

# Trail Obstacle Challenge

## At Diamond B Ranch

**Saturday, June 9, 2012**

Registration Opens at 4:00 p.m.

**Youth & Novice Start at 6:00 p.m.**

**Non-Pro & Pro/Posse will start immediately after.**

**There will be a posted order of go.**

The challenge consists of 10 to 15 obstacles such as water crossings, side-pass, tarps, bridges, back through and other interesting obstacles. Horses will be scored on how well they negotiate each one.

**New Divisions** - Youth, Novice Horse & Rider, Non-Pro and Pro/Posse.

Multiple judges will allow several horses to be on course at one time.

Payback, prizes & ribbons in all divisions!

Open to all horses, mules, and riders.

**Pre-entries suggested & appreciated!**  
**Order of go based on receipt of entries.**

**SOCA Member Entry Fee: \$30.00**

**Non-SOCA Member Entry Fee: \$40.00**

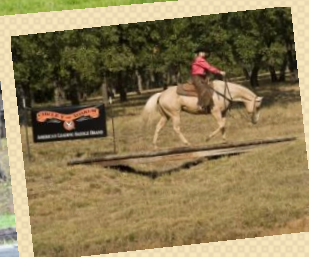
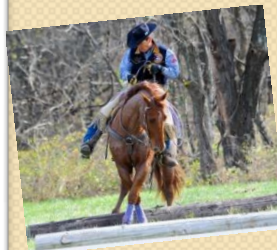
**Negative Coggins and Signed Liability Releases Required**

**Helmets required for riders 16 years and younger.**

**Primitive Camping & Limited Panels Available for overnight guests.**

Hosted by:  
**Southern Obstacle Challenge Association**

**WHERE YOU AND YOUR HORSE CAN HAVE FUN!**



**\$5 Spectator Fee**  
**Bring Your Own Chair!**

**Diamond B Ranch**  
**21309 Kettering Road**  
**Dade City, FL 33523**

**(Use Google Maps for Directions)**

**www.southernobstaclechallenges.com**  
**Phone - 352-217-2448 or email**  
**southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com**



**SOCA Trail Obstacle Challenge Entry Form**  
(one rider & horse/mule/donkey per form)

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/Mule/Donkey Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Horse \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Riding with: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one category:      Youth      Non-Pro      Pro/Posse      Novice Horse & Rider

Entry Fee: \$30 SOCA Members      \$40 Non-Members      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SOCA Membership (optional)      Individual (\$10)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee subtotal (add in membership fee if joining)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camping/Stall      Arrival & Departure dates: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Primitive Campsites @ \$15 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Panel Stalls @ \$20 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Before June 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**Entry form and payment mailed to:**

**SOCA**  
**PO Box 1479**  
**Bushnell, FL 33513**

**After June 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**Email Entries to:**

**southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com**  
**or fax to:**  
**352-568-3351**

For Office Use Only
Paid: \$ _____
Ck _____ Cash _____

**CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED for all equines to be admitted to Diamond B Ranch property, no exceptions.**

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: After the Challenge, we will refund camping, stalls or entry fees if notice is received before the start of the event.

**Please sign both the SOCA and Diamond B Release forms attached – Thank you!!**

# Release Form

(one must be signed by each participant and mailed with entry)

I understand horseback riding & related activities are very dangerous & involve the risk of serious injury &/or death, &/or property damage, including injury &/or death to horses, spectators & others. I understand that our horse(s), by being on Diamond B Ranch property, may be exposed to harmful bacteria & viruses, & I assume the risk of possible exposure. Attempting obstacles and participating in obstacle challenges can be dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury or death. Accordingly, I agree any activity engaged in by me while participating in activities with the Southern Obstacle Challenge Association and Diamond B Ranch will be done at my own risk. Accordingly, I release & agree to hold harmless the Southern Obstacle Challenge Association and Diamond B Ranch, the lessees, their officers & directors & the owner of the property & any & all persons or entities who are guarantors or indemnitors of the above, all agents, employees, & promoters, sponsors, other riders, horse owners, advertisers, sales persons, photographers, volunteers, (hereinafter called "Releasees") for all liability for negligence or otherwise. I assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, illness, death of myself &/or horse(s), & any other property damage due to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while on premises or engaged in horseback riding related activities, &/or while training, riding, competing, officiating, observing, teaching, working for, or for any purpose related to horseback riding, eventing or participating as a rider or spectator in such activities. I agree not to sue any Releasees & I release & agree to indemnify Releasees from & for all liability for the undersigned, his/her person, representatives, assignees, heirs, & demands therefore on account of injury to the person, or property or death of the undersigned whether caused by negligence of the Releasees or otherwise. I agree that this Release, Waiver & Indemnity Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by the law of this state where these activities are conducted, and if any part hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force & effect.

I have read & voluntarily signed the Release & Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement & further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreements, have been made nor shall be made except by a written and signed Addendum.

