

Horse Show Rules

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

** The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to add, drop or combine classes **

1. Year-end awards: To qualify you must attend at least 4 of the 8 shows in the 2017 season, be a Scottsdale Saddle Club member in good standing and work 1 hour of volunteer time for each show attended. Sign-up sheets will be located at the sign in table. Volunteer hours are per person and each person is responsible for verifying their hours with the horse show chairman. You may work a maximum of 2 volunteer hours per show as to allow all members to have the opportunity to collect volunteer hours.
2. ALL RIDERS 7 YEARS AND UNDER (WESTERN AND ENGLISH) MUST WEAR HELMETS WHILE MOUNTED. IF YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR 7TH BIRTHDAY BUT ARE SHOWING IN A 7 AND UNDER CLASS YOU MUST STILL WEAR YOUR HELMET TO SHOW.
3. Conduct and Safety: Any un-sportsmanship conduct or abuse will cause an exhibitor to be dismissed by the judge or Scottsdale Saddle Club committee person. Any horse may be excused for lameness or for posing a danger to other horses and exhibitors by the judge or Scottsdale Saddle Club committee person.
4. Refunds: No refunds once entries are paid. Refunds will not be given due to poor weather, dropped patterns, disqualifications or lameness.
5. Arena Fee: Arena fees will be paid on a per rider basis. \$5 per rider at each show. Arena fee is waived for leadline riders only.
6. Ribbons: Will be awarded 1st through 6th place
7. Lead line: Riders who are in lead line may not enter other classes and must be led by someone 15 or older. Horse must have bridle on with child holding reins. Western attire to be worn if riding in a Western saddle and English attire to be worn if riding in an English saddle. ALL lead line riders MUST have a handler with them at ALL times when they are mounted. Lead line class will be judged as a placed class with points awarded at each show. The champion of the lead line division will be required to progress to the walk trot division the following year.
8. Walk/Trot: If you are showing in the walk/trot division you cannot show in the 3-gaited divisions. The walk/trot divisions are designed to be a stepping stone for children/adults new to showing. We will not be allowing walk/trot riders to school in 3-gaited classes so please make sure you are signing up for the correct classes. In the event a walk/trot rider wished to enter a 3-gaited division, points will not be carried over to the new division during the show year and vice versa. The champion and reserve champion for each walk trot division will be required to show in the three gaited division the following year.
9. Schooling/Showing: Riders may only show in one division in the same show (either walk/trot or 3-gaited). 3-gaited riders may school horses in the walk/trot classes. Schooling will be allowed in horsemanship/equitation classes if time allows. Schooling riders must still dress appropriately for a show.
10. Rail classes: If over 16 riders the class will be split and judged separately.

11. Pattern Classes: Horsemanship and Equitation will have a pattern at each show. Rail work in these classes will be at the discretion of the judge. Hunter Hack will have a pattern at each class and rail work will be held after each competitor has completed the pattern. Rail work may be forgone if temperature/time prohibits.
12. Equipment/Schooling Horses: No training forks, standing martingales, running martingales, tie downs or draw reins will be permitted in any regular classes. The AQHA rulebook will be followed for any questions of legality of any equipment.
13. Schooling horses: Must follow all class rules and announcer requests. Please be respectful of competitors working towards daily and year end points in the classes.
14. Western Attire: Western hat (or helmet) and boots must be worn in all classes. Western riders should wear a long sleeved western type shirt with a collar. All boots must have a 1/2" or greater heel. No spurs in showmanship.
15. English Attire: English riders must wear helmets, collared short (polo type ok) and boots. Half Chaps with paddock boots are permitted. No spurs in showmanship. ANY RIDER UNDER 18 YEARS OLD MUST WEAR A HELMET WITH A CHIN STRAP FOR SAFETY. HUNT CAPS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
16. Ranch Horse: No banded or braided manes (unless horse is also showing in Western Pleasure), or tail extensions. A rope halter (nylon or plain leather) may be used in conformation class. No excess silver on saddles or bridles. Daily and year end high point awards will be given for the ranch horse division.
17. Western: Snaffle bit riders must use two hands. Snaffle bits are allowed with a strap that does not exert pressure on the horses chin. Bits with a curb chain or shank must use one hand. The legality of bits will follow the AQHA rulebook.
18. Showmanship: Exhibitors may show in either English or Western attire for the showmanship class. If an exhibitor shows in English attire, their points for the class will count towards the English division for daily and year end high point. The same applies for Western attire.
19. Halter: If an exhibitor enters in the halter geldings or halter mares class, the points accrued in that class will count for the daily and year end high point calculations. Any exhibitor that shows in the ranch confirmation class will have their points counted towards the daily and year end high point Ranch horse division
20. Outside arenas: Riders must walk their horses at all times when outside the arenas.
21. Bleachers/Announcers Stand: No horses allowed in the bleacher area or around the announcer's stand.
22. Age of rider: The age of the rider as of January 1st will determine the age group the rider will be in for that year. Walk trot divisions will be as such: Youth 14 & Under, Adult 15 & over
23. Grievance: Any grievance must be submitted in writing before the end of the Horse Show and may not be discussed at the announcer's stand.
24. Park Rules: ALL Horse Lovers Park rules must be followed. HLP is now under private management and the insurance policy requires all riders obtain a day pass or annual pass to ride at HLP Daily and annual passes are available at the entry booth the day of the show.

25. Walk/Trot Champion & Reserve: Riders who won either champion or reserve in the walk/trot division for the preceding year will move up to the 3-gaited division the next year. They will not be allowed to show walk/trot again.
26. It is the expectation of SSC and show management that good sportsmanship be exercised at all times. Interrupting the judge during a class is not acceptable. This pertains to exhibitors, coaches and trainers. All questions concerning patterns should be addressed prior to the start of a class with the ring steward. In the event that you have questions for a judge please wait until a break or the end of the show.