

HORSE SHOW RULES

- AQHA and USEF Rules will be used as a guideline. The decisions of the judges/management will be final.
- **Current, Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA/Coggins) Test ; and a rabies vaccine within the last 12 months are required for all horses.** Out-of-state horse must have a coggins within 12mos and a valid health certificate. For horses residing in NYS, Coggins are valid for 2 calendar years (a test any date in 2017 is valid until Dec 31 2018)
- All riders under 18 years of age must wear an approved helmet while mounted at all times per NYS Law.
- Horses 5 & under may be ridden two-handed in western classes, with a snaffle bit.
- Safety is important! If a horse/rider requires the use of certain tack items in order to be safe, please see the management ahead of time. Management reserves the right to allow the use of any items they deem fit for the circumstances. However, if an exhibitor does not get permission from the management prior to entering the arena, the decisions are then at the discretion of the judge.
- Complaints, grievances, or discrepancies regarding another exhibitors eligibility, sportsmanship, equipment, etc must
- W/T/J = Walk/Trot/Jog. All seats are permitted in these classes.
- Saddleseat and Gaited horses are welcome in any of our classes. Please note on your entry form or mention at the office if you have a saddlehorse or gaited horse so that we may notify the judge.
- All dogs must be kept on a leash, and are not permitted in the barns/arenas. Proof of current rabies vaccinations are required. You **MUST** clean up after your dog. Owners not cleaning up after their dogs or keeping them properly leashed will be asked to remove the dog from the premises.
- Classes **MUST** be added AT THE OFFICE. The gate keeper will not take adds. Any exhibitor who goes into a class they have not formally entered may be subject to a \$5 office fee.
- Exhibitors must be ready at the gate and enter the arena promptly. You must notify the gate keeper if a tack change is needed at least 3 classes prior to your class. The gate will be closed two minutes after the first call for a missing exhibitor (unless otherwise notified). Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter after the gate is closed.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct by any exhibitor, trainer or rider will not be tolerated. Inhumane treatment, cruelty, or abuse of a horse anywhere on the show grounds by any person is forbidden. Violators will be excused from the arena and/or the horse show.
- Attire: traditional huntseat and western attire is expected in all classes. Chaps are optional for western classes. "Academy" attire is permitted in beginner and wtj classes. For halter classes, slacks and polo shirts are permitted. In the case of extreme heat/cold, the management reserves the right to excuse show attire at their discretion. For games, relaxed attire is allowed, but tank tops are not allowed.
- Halter points are based on the horse, therefor another handler may take a horse in under a pointed exhibitors number without penalty. Similarly, equitation year-end points are based on the rider, so in a case where the rider must use a different horse, their year-end points still count.
- Lunging and schooling must be kept to designated areas only.
- The Show Management has the authority to split and/or combine classes as necessary.
- Exhibitors will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any horse or article owned or exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the Show Off Equine Events and/or any agent thereof, against all legal or other proceedings, claims or demands of any kind or nature in regard thereto, or that may arise from the negligence of the person in charge of any such horse or article.
- **Campers** Full hookups are available. Camping spaces are available on a first come first serve basis, with the exception of some spaces reserved/marked for staff. Campers are permitted on the grounds after 1pm on Friday. Any camper or trailer coming in prior to that will be subject to an additional fee. Campers **MUST** display a camping permit. Please stop at the office prior to parking to obtain your permit. Hookups are \$20 per night or \$40 for the weekend.
- **Stabling:** Horses are permitted on the grounds after 3pm on Friday. If you need to arrive earlier, permission and arrangements must be made thru the office. Stalls are available for weekend and day fee rates. ANY horse stabling overnight must pay a weekend rate, day fee stalls will be available starting at 5am the day they are paid for and must be vacated by 10pm that night. Stalls will be labeled, in addition to a map being posted. Stalls must either be cleaned prior to leaving (free of manure/wet/hay, clean bedding may be left), or the cleaning fee of \$25 must be paid. Stalls that are not cleaned or paid for cleaning will be subject to an additional \$20 office fee. Stall assignments may not be changed without permission. Season stalls will be available for purchase starting Feb 1st, a Season Stall ensures that you will

have a stall for every show. Stall reservations will also be taken prior to each show. Reservations and season stalls must be accompanied by payment in order to be valid. Please be advised that we may sell out of stalls. Bedding is also available at \$6 a bag, thru the show office. Shavings requests made in advance will be delivered right to your stall prior to your arrival.

