

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 2015 is valid until Dec 31 2016)
- 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.
- W/T/J = Walk/Trot/Jog. For these classes, english, western, or saddleseat tack/attire are accepted.
- 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.
- Exhibitors must be ready at the gate and enter the arena promptly. You must notify the office 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 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.

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, 2017.
- Open WTJ division is open to ANY horse and rider, regardless of experience, wins, etc. Horses may cross enter into any other class they are eligible for
- Schooling Division open to ANY horse and rider, regardless of experience, wins, etc. Horses 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. WTJ.
- LeadLine Division: *Special Needs riders of ANY age are welcome in our lead line division.* Also, Riders 8 years and under, who have never shown without a leader/handler before. Management will allow an additional year in and beginner classes 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 W/T/J – Horses in their first or second year of showing, who have never cantered at a horse show. Horses may be ridden english or western.

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- Beginner W/T/J – riders in their first or second year of showing. Class may be split to trot/jog for safety if entries warrant. Exhibitors may ride english, saddleseat or western. 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).
- 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. Exhibitors may ride english, saddleseat or western. 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.
- Gymkhana Games – open to all riders of any age and ability. These are timed classes and will run by typical AQHA rules. If there are more than 10 entries, classes will offer paybacks. If entries warrant, classes will be split by Youth and Adults. Day end and year-end awards will be given.
- 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
- 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.
- WT Crossrails - Open to beginner riders or green horses competing in either the WTJ classes. Riders entering the Open WTJ or Schooling division may enter, however no one competing in 3-gait classes may enter. Riders showing in these classes may not compete in any other fence classes.
- Crossrails - Open to beginner and novice riders or green horses competing in 3-gait classes. Riders entering the Open WTJ or Schooling division may enter, but may NOT cross enter in the WT Crossrails. Riders showing in these classes may not compete in any other fence classes.
- Over Fences “Pick Your Height” – Horse/Rider combo will have the option upon entering the class to pick from the following heights: 2ft, 2’6” and 3ft. You must list the height of your choice on your entry form. For each class, we will start with those showing at 2ft, and go up from there. It will be judged as one class unless there are more than 12 entries, in which case it will be split by height. All heights will count towards year end. You do not have to jump the same height at each show, and can go back to a lower height at a later show, however you may not change the height after placing your entries.

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.**