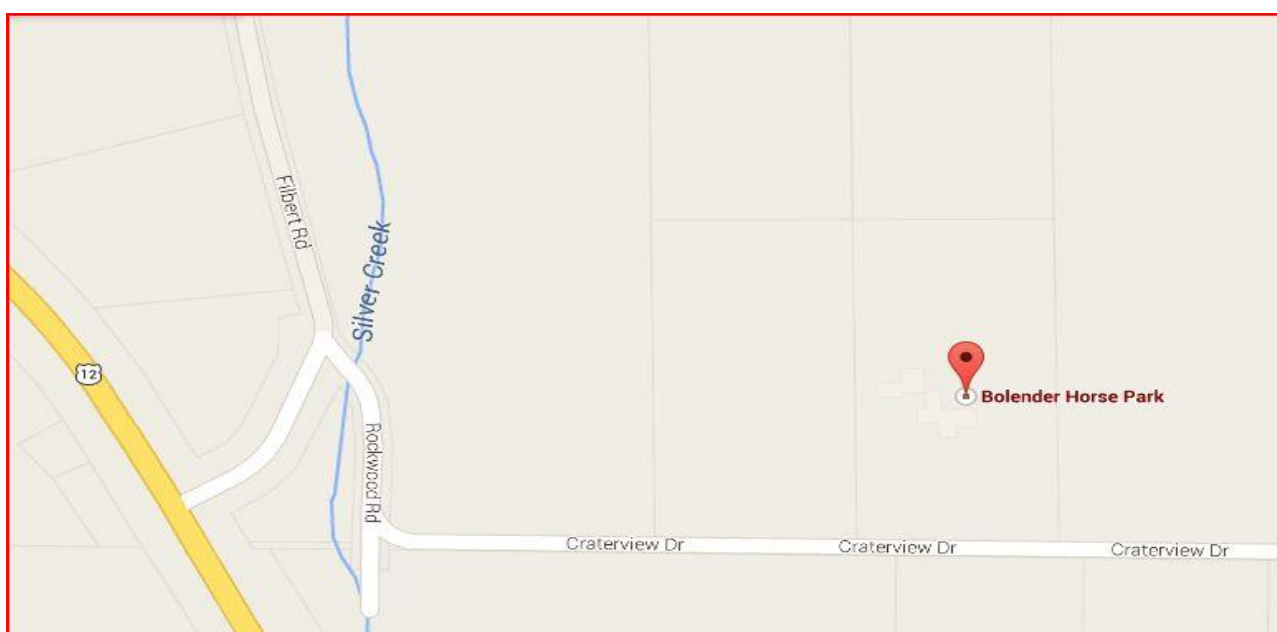
If you get lost on the way, feel free to call Mark (360) 269-5699 or Lee (360) 269-6156

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.



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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 : November 26th, 2017

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 FROM LIABILITY CONTRACT

This release from liability contract is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between Mark Bolender, Unique Horsemanship and Bolender Horse Park (hereinafter and collectively designated "Bolender") and the Rider, or Rider's parent or guardian if a minor (hereinafter and collectively designated "Rider"). In return for the use today and on all future days, of property, facilities, and services of Bolender, the Rider, his/her heirs, assigns and legal representatives, hereby expressly agree to the following:

1. RIDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FULL AND COMPLETE INSURANCE COVERAGE for horseback riding, and for coverage of himself or herself, for the horse, and for personal property. Any and all damages or injuries to the rider or horse including any and all medical or veterinary expenses resulting from said injuries, are the sole responsibility of the rider.
2. RIDER UNDERSTANDS THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS in and around equine activities and an activity sponsor, equine professional and/or Bolender is not liable for any injury, including but not limited to, death of a rider, a guest or a horse.
3. RIDER AGREES TO ASSUME any and all risks involved in or arising from rider's use of or presence upon Bolender's property and facilities including but not limited to: property damage, falls, kicks, bites, collisions with vehicles, horses or stationary objects, the unavailability of emergency medical care, and for the negligence and/or deliberate act of another person.
4. RIDER AGREES TO HOLD BOLENDER and anyone associated with Bolender completely harmless and releases them from all liability, agreeing not to take any legal action for anything arising out of use of, or presence upon Bolender's property and facilities, even if damages are caused by the direct, willful and wanton gross negligence of Bolender.
5. RIDER AGREES TO WAIVE THE PROTECTION afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise.
6. RIDER AGREES TO IDEMNIFY AND DEFEND Bolender against, and hold harmless from, any and all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorneys' fees, which in any way arises from Rider's use of or presence upon Bolender's property and facilities.
7. RIDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY all of Bolender's rules and regulations, to seek said rules and regulations on his/her own, and to assume responsibility for using any and all necessary and appropriate protective gear such as helmet and boots.
8. IF RIDER IS USING RIDER'S HORSE, the horse shall be free from infection and contagious or transmittable diseases. Bolender reserves the right to refuse access for a horse if not in proper health or deemed dangerous or undesirable.
9. THE RIDER GRANTS BOLENDER PERMISSION to use Rider's likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration, and understand and agree these materials will become the property of Bolender. Rider waives the right to inspect or approve any images or alterations, including written or electronic copy, wherein likeness appears. Additionally, Rider waives any rights to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.
10. THIS CONTRACT IS NON-ASSIGNABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE and is made and entered into the State of Washington and shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of this state. Should any clause be in conflict with Washington State Law, then the clause is null and void. When Bolender and Rider (and Rider's parent or guardian, if Rider is a minor) signs this contract, it will then be binding on both parties, subject to the above terms and conditions.

I, the Rider and the undersigned, agree to the above conditions and hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization,

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand this RELEASE FROM LIABILITY CONTRACT:

Rider's name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent/Guardian printed name (if minor) _____ Parent/Guardian signature _____
 Address (Street, City, State, Zip) _____ Phone # _____
 Witness (print) _____ Witness (Signature) _____
 Description of horse (if applicable) _____
 E-Mail _____

I agree to be added to email system to get updates on upcoming events and interesting material. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If unchecked, your email will be added. You can opt out anytime by contacting us. We will share your email only with IMTCA. We also will not sell or transfer your email anywhere else without your consent.