



## **General Show Rules**

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### **Proper Attire Required:**

- **All people under 18 years of age will be required to have an approved helmet on any time they are mounted on a horse in the warm up area or the show arena.**
  
  - **Western Pleasure Show Classes:** Boots, hat, long or short sleeved collared shirt (no sleeveless shirts allowed, chaps and spurs optional). No training aids, boots or leg wraps, tie-downs, martingales, hackamores, bosal or snaffle bits may be used. Junior horses may show in snaffle bit, bosal or hackamore.
  
  - **English Classes:** Riding boots or Jodhpur shoes, hat/helmet (required), breeches, jacket (at judge's discretion) No tie downs, flash, standing or running martingales, hackamores, boots, leg wraps, or Western curb bits permitted. Riding crops and English spurs are permitted.
  
  - **Gaited Classes:** Coat (at judges discretion, if English attire), boots or jodhpur shoes, and hat.
  
  - **Speed Classes:** Boots, helmet (17 and under), collared shirt.
1. The use of inhumane equipment or treatment will result in disqualification (Show Committee and/or judge shall have final word).
  2. Any rider may be excused from the arena for improper conduct (Show Committee and/or judge shall have final word).
  3. Horses must be under control at all times. Horses deemed to be dangerous to the rider or others may be excused and may not be allowed to continue in the show. (Show Committee and/or judge shall have final word).
  4. No horses or trailers allowed around the refreshment stand or bleachers.
  5. Riders will stop their horses immediately if a rider is down or horse loose in the arena for any reason.
  6. Only authorized personnel are allowed in announcer's stand.
  7. Persons 17 years of age and under will be under adult supervision at all times.

- 8.** Persons 17 years of age and under must show in youth or open classes only, and are ineligible to show in adult classes. Age of riders will be based on their age at January 1<sup>st</sup> of that show season.
- 9.** Youth (under the age of 18) are not allowed to show a stallion (a colt older than one year old). A colt is considered 1 year old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of foal date.
- 10.** No horses allowed to run (gallop/canter) outside of arena, except in designated warm-up areas.
- 11.** No pets, other than horses and service animals, are allowed on show arena grounds.
- 12.** Disorderly conduct by spectators or show participants will not be tolerated and will be grounds for dismissal from the property at the discretion of the Show Committee.
- 13.** All decisions of the show committee are final.
- 14.** No smoking in the warm-up area.
- 15.** Alcohol is not permitted on show arena grounds.



## Pleasure Class Rules

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- ▶ **Stock Type Halter** ~ To be judged on way of going & conformation. This class includes Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, and all other stock-type horses. Horses may be of any age or sex. Stallions, mares and geldings will show as one class. Horses may be shown in western halter with exhibitor wearing proper western attire or English bridle with exhibitor wearing proper English attire. No flash allowed. See General Show Rules for tack & attire requirements. Man-made blemishes are to be disregarded in the judging.
- ▶ **Non-Stock Type Halter** ~ To be judged on way of going or favorite gait and conformation. This class includes Arabians, Morgans, Thoroughbreds and all other non-stock type breeds, including gaited breeds. Other rules see Stock-Type Halter. No flash allowed.
- ▶ **Yearling/Weanling Halter** ~ To be judged on way of going or favorite gait and conformation. Horses of any breed in halter shown in English or Western attire. No flash allowed. Less than 2 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ▶ **Youth Showmanship I and II** ~ Open to exhibitors 17 years of age and under. To be judged on exhibitor's ability to present his/her horse or pony in the best possible manner. No stallions are permitted. Exhibitor is not eligible for classes 1 or 2 with the same horse. Proper English or Western tack and attire. No flash allowed. The show chairperson will choose the showmanship pattern.
- ▶ **Lead-line** ~ Riders of any age. Horses are to be led both ways of the arena. To be judged on riders equitation. Riders not eligible to show in any class other than Youth Showmanship. Use of halter under or over bridle is optional and will not be counted off.
- ▶ **Open Gaited Country Pleasure** ~ Walk & favorite gait - no trot or canter. Western or English tack & attire. See General Show Rules for tack & attire requirements. Gaits shall be asked in the following order: Walk, Slow Gait to Favorite Gait. Horses to be flat shod. No padded hooves.
- ▶ **Youth/Novice English/Western, Walk/Trot, Favorite Gait** ~ Open to riders 17 years of age & under with either horses or ponies. Enter the arena at a flat foot walk & show at a walk & favorite gait both directions of the arena. No canter or lope will be allowed. Tack & attire styles are optional. The rider will be judged on his/her ability to control & exhibit the mount.
- ▶ **Open/Novice English/Western, Walk/Trot, Favorite Gait** ~ Open to riders of all ages with either horses or ponies. Enter the arena at a flat foot walk & show at a walk & favorite gait both directions of the arena. No canter or lope will be allowed. Tack & attire styles are optional. The rider will be judged on his/her ability to control & exhibit the mount.
- ▶ **Adult Walk-Trot English/Western** ~ Open to riders 18 years and over. Walk & trot both directions of the arena. Backing or additional work at the judge's discretion. See General Show Rules for tack & attire requirements.