- **Patterns and Courses** will be available online and by request one week prior to the show. They will also be posted at the in-gate and at the show office. A limited number of Pattern Books will also be available for purchase at the show office for \$5 each.

Class Rules:

- WTJ Horse In Hand – New for 2018, this halter class is open to any horse and exhibitor combination that does not canter. Horses may cross-enter with different exhibitors, but exhibitors in this class may not enter any other halter classes. This class will not count toward year-end halter points. However, the top two horses in this class are eligible for the Dac Halter Championship each day. It is designed to give WTJ exhibitors a “start” in showing in halter classes. Judges feedback will be welcomed in these classes.

- Dac Halter Championship – The first and second place horses in each days halter classes are invited back for this championship class. There is no entry fee, and no need to sign up at the office. Back numbers will be announced prior to the start of the class. There is a separate year-end award for this as well.

- In Hand Open Trail – Open to ANY horse and exhibitor combination. Horses to be led thru the trail class. Designed as a schooling class. Horses of all ages/abilities are welcome, however each HORSE may only enter one time.

- Eq/Horsemanship Challenge – Riders in this 3-gait class will ride the first direction on their own horse. They will then dismount, and swap horses at the discretion of the judge. Please be aware, this means exhibitors will be riding a horse that is not their own, and also that someone else will be riding your horse! Based solely on equitation.

Division Rules:

- Note that any riding class not listed as “W/T/J” is a three-gate class, except leadline.

- All divisions listed by riders age will be determined by the riders age as of January 1, 2018.

- WTJ 11&under, 12-39, and Jack Benny - divisions are open to ANY horse and rider combination who do not canter. The horse may canter in other classes with a different rider, but riders in these divisions may not canter at the same show. Ages are based on the riders age as of Jan 1. Jack Benny is 40+.

- Schooling Division AND Open WTJ Division open to ANY horse and rider, regardless of experience, wins, etc. Horses and riders may cross enter into any other class they are eligible for. Meant as a schooling class. SOME schooling tack will be allowed, check with management if there are questions.

- LeadLine Division: *Special Needs riders of ANY age are welcome in our lead line division.* Riders 8 years and under, who have never shown without a leader/handler before are eligible for this division. Management will allow an additional year in leadline IF the rider/parent/trainer submits a reason for the extension, in writing to the management prior to the first show of the year. This request must be approved prior to competing. There will be a leadline division offered each day, any seat is allowed in any of these classes. Year end points will be two divisions – Saturday and Sunday. Riders may nominate for both.

- Green Horse - Horses in their first or second year of showing at the canter or lope. Walk-Trot show years do not matter. Horses may be ridden english or western.

- Beginner– Riders in their first or second year of showing at the canter or lope. Class will be split into small groups to canter for safety as deemed necessary. Exhibitors may ride any seat. We will also accept riders who typically ride in “Academy Classes” and will allow those rules to be applicable here, including the dress code (black pants or jods and a white or similar plain polo shirt will be acceptable).

- Novice– This division is RIDER based, and is open to riders who have not won a blue ribbon in an Open three-gait class with more than 5 entries, at any show. Eligibility is as of Jan 1 of the current show season. Regardless of wins for the current season, the rider may finish the year in this division. In the case of questions regarding eligibility, the management will make the final decision. Riders MAY cross enter into other open divisions.

