

SHOW OFF EQUINE EVENTS RULES

GENERAL:

- AQHA, ARHA 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 2023 is valid until Dec 31 2024)
- All riders under 18 years of age must wear an approved helmet while mounted at all times per NYS Law.
- 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.
- 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.
- Lunging and schooling must be kept to designated areas only.
- The Show Management has the authority to split and/or combine classes as necessary.
- Complaints, grievances, or discrepancies regarding another exhibitors eligibility, sportsmanship, equipment, etc must be made at the show office.
- All questions and discrepancies in points and placings must be brought to the management within 10 days of the event.
- 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. Please enter at least two classes prior.
- Scratches will NOT be refunded without a vet note or approval from the management due to extenuating circumstances. If you are unsure that you want to enter a class, we would prefer you add as you go so that we are not holding the gate for people who have decided to scratch.
- Exhibitors must be ready at the gate and enter the arena promptly, and are responsible for getting to their class. 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. It is the exhibitors responsibility to know what class we are on, and get to the arena on time. The gate keeper will call back numbers for each class, but it is NOT the gate keepers' responsibility to make sure you get to your class. Additionally, if you have added a class, please notify the gate keeper as well.
- 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.
- **Parking** - no trucks and trailers are to park in the grass directly in front of the indoor as we reserve that space for staff and cars only. Please space yourselves out accordingly. We ask that

if you are going to use pop up tents for shade, PLEASE park in the second row and make sure they are staked down. Trucks/Trailers parked too closely to others may be asked to move. Any trailer parked at a camping spot will be charged a camper fee.

- **Campers** Full hookups are available and include power, water, and sewer. 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, and MUST obtain prior permission from show management. Campers MUST display a camping permit. Tags will be given out and must be displayed on the front of the vehicle where they can easily be seen - the hitch of a gooseneck trailer, rearview mirror of a truck, etc. All campers or trailers plugging in or parking at a camper hookup spot MUST stop at the office prior to parking to obtain your permit. Permits will be checked daily. Campers hooked up without a permit will be charged full permit fee plus a \$25 office fee. Rigs parking along the bank and plugging in to electric are still required to have/pay for a camper permit. Trailers are NOT permitted to plug in to power in any of the barns. Any trailer found to be doing so will be asked to move immediately, and will also be subject to the full camper fee plus the \$25 office fee.

Stabling: Horses are permitted on the grounds after 1pm on Friday. If you need to arrive earlier, permission and arrangements must be made thru the office and will be subject to additional fees. Due to contract changes, Stalls are available for weekend rates only. 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 \$25 office fee. Stall assignments may not be changed without permission. Season stalls will be available for purchase, a Season Stall ensures that you will have a stall in the same location 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 thru the show office. Shavings requests made one week in advance will be delivered right to your stall prior to your arrival. Shavings requests must be made and paid for one week prior to the show. Limited quantities of shavings may be available at the show, but we do not guarantee that there will be extras. Any available shavings not pre-ordered must be picked up from the show office - they will not be delivered.

- **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.

TACK AND ATTIRE:

HUNT SEAT DIVISIONS

Personal: Exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that at all times entries are being judged on ability rather than on personal attire. However, riders should wear breeches (or jodphurs) and boots. A helmet or huntcap are mandatory. Jackets are required unless excused by the judge due to heat. Spurs of the unrowelled type, crops or bats optional. Judges must eliminate contestants who do not conform. Saddleseat and academy attire are permitted in all huntseat classes. Back numbers must either be worn on the exhibitors back, or on both sides of the saddle.

Tack: Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended and a judge at his own discretion may penalize a horse with non-conventional types of bits or nose bands. Huntseat, saddleseat and dressage type saddles are all permitted. Martingales are optional in classes over jumps. Hackamores are not permitted.

WESTERN DIVISIONS:

Personal: Riders must wear western hat or helmet, long-sleeved collared shirt, and proper boots. Chaps, shotgun chaps or chinks are optional. No penalty shall be assessed for wearing a helmet instead of a hat. Spurs are optional.

