

CIRCUIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Membership fee of \$25.00 applies to an **individual** or to a **family**. You must be a member of the circuit to qualify for circuit year-end awards. You do not have to be a member of the circuit to show in the individual shows. Sign up for the circuit at the show. Circuit forms are available on our web site at www.mw4hclub.com or can be picked up at our Show Entry Booth.
2. There will be **NO REFUNDS** given for the membership fee for any reason!!
3. You must register for each individual division you wish to accumulate points in for circuit year-end awards. Registration fee for each division you wish to enter is \$5.00 per division. Circuit Membership forms can be completed at the first 3 shows. Circuit Memberships **WILL NOT** be taken at the final show in October.
4. Refunds for Division fees MAY be given and will be determined on a case by case basis. A request for refunds of division fees must be done in writing and include a valid reason for withdrawing from the circuit.
5. In order to receive Circuit Member class fees **either** the horse **or** the rider **MUST BE registered**. However, a horse cannot be registered without an individual or family membership being paid as well. For the rare occasion this is needed we can note a "General Horse Registration Fee" on the circuit membership form. The fee is \$5.00 per horse.
6. Circuit year-end awards will be presented at an Awards Banquet. All divisions will pin Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and to sixth place minimum and to tenth place maximum, where entries in divisions permit. Placing out to tenth place will depend on financial status of the show circuit. Participation ribbons may be presented depending on the financial status of the show circuit as well. Participation ribbons will be considered for those having five (5) or more points before those having less than five (5) points.
7. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements to pick up their circuit awards at the Banquet. If you are not planning to attend the Banquet then ask someone who is to accept your awards. It is your responsibility to pick up your awards from our leader if they are not taken home from the Banquet. Our club DOES NOT mail out awards nor do we deliver. We will be happy to make arrangements to meet you at a horse show or trail ride that you and one of our members may be attending together to drop off awards. **ALL AWARDS NOT PICKED UP by December 1 of year of the Banquet will become the property of the Mounted Wanderer's 4-H Club** and will be re-used where needed.
8. **To qualify for a year-end award:** you must have paid your membership fee, paid the division fee and paid all entry fees due. Any outstanding debt must be settled prior to any awards being ordered. **In addition**, you must have **participated in the respective division(s) for 3 of our 4 shows** in order to receive a Grand **Award** or a Reserve Grand **Award**.
9. Points for circuit year-end awards will accumulate **only** after you have registered in that division. Any points earned **before** you register **will not count** towards circuit-end awards.
10. The Show Manager and Show committee reserves the right to cancel any division after the first show due to insufficient entries. A minimum of 2 entries is normally required for a Year-End Division to be held. Notification will be given and a prompt refund issued if a division is cancelled.

11. Riders who register in the Lead Line Divisions **may not** register and accumulate circuit year-end points, in any other divisions with the exception of Showmanship, Conformation and Timed Fun. Also see "Move Ahead Exception Rule" for a graduating rider.
12. Riders who register in the Walk Divisions **may not** register and accumulate circuit year-end points in any classes or divisions that require a trot or jog and/or canter or lope. Exceptions are: any of the Conformation classes, Showmanship classes and the *Timed Fun* Jog/Trot classes (since these classes only have 1 entry in the ring at a time to jog or trot). See "Class Rules" and "Class Descriptions" regarding Walk Classes. Also see "Move Ahead Exception Rule" for a graduating rider. **NOTE rule #14.**
13. Riders who register in any Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog divisions **may not** register and accumulate circuit-end points in any classes or divisions requiring a canter or lope with the exception of Speed divisions. The speed classes are run one entry at a time. See "Class Rules" & "Class Descriptions" regarding Youth Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog classes **and** Novice Rider Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog **and** Juniors Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog classes **and** Novice Horse Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog classes **and** Seniors Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog classes **and** Open Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog classes. Also see "Move Ahead Exception Rule". **NOTE rule #14.**
14. **In general you may only sign up and compete for circuit year-end points in one division level** – However, a rider may show in different levels of divisions and have circuit points accumulate by doing the following:

EXCEPTION # 1: Change style of riding (ex. from English to Western or vice versa) and change from horse A to horse B.