- Little Bits – Open to any equine under 14.2 hands. Two separate divisions are offered, one for riding and one for non-riding. For both day-end and year-end purposes, exhibitors may enter both divisions. No restrictions on age/eligibility of rider/exhibitor. *Please note, separate trail obstacles will be included for driving entries who wish to have Obstacle Driving instead of in-hand trail*

- Driving Classes - Equines over 14.2 will be permitted in the Little Bits Driving classes with prior permission from the office. If any mini/pony entries object to the change, the class will be split as needed.

- Gymkhana Games – open to all riders of any age and ability. These are timed classes and will run by typical AQHA rules. Relaxed attire is allowed, but no tank tops permitted. For questions on equipment, please see the office. Two walk-trot-jog games will be offered, ONLY for riders who do not canter.

- Ranch Type – The purpose of this division is to reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should be indicative of a working horse riding on the ranch or trail. Horse should work at a forward, working speed while remaining under control with light rein contact. This is not a timed event, and excessive speed will be penalized. 'Fancy' show tack is not a requirement, nor is typical show attire. This division is looking for the ideal picture of what you would see working on the ranch. See management with questions. *Please note that Ranch Type Trail will include additional obstacles for this division only*

- Ground Poles – Open to any horse or showing in walk-trot-Jog ONLY classes. Riders competing at the canter are not eligible for this class. May not cross-enter into the Crossrail division. All seats permitted.

- Over Fences To Ride At Will - New for 2018. Fences will be set in the outdoor arena. These classes will ride at-will on Saturday. Crossrails will be run 9-11, fences 11-1. This will be followed strictly, as trail needs to open by 2pm. Riders may ride their courses back-to back, or opt to come out in between rounds. Schooling for all over fences will be supervised, and will be open Friday night from 4pm until dark, and Saturday from 6:30-8:30. No schooling is allowed without a back number – this means you must check in with the office prior to schooling! LIMITED *Schooling Ride Tickets* may be purchased at the office. If you purchase a ticket, you may ride the Hunter o/f posted course unjudged. Tickets are \$5 each, and are not available with pre-entries, they may be purchased Saturday morning only. These tickets are meant for riders who did not get a chance to school, or need an extra chance at the course. Ticket must be presented to the gate keeper. Please see the office with questions. Courses will be posted online a week before the show, and will be posted at the in-gate by 4pm Friday. Courses will consist of a max of 8 fences. Crossrails and Fences will ride the same course. Three classes will be offered – Equitation, Hunter, and Hunter Stakes. The stakes class will offer a slightly more challenging course. Crossrails - Open to Walk-trot, beginner and novice riders or green horses competing in 3-gait classes. Riders entering the WTJ or Schooling division may enter, but may NOT canter the entire course. A few strides of canter before/after a fence will not be penalized. Riders showing in these classes may not compete in any other fence classes. Horses may cross-enter with a different rider if applicable.

Over Fences – Height to be set at 2'3" unless footing warrants a smaller height at the judges discretion. Open to any eligible riders

Special Classes One special class will be offered at each show. Rules will be posted on the website one week prior, and will be available by request within the same timeframe. Please contact the management for more info

RIBBONS AND POINTS SYSTEM: In all of our classes, exhibitors will be given a point card. If you choose to keep the point card, points are redeemable for the prizes of your choice in our Prize Booth. You can also choose to turn the points in for the corresponding ribbon. Points are based on the number of exhibitors in the class. 6+ horses will have point values of 6-5-4-3-2-1. A class with only 3 exhibitors will have a points value of 3-2-1

DAY END AND YEAR END POINTS TABULATIONS: Points for day-end awards and year-end counts are based on the number of exhibitors in the class, and are as follows:

6+ Exhibitors: 7-5-4-3-2-1	5 Exhibitors: 6-4-3-2-1
4 Exhibitors: 5-3-2-1	3 Exhibitors: 4-2-1
2 Exhibitors: 3-1	1 Exhibitor: 2

In the case of a tie for day end awards, the award will go to the exhibitor with the higher equitation class placing. However, if the management deems fit, a tie may be awarded at their discretion.

For year end awards, in the case of a tie, the award will be given to all parties of the tie. **There is no minimum show requirement for riders to earn year end awards.**