- ▶ **Youth English Pleasure** ~ Open to riders 17 years of age & under. No stallions permitted. Walk, Trot, Canter both directions of the arena, backing and additional work at judges discretion. See General Show Rules for tack & attire requirements.
- ▶ **Youth Western Pleasure** ~ Open to riders 17 years of age & under. No stallions permitted. Walk, Jog, Lope both directions of the arena, backing and additional work at judges discretion. See General Show Rules for tack & attire requirements.
- ▶ **Youth/Novice Equitation, No Pattern Required** ~ English/Western tack/attire, open to riders 18 and over. To be judged on riders ability. See Adult English or Western Pleasure for additional rules.
- ▶ **Adult/Novice Equitation, No Pattern Required** ~ English/Western tack/attire, open to riders 17 and under. To be judged on riders ability. See Adult English or Western Pleasure for additional rules.
- ▶ **Adult English Pleasure:** To be shown at walk, trot, canter both ways of the arena. May be asked back or extended trot. NO hand gallop allowed. Hunt seat exhibitors MUST wear English riding boots or jodhpurs, breeches, and helmet. Traditional hunt coat & tie or choker preferred. Saddle-seat riders - informal saddle seat suit, ties required, gloves preferred, or riding habit with jodhpurs.
- ▶ **Youth Equitation** ~ Open to riders 17 and under. No pattern. To be judged on riders ability. English or Western tack and attire.
- ▶ **Adult Equitation** ~ Open to riders 18 and over. See Youth Equitation for additional rules.
- ▶ **Open Gaited** ~ To be judged on flat walk, slow gait, fast gait in this order. English or Western tack or attire. Open to both flat shod and padded horses.
- ▶ **Junior Horse** ~ Horses five years of age or under as of January 1st. To be shown in English or Western tack and attire with non-mechanical hackamore, snaffle, bosal, or curbed bit. Two hands permitted with bosal or snaffle without shanks.
- ▶ **Jack Benny Country Pleasure** ~ Open to riders 39 and over. Walk, trot and favorite gait, no canter. English or Western tack and attire. See appropriate pleasure class rules.
- ▶ **Western Pleasure Classes:** To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope both directions of the arena. Backing and additional work at judge's discretion. Senior horses to be shown in curb bit, junior horses may be shown in snaffle or bosal.
- ▶ **Jumping:** 18 inch cross rails for jumping. English tack & attire required, all must wear helmets. Pattern is decided by show chair person.



### **Game Show Rules**

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No spurring/batting/whipping around head.

Western tack recommended, Helmets required for youth (age 17 and under).

- ❖ Open Flags ~ Broken pattern is considered when the horse backs up or crosses it's own path.
- ❖ Five (5) second penalty for knocking over pole and/or barrel. Any bucket or barrel that is knocked over is disqualified.
- ❖ Horses must enter at a controlled walk or trot, Gate must be closed prior to start of pattern or rider will be disqualified, decided by gate keeper.
- ❖ Bribe your Horse ~ Person must reach finish line before horse. Participant may not touch horse prior to finish. Two minutes maximum to complete. Event to be timed with stopwatch.
- ❖ Trot events ~ Canter is considered broken pattern.
- ❖ Training Barrels/Poles ~ \$2 member, \$4 non-member, non-member associate fees apply for these training classes only.
- ❖ All general horse show rules apply (available at announcer's stand).
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