EXCEPTION # 2: An individual retaining the same style of riding (Ex. all western rider) may ride two levels of divisions for year-end points (Ex. Western Walk/Jog and Western Walk/Jog/Lope) provided they change from horse A to horse B and one of those horses qualifies and is ridden the Novice Horse Walk-Trot/Jog division() and/or the Western Pleasure Green Horse division.

EXCEPTION # 3: The *OPEN* Walk-Trot or Walk-Jog classes are just that. You are allowed to ride & point for year-end at the jog/trot level **as well as** the canter/lope level. Walk riders are allowed to ride for experience, **not** for points. Lead Line riders are **not eligible** to ride in these classes.

NOTE 1 – in ref to the OPEN Walk-Trot Over Fences (O/F) classes, we will NOT be allowing exhibitors to ride & point in both O/F levels. You must choose for year-end to register & ride in W/T O/F or WTC O/F. The Hunter Hack (HH) classes are not affected by this ruling. You may still ride in HH Open W/T and HH Youth and/or HH Jr/Sr as the intent for HH Open W/T was a warm-up class which then became year-end pointed.

NOTE 2 – in ref to the NEW Beginner W/T over fences classes with jumps set at 12", a rider MUST DECIDE which O/F level they want to point in for Year End. If rider is showing in beginner O/F classes, they are NOT permitted to enter and ride in any other O/F classes EXCEPT Hunter Hack Open W/T with cross rails set at 18".

EXCEPTION # 4: A western horse may enter Western Novice Horse Walk/Jog division and Western Pleasure Green Horse division, which includes 1 lope class, for year-end points. For year-end points if signed up this way, you **may not** sign up for Open Western Pleasure division. For year-end points you can sign up another way for western horses: Enter Western Pleasure Green Horse or Open Western Pleasure but **no** walk-jog divisions. See #4.

EXCEPTION # 5: The *Timed Fun* Jog/Trot classes, Conformation Classes and Showmanship classes may have entries that are registered for circuit year-end points in the Lead Line Divisions, Walk Divisions, Walk-Jog or Walk-Trot Divisions, as well as 3-gaited Divisions. Lead Line and Walk riders are allowed to point here since these types of classes only allow one horse/rider to work in the ring at a time.

15. Riders may ride in two different levels of divisions on one show day (Ex. Walk & Walk/Trot). However, the less-gaited division will be the on points are accumulated in for the circuit (if registered). The next division level up is strictly for rider to try for experience. You will pay entry fees and receive ribbons for these classes but no points will be counted towards the circuit (if registered). **Remember** - you may only accumulate **circuit-end** points in **one division level**. **Note rule #14.** ***Riders will only be allowed to ride two levels apart. For example, a Walk Rider WILL NOT be permitted to ride in any WTC or WJL classes. A Lead Line rider WILL NOT be permitted to ride in any W/T or W/J classes (note exception #5).
16. If participants do not register for circuit points at all they will still adhere to all rules governing what divisions they may or may not compete in.
17. For more details or questions concerning circuit membership or circuit points please call Kim Gladwell (301) 375-7511 evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. **DO NOT CALL and leave messages during the day**, Kim works FULL time and is NOT HOME during the day. **ALSO DO NOT EMAIL your CM question/issue to the MW web page.** Kim, our Points Chairperson does not check these messages, our webmaster does. You can **send your CM questions to Kim's email at gladwellke.3011@verizon.net**
18. Point standings, club newsletters and Trail class results will be posted to our club website prior to the next show, usually the week of the next show. Club Website can be found at: www.mw4hclub.com
Notification will be given to all those Circuit Members who provide our club with a valid email address of when documents have been posted to the web site. Points, newsletters and Trail class results will also be posted at the entry booth prior to start of next show. No hard copy mailings will be sent out via the mail service. Only a postcard reminder prior to each show will be mailed out. If you require a hard copy to mailed, you must check the appropriate box on the Circuit Membership Form.

19. Once a horse/rider team has won a year-end Grand Award in any Novice Division from any local show circuit that same team is not eligible to compete in that type of division again. Exception: Any MW Division where Grand Champion was won with 19 points or less, you may compete at the Novice level again in that Division the following year.