*WARNING: Under Florida law (Statute 773.04), an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.*

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Signature of Rider (19 or older)      Date      Signature of Parent or Guardian (18 & under)

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Printed Name of Rider

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

**GENERAL RELEASE IN AND FOR JOHN BUSHELL AND MARGARET BUSHELL  
AND DIAMOND "B" RANCH 21309 KETTERING RD, DADE CITY, PASCO COUNTY, FL**

**Under Florida Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.**

This release executed on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by \_\_\_\_\_

City of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Florida referred to releasor.

In consideration of being permitted to participate, view or audit Competitions and/or Demonstrations conducted on Releases property and premises being conducted, and being allowed access to the land and acreage known as the Diamond "B" Ranch and facilities owned by John and Margaret Bushell and being allowed ingress and egress and the use of the premises and the facilities located thereon, releasor, the undersigned, individually and on behalf of releasor's personal representative, heirs, executors, next of kin and assigns waives, discharges and covenants not to sue or bring claim for any personal injury or property damage, indemnity or contribution against John or Margaret Bushell, The Diamond "B" Ranch its officers, members, insurance carriers, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners, and lessees of the premises and each of them their officers and employees, all referred to as releasees, from all liability to the releasor, his or hers personal representatives, executors, heirs, next of kin, assigns for any and all loss and damage, and any claim or damage thereon, on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the releasor, whether caused by the negligence or malfeasance of the releasees or otherwise while the releasor is on the pemises of the releasees, training, competing, arriving, leaving, participating in any activity on the property or premises of the releasees.

Releasor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the releasees and each of them and their employees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost releasees may incur due to the presence of the releasor in or on the premises or property of the releasees, including but not limited to the Diamond "B" Ranch, whether caused by the negligence or malfeasance of the releasees, their employees or otherwise.

Releasor assumes full responsibility for risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence or malfeasance of the releasees or its employees or otherwise while on the premises or property of the releases, and the Diamond "B" Ranch while training, receiving instruction, preparing for training or instruction, loading and unloading horses and animals, arriving, leaving or for any purpose participating in any activity whatsoever on the premises of the releases and the Diamond "B" Ranch.

Releasor agrees that this waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Florida and that if any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Releasor, being of lawful age, in consideration of being permitted access to the premises and property of the John and Margaret Bushell and the Diamond "B" Ranch and to participate in the activities thereon, does for him or herself, her or his personal representative, heirs, executors, next of kin and assigns hereby release and forever discharge John and Margaret Bushell and the Diamond "B" Ranch, their heirs, administrators and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatsoever kind and nature, either in law or in equity, arising from or by reason of bodily injury or personal injuries known an unknown, death and/or property damage resulting or to result from any accident which may occur as a result of the participation in any activity, preparation for activity in or on the premises of John and Margaret Bushell or the Diamond "B" Ranch whether by negligence or malfeasance or not.

Releasor further states that he or she has read carefully the above release and knows the contents of the release and signs this release, voluntarily, as his or her own free act.

Releasor further releases all employees and personnel of John and Margaret Bushell and the Diamond "B" Ranch from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered releasor during participation of any act or activity while on the premises of John and Margaret Bushell and the Diamond "B" Ranch.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this agreement and the terms of the release are contractual and not a mere recital.

Signed and executed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

(Minor, under the age of 18, requires the signature of a parent or legal guardian)

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Signature of Releasor or Parent/Legal Guardian of minor child (less than 18 years of age)