Tack: No mechanical hackamores will be permitted. No wire curbs, regardless of how padded or covered; no chin strap narrower than 1/2" in width; no martingale; no nose band; no tie down will be permitted. Horses six years old and older are considered senior horses and must be ridden with only one hand. When using split reins, one finger between reins is permitted. When using romel, no finger between reins are allowed. If bridles are to be checked it is the sole responsibility of the judge to do so. Entries shall be shown with a stock saddle, in western classes silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. In Ranch classes, silver is not recommended, but will not result in disqualification. A standard western bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 1/2". The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 3/8" to 3/4" in diameter, varying from a straight bar to a full spade. Jointed mouthpieces are permitted. Reins must be attached to each shank. Numbers must either be worn on the exhibitors back or on each side of the saddle. Protective boots and polo wraps are permitted in ranch divisions, but may not be worn in conformation or showmanship.

Division Rules:

- ***In order to compete in any class in a division, you must be eligible for the entire division.*** You may not cross-enter ANY three gait classes with walk-trot only classes. If you are unsure of eligibility, please see management. Crossover from three-gait classes into Open WTJ and Schooling WTJ is permitted.
- Once an exhibitor competes in a three-gait class, they may not go back down to walk-trot only classes (again with the exception being the Open WTJ and Schooling WTJ divisions). In this case, riders will be allowed to keep year-end points in both walk-trot and three gait classes.
- Halter points are based on the horse, therefore another handler may take a horse in under a pointed exhibitors number without penalty.
- Day-end award points are on a horse/rider combo basis only
- Horses 5 & under may be ridden two-handed in western classes, with a snaffle bit.
- Note that any riding class not listed as "W/T/J" is a three-gate class, except leadline and Little Bits.
- All divisions listed by riders age will be determined by the riders age as of January 1 of the current show year
- **WTJ Horse In Hand** – 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 three gait division classes**. It is designed to give WTJ exhibitors a "start" in showing in halter classes. Judges feedback will be welcomed in these classes.
- **Open Huntseat, Western, Ranch** - this three gait division is open to any horse or rider. Cross entry into other divisions is allowed. There are no restrictions on horses or riders in this division.
- **Adult** - exhibitors over the age of 18 as of January 1st of the current show year.
- **Youth** - exhibitors 18&under as of January 1st of the current show year. Due to state law, all exhibitors under 18 are required to wear a helmet until their 18th birthday, regardless of their state of residence.
- **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 in any equine shows or events. Ages are based on the riders age as of Jan 1. Jack Benny is 40+. *Exhibitors showing in these divisions may not cross enter into any three gait division classes.*

- **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, including three gait classes. 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/Novice** - This combined division is for Horses in their first or second year of showing at the canter or lope OR riders who have not won a blue ribbon in an open three-gait class with more than 5 entries, at any show. Walk-Trot show years do not matter. Horses may be ridden english, saddleseat 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). If entries or situations warrant, cantering/loping individually or in smaller groups may be asked.

- **Little Bits** – Open to any equine under 14.2 hands. No restrictions on age/eligibility of rider/exhibitor.

- **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. We will follow ARHA rules as a guideline. There will be no disqualification for “bling”, but it is suggested that it not be used excessively. 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 may include additional obstacles for this division only*

- **WJ Ranch** - will follow the same guidelines as Ranch Type, but is open to horse/rider pairs who do not show (and have not shown) at the lope at any equine show or event. This is intended to be an intro level division for those looking to get started in ranch. It is open to riders of all ages and horses of all abilities. For questions regarding eligibility please see management, as all decisions there are final.

- **Over Fences To Ride At Will** - Fences will be set in the outdoor arena. Once set, the arena will be closed for riding/lunging. Over-fences exhibitors may warm up once the arena has been closed to others. . The classes will ride at-will. . No schooling is allowed without a back number – this means you must check in with the office prior to schooling! Crossrails will be run first, and then we will move up in height at the completion of each division. Riders may ride their courses back-to-back, or opt to come out in between rounds. 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. Each horse and rider combo may enter only ONE over fences division.

- **CLASS SPLITS:** in the event that any given class has more than 18 horses, it will be split for safety purposes. In this event, points and ribbons will be awarded in each split. In the event that *Ranch WJ, Crossrails, and Over-fences* meet this requirement, they will be split by age. Entry form and nomination form are marked as such for this reason. If the stated classes meet this rule at two or more shows, it will be split for the season AND year-end points. All other divisions will be on a case-to-case basis. 11&under Walk Trot will be split if more than 12 entries.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May - High Score Pattern Award - special awards will be given to the Adult, Youth, and Walk-Trot exhibitor with the highest score in a pattern class. Score sheets will be posted at the office as they come in. Classes included are: showmanship, trail, over fences, ranch riding and ranch reining. There is no fee or sign up required for this award. In the event of a tied score, the awards will go to the exhibitor in the class with the most participants. Awards will be given at the completion of the weekend. You need not be present to win, your award can be picked up from the next show.