**20. THE FOLLOWING POINT SCALE WILL BE USED:
Placing in the Class**

<u># in class</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>
6 or more	7	5	4	3	2	1	0
5	6	4	3	2	1		
4	5	3	2	1			
3	4	2	1				
2	3	1					
1	2						

21. Once circuit registration has been made we are open and are agreeable to most changes in you registration. However, **changes must be done on a circuit membership form AND must be paid for** prior to entering any new classes applicable to the new registration.

22. Please read about our Perpetual Awards program...

The recipient of each of these special awards has the award from the Banquet where it was presented to approx. 1 month prior to the next year's Banquet. Each recipient is responsible for the care of these awards. If an award is damaged or lost in the care of the award recipient – that person is responsible for replacing or fixing the award(s). A Club POC will be contacting the previous year's recipients to make arrangements to return these awards PRIOR to the Banquet.

We ask that you please clean up the award (dust/polish) before returning it as a courtesy to our Club Banquet Coordinator. Also note we have several local businesses including Loveville Leather (St.Mary's), 231 Farm Center (Calvert) and the Charles County 4-H Office in La Plata that have agreed to be drop off sites. Several local stables have helped out with this as well. We ask that you please make an effort to work with our club POC to drop off your award at one of these sites. Greatly appreciate your assistance with this matter and thanks ahead of time.

SEE NOTE below...

◆◆◆If you feel that you cannot abide by any of the conditions set forth above by our Club in reference to our Perpetual Awards, then we request this action by an Awards recipient: Please accept the Perpetual Award during the presentation at the Banquet and then RETURN the award to our Club leader, Kim Gladwell at the end of the night. Do NOT leave w/ the award if you feel you cannot comply w/ our guidelines. Please note that any Recipient who fails to comply with our guidelines MAY be exempt from receiving further Perpetual Awards.

23. **READ THIS if you want to be considered for Perpetual Trophies!**
To qualify for any of the perpetual awards you **MUST** be registered with our circuit for year-end awards. You **MUST** also be paid in full for all fees due.

On your circuit membership form it is **your responsibility** to make sure that the following information is given:

- (1) whether you are a 4-H member **(enter 4-H next to your name)**
- (2) if you are under age 20 – we must have your age written next to your name **(enter your age written next to your name)**
- (3) if riding a Morgan/Arabian/Quarter Horse/Appaloosa or Pony **(enter breed next to horse's name)**
- (4) if riding a Pony be sure to enter the height **(enter height next to pony's name)**
- (5) we must have horse or pony age on every CM form

If we don't have this information provided by you – it will mean **YOU and YOUR horse/pony will be excluded** from the tallying of points to earn these perpetual awards.

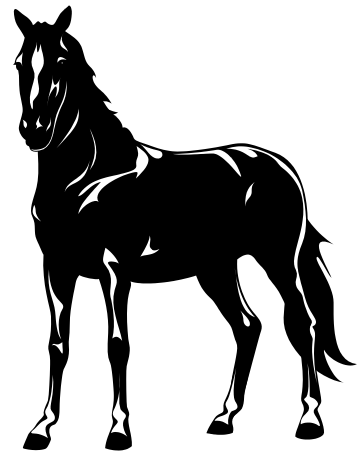


24. **Perpetual Overall High-Point Awards will be presented each year for:**

Mounted Wanderers Club Member Level 1 Child Rider (Ages 10 & Under)
Mounted Wanderers Club Member Level 1 Youth Rider (Ages 10 & Under)
Mounted Wanderers Club Member Level 2 Youth Rider (Ages 12 & Under)
Mounted Wanderers Club Member Level 2 Junior Rider (Ages 13-19)
Mounted Wanderers Club Member Level 3 Rider (All Ages)
Mounted Wanderers Youngest Participating Member

Any Other 4-H Member Level 1 Child Rider
Any Other 4-H Member Level 1 Youth Rider
Any Other 4-H Member Level 2 Youth Rider
Any Other 4-H Member Level 2 Junior Rider
Any Other 4-H Member Level 3 Rider
4-H Horse & Pony Project Animal Top Award