# SOCA Trail Obstacle Challenge

## Rules & General Information

- EVERY person attending the Challenge (participant or observer) is responsible for knowing & abiding by these rules.
- SAFETY is first and foremost in this event. Please be careful. If your horse gets upset with any obstacle, it is better to pass than to try to force him to do something that will scare him or result in injury to horse or rider.
- Each rider must pick up their own score card at registration. You will not be permitted to access the course and navigate obstacles without an official score card. Carry your score card with you on the course. It is each rider's responsibility to present the card to and collect it from each judge. When your last obstacle is scored, that judge will keep your card and turn in to the scoring team.
- It is mandatory that all riders 16 years and younger be helmeted at all times when on horseback on Diamond B Ranch property. All competitors must wear boots or closed toe shoes.
- The obstacle judges have an obligation to ensure safety. If a judge determines a situation is not safe, their word is **FINAL**. If a judge asks you to not continue with a particular obstacle, you must obey that request and withdraw from the obstacle. **Arguing with the judges is not allowed** and will be grounds for dismissal from the Challenge and perhaps from the property.
- Riding double is NOT allowed on the premises due to liability risk.
- All horses must have some type of bridle, Indian bit or headgear for control and some type of saddle or bare-back pad that has a girth and stirrups. Bareback and bridle-less riding is not allowed.
- Each horse and rider must negotiate obstacles on their own, one at a time, **AT A WALK**. You may not follow another horse through an obstacle.
- Riders **MUST** stay mounted while negotiating an obstacle. A dismount will result in a zero score for that obstacle. [unless dismounting is part of the obstacle]
- Each obstacle has a one-minute (60 second) completion time limit. Please exit when asked, judge will alert you when time is almost up.
- Scoring will be based on a scale of 0 to 5, with 5 being the best and ½ point increments being awarded at the judges discretion:
  - **Score of 5:** Horse moves willingly toward and through the obstacle with relaxed, forward movements. NO hesitation and NO obvious encouragement from the rider.
  - **Score of 4:** Horse moves forward willingly with only one or two slight hesitations. Some subtle encouragement from rider.
  - **Score of 3:** Horse moves forward but is resistant with a stop or two, looking closely at obstacle. Obvious encouragement from rider.
  - **Score of 2:** Horse is resistant and unwilling. Frequent stopping and frequent encouragement from rider.
  - **Score of 1:** Horse is extremely resistant and unwilling, shying at obstacle, backing up or spinning and unwilling to go forward. Gets through the obstacle only with continuous encouragement from rider and continuous use of voice and legs.
  - **Score of 0:** Horse is unable to complete the obstacle.
- There will be multiple judges for the trail challenge competition, each scoring two to four obstacles. The riders scores from all judges will be tallied together for a total score.
- Some obstacles will be timed to break ties, if there are multiple entries with the same total score.
- Note: In placing divisions; **HORSES THAT COMPLETE ALL THE OBSTACLES WILL BE PLACED AHEAD OF HORSES THAT MISSED ANY OBSTACLES**. For example; if horse A completes all obstacles with a score of 50 and horse B completes only 14 of 15 obstacles with a score of 54, horse A will be placed ahead of horse B.
- **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:** After the Challenge, we will refund camping, stalls or entry fees if notice is received before the start of the event.
- Coggins – Will be checked for all horses entering the event property.
- **Directions – Google 21309 Kettering Road, Dade City, FL 33523. Please do not use mapquest or GPS's!! Please email or call the contact number on the event flyer for more information.**



- NO horses will be allowed on the course prior to competition.
- The **order of go** through the course will be determined by the order in which entries are received for each division, and will be available via email at least 24 hours prior to the event, as well as posted at the entry office on the day of the event. Post entries will go at the end of the line, in the order received. **PRE-ENTRIES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!!!**
- If you want to ride the course with others, list their names on the entry form and we will try to put you together in the order of go. If you do not request this in advance on the entry form, we cannot guarantee that we can accommodate you.
- All entries must be ready to ride the course when called. Management reserves the right to make changes to the order to expedite the challenge.
- All breeds of horses, mules and donkeys may be ridden. Stallions are allowed, but we ask that they be handled in a responsible manner for the safety of the exhibitors and spectators. If any horses are deemed to be difficult and pose a potentially unsafe situation, management may dismiss the competitor from the facility.
- **Divisions** - Please be honest with divisions entered – SOCA promotes a fair playing field for all skill levels. SOCA reserves the right to refuse entries for anyone purposely misrepresenting their abilities, as deemed by judges and officers.
  - Youth – Riders 17 & Under
  - Novice Horse & Rider – Both horse and rider are new to obstacle challenges – Horses and riders can only compete in Novice for one calendar year or if SOCA judges determine that you should be moved up due to skill level.
  - Non-Pro – Riders 18 & Over who do not accept money for training or riding horses
  - Professional/Posse – A rider that is paid to train or a horse/rider that is a member of any posse
- A mount may only be entered one time per division, however riders may enter more than one mount. Horses may not be entered in multiple divisions with different riders.
- Competitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials or competition management on the part of the owner or rider will disqualify the horse/mule/donkey from adjudication. The competition management reserves the right to remove the owner or rider from the competition without being liable for compensation or damages. Abuse of horses or humans will not be tolerated!
- Indemnity and Non-responsibility clause: All entries acceptable with the understanding that neither the Southern Obstacle Challenge Association, Diamond B Ranch, nor its officers, nor any of the sponsors at the competition will be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury or damages done to any owner, horse/mule/donkey, attendant or their equipment that may be lost, stolen, destroyed or in any way damaged at this competition. All riders will be required to sign releases.
- Prizes (Neither SOCA or Diamond B Ranch guarantee any prizes ):
  - Payback in all divisions will equal 50% of that divisions entry fees with first place = 40%, Second Place = 30%, Third Place = 20%, and Fourth Place = 10%. For example, if there are 20 entries in a division at \$30 per entry. Total collected is \$600 and total payback will be \$300 divided as such: First \$120, Second \$90, Third \$60, Fourth \$30.
  - Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners and ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place
- Concessions – There will be a concession stand open during the event.
- Stalls – Panel stalls are limited – These will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please notify us ahead of time so that we can make arrangements. No tie outs please.
- Camping – Primitive camping is available. Those that are self contained are welcome to park your trailer on the property at Diamond B Ranch.
- Trash – Please clean up after yourself! We will be happy to provide trash bags.
- Dogs – We ask this if you need to bring dogs, please keep them tied to your trailer or crated for the safety of all horses and riders.
- Fun & Safety – We hope that everyone enjoys a day full of fun, but please keep the safety of you, your horse, and other participants in mind.