June - Ultimate Ranch Horse Competition - \$25 entry fee. All entry fees plus a minimum \$100 added will go to the prize money pot. There will be two divisions, youth and adult. Walk trot riders are eligible to compete as well, points will go toward their respective age division. Classes will run concurrent with regular classes, as long as you are signed up the points will be automatically tabulated. Classes will include Ranch Halter, ranch riding, ranch reining, flagwork. Winners in both youth and adult will receive a trophy buckle. Prize money (100% of entries plus \$100 added) will be paid out to the top three in each division. If there are 20+ exhibitors per division, it will pay 5 places with an added \$100 to each division.

June - High Score Flagwork and High Score Over Fences - special awards will be given to the exhibitor with the highest score in the flagwork class, and the exhibitor with the highest score in any over fences class. Score sheets will be posted at the office as they come in. There is no fee or sign up required for this award. In the event of a tied score, the awards will go to the exhibitor in the class with the most participants. Awards will be given at the completion of each show day. You need not be present to win, your award can be picked up from the next show.

August - Turnout Award - A panel of judges will be asked to vote, over the course of the weekend, on the horse and rider combo exhibiting the best overall turnout. ALL exhibitors are eligible, you do not need to sign up and there is no fee.

September - Versatility Award - \$50 entry fee, half goes back to the pot, there will be an additional \$200 added. These will be ADDED classes. You must compete in all of them. Classes include: Conformation, Showmanship, Western Rail, Hunter Under Saddle, and Pattern. Awards will be given to the winner of each respective class. Overall rosettes will be given to the top five exhibitors, and the winner will receive a trophy buckle. Payouts will pay to the top five. Class Schedule: Conformation and showmanship will run back-to-back Saturday at the completion of Showmanship, just prior to the lunch break. Western rail will run just after the lunch break Saturday. Hunter under saddle will run Sunday directly after lunch, followed by the Pattern class which can be ridden either seat, and will allow for tack changes as needed. Conformation may be shown either seat, but will be run as one class. Showmanship will have it's own pattern. Western Rail may be ridden as a western pleasure type, or ranch type. Pattern can be ridden either seat, and will be similar to a horsemanship/equitation pattern.

September Futurity - \$50 entry. Classes will run concurrent on Saturday - Jr Horse Halter, Lunge line (added as requested per previous rules - will run following showmanship), and in-hand trail. Prizes for each class winner, prize money awarded to the top three horses overall.

Junior Horse Challenge - This will be awarded as a weekend award as well as a year end. All nominated horses four years old and under are eligible to compete. There is no added fee, just sign up at the office. Two awards will be given: in-hand and riding. Horses may only compete in one division. In-Hand horses must compete in conformation and two performance classes, riding horses must compete in conformation and three performance classes. You do not need to pre-select your classes - we will automatically take your highest scored(points) classes. Any classes that you are eligible to compete in will count.

RIBBON SYSTEM: In all of our classes, exhibitors placing 1st thru 6th will be given the option of the corresponding ribbon or cup, or you may receive \$1 off your show bill or a \$1 card to be used at participating partners - Preferred Solutions Supply, The Farmers Feed Bunk, Hoosac Valley Farmers Exchange. Cards must be turned in to these retail locations, but may be used at the show or in-store. Awards will not be given out in the arena, exhibitors may pick up their class prizes at the show office at checkout.

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:	Exhibitors:6-4-3-
7-5-4-3-2-1	5 2-1
4Exhibitors: 5-3-2-1	3Exhibitors: 4-2-1
2Exhibitors: 3-1	1Exhibitor: 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 the exhibitor having earned the most points at one show. **There is no minimum show requirement for riders to earn year end awards**

Year end points will be posted on the website within two weeks of each show. Final year end points discrepancies must be submitted by November 1. All points will be considered final as of November 15 and no changes will be made beyond that point.

Year end banquet Information will be posted to the website and Facebook. invitations will be sent via the email address on your nomination form. No paper invites will be sent. RSVP's must be accompanied by payment. Awards not picked up at the banquet must be picked up within two weeks, or will be available at the first show.