Open Level 1 Child Rider
Open Level 1 Youth Rider
Open Level 2 Youth Rider
Open Level 2 Junior Rider
Open Level 2 Senior Rider
Open English Level 3 Rider
Open Western Level 3 Rider
Open English Conformation
Open Western Conformation
Open Showmanship
Open Novice Showmanship
Open Performance Pony "Call Me Cloudy" Trophy
Open Conformation Pony
Open Western Horsemanship
Open Appaloosa "Gatsby Go Ragtime" Award
Open "Dakota's Legacy" Keep Up the Good Work Award
Open "Truffles Trophy" Pony/Youth Rider Combo Award
Open Youngest Participating Circuit Member
Open Bristol's Heart Farm "Bristol's Challenge" Award
Open Piney Knoll Farm Challenge Award
Open Morgan Versatility with a Junior Rider
Open Quarter Horse – "Zan Katy Blue Challenge" Trophy & Runner Up
Open Sportsmanship – "Charlie's Cup"
Open English "Freedom's Golden Sunshine" Award
Open Southern Maryland Trail Riders (SMTR) Trail Division Award
Open Youth All-Around – Cindy Hallett Memorial Award
Open English "Freedom Spirit" Memorial Award
Open "MAHA" High Point Arabian/Part Arabian Award
Open "Go Fast" Nanny Foster Memorial Award



Note: Level 1 is considered from Lead Line or Walk divisions.
Level 2 is considered from any Walk-Trot or Walk-Jog divisions.
Level 3 is considered from any WTC or WJL divisions.

25. ***General Note*** The following applies to **Western only**: Regarding age, bits and 2 hands on the reins read the following: If the horse is 5 years or younger and is being ridden in a snaffle bit or bosal the rider may use 2 hands in **any** of the western classes. (This includes all levels of divisions – from Walk, Walk/Jog, Novice Walk/Jog, Youth, Junior, Senior or Open classes.) If the horse is 5 years or older you may use a snaffle bit or bosal if you'd like but you must use only 1 hand on the reins in all of the classes. Two hands and a snaffle bit/bosal is designed for the young horse just starting out its show career. **The exception being** entries in both the Western Green Horse division and the Novice Walk-Jog Division may use 2 hands regardless of horse's age.

Snaffle Bit Definition: 4-H regulation approved snaffle has no shanks – the rings may be round, dee-ring, or egg-butt style. A snaffle curb strap is acceptable. Mouth pieces may vary in styles and make. (Check AQHA rules for acceptable mouth pieces and diameter of mouth piece). A hackamore is **not** acceptable as a bosal.

26. ***Move Ahead Exception Rule*** – Riders in the Lead Line, Walk, Youth-Walk/Trot-Jog, Novice Rider Walk/Trot-Jog Divisions who feel they are ready to move ahead to the next division may do so under the following conditions:

1. Whatever division currently registered in for points should be the least advanced division. If you wish to move ahead one level you may do so **for experience only** on the same day (as previously stated in this program). If you wish to move one level ahead you may do so **for points** by forfeiting all points in your current division level and register for points in the next division level up **prior** to entering any new level classes. Keep in mind you may only accumulate points in **one division level**.

2. Once you move ahead to a new division, you **may not** ride again in the lesser one. The idea being if you can move ahead and compete in a higher level for points, it is unfair for you to compete with the less advanced level individuals again. We encourage you to register where you feel your ability truly lies and where you qualify. That way you receive points where you are most comfortable and you have the option to try the next level up for the sake of experience without messing up your points.

3. Once you move ahead to a new division, you may move back starting the following show. Example: May Show rider entered in Walk and was bored; June show – entered in Walk/Jog and couldn't control the horse at the jog; August show – back to Walk. Once you have registered for Walk/Jog, you forfeited your points to move ahead and now you move back – Keep in mind, your points **will not** be reinstated. You start each move with a clean slate of points. We strongly suggest that you stay where you are for the entire show circuit as far as points go. (And, also, as far as our paperwork goes – the more moves the more confusion and the better chance of points being incorrect!)