

ADDITIONAL SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Cross-entering** between English and Western Classes will be allowed. Class conflicts are for the exhibitor to work out. The Show Manager and Staff **will not** hold up classes for any undue length of time for an exhibitor to get from Ring 1 to Ring 2 or vice versa. However, Show Manager does reserve the right to hold classes in either ring due to unforeseen or certain given circumstances.
2. **4-H rules will apply** in all classes where appropriate. Rules for classes not covered in the 4-H book can be found elsewhere in this program. AQHA rules will prevail for classes/situations where the specific issue is not covered in the 4-H Rule Book.
3. Appropriate horse **show attire is required** in most classes, see below:
 - a. **English/Trail Classes** – Proper attire consisting of breeches and boots or jodphers and jodpher boots, suitable shirt and stock or tie, jacket and hard hat or saddle seat attire consisting of matching coat and jodphers, boots and derby or soft hat (along with appropriate flat saddle) or appropriate side saddle tack.
 - b. **Western/Trail Classes** – Long sleeve, collared shirt or western show blouse/vest or jacket, western style pants or jeans, cowboy boots, western hat – chaps may be worn by all riders in all classes.
 - c. **Conformation/Timed Fun/Speed Classes/Therapeutic Riding Classes**– Respectable dress appropriate for a horse show will be acceptable. Safe shoes are a **must**. Youth/Junior aged riders **must wear a hard hat** with the harness strap secured in any speed class.
4. Regarding **registration**: The **entry booth will be open by 7:00 a.m.** All entries will be done the day of the show. No pre-registration.
5. **Class Entry Fees**: \$8.00 for circuit members, \$10.00 for open riders.
6. **Admin/Participation Fees**: For every number issued, there will be a \$12.00 fee assessed. Fee covers: entry staff, posting staff, entry supplies –Xerox fees & paper/pens/pins, park rental, ring & gate staff, watering truck, EMS and web site administration. **THIS FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.** Office/Part fee for those riders with multiple horses will be \$6.00. First horse/rider entry will pay full \$12.00 fee then all other entries will be only be billed half-\$6.00.
7. Weather Cancellation Policy: Please check our website for any news about the show and weather related issues prior to show day – www.mw4hclub.com . In the event bad weather forces the show to shut down early, all Circuit Members will receive credit for missed classes. If CM's did not complete any classes, the office fee will be credited towards the make-up show. Office fee only refunded to OPEN riders who did not get to complete any classes.
8. All entry **fees must be paid at the time of entry**. If you feel you may add or scratch classes during the day, you **must** leave a signed, blank check at the entry desk made out to the Mounted Wanderers 4-H Club.
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!!!
9. If you wish to **scratch a class** you must notify the entry desk **before** the class is called to the ring to receive a refund. If you miss a class and do not notify the entry desk **you will not** receive a refund. **NOTE**: we do not require our announcer to call ANY exhibitor numbers for ANY class, please **BE** listening for your class **and BE ready**. No excuses and no refunds. There are no additional fees for adds or scratches as some shows do charge extra.

10. **Exhibitors are responsible** for any errors made on entry forms or circuit registration. Please double-check yourselves. **CHANGES TO ANY CIRCUIT REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE IN WRITING.** If we don't have a written change, that change will not be recognized. All changes where additions are made require payment in full as well.
11. All **exhibitors are required** to know the rules and regulations of this show circuit, both the ones in our program and in the 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book. If you do not have a program or rule book you may pick up one or see a copy at the entry desk.
12. **Show grounds** will be **opened by 6:30 A.M.** each show. Overnight stabling or camping is not available. Plenty of fresh water available. Little shade - we advise bringing a tent/tarp to provide some relief.
13. **Tack Changes:** If you require a tack change between classes, you must notify both the Ring Steward and the Announcer (if possible) and you will receive an additional minute for your tack change. At minimum, the Ring Steward **MUST be advised of the tack change BEFORE the class** is being called to the ring. If you are in the ring and have a tack change you may leave the ring after the Judge has completed the judging and is waiting for the Announcer to announce the class placings. It is **strongly suggested** that if you must change tack from one horse to another - the second horse is at the entry gate area to save time. If the tack change requires English to Western (or vice versa) **YOU MUST NOTIFY BOTH** Ring Stewards **as well as** the Announcer.
14. Horse show classes are **OPEN to all** – you do not have to be a 4-H club member or a show circuit member to participate. 4-H Horse & Pony cards are not required to be on file to show at these OPEN shows sponsored by a 4-H Club.
15. **Please we request NO dogs.** If you must bring your dog it must remain tied or on a leash at all times.
16. There will be a **two-minute call to classes.** If you are not in the ring, the gate will be shut and the class called. If you miss your class in this manner you will **NOT** get a refund. The two-minute call will come while the judge is making final decisions on the class in the ring.
17. There will be a **30 second gate call!** Once all exhibitors are in the ring and an entry is deemed missing – **YOU have 30 seconds to report to the ring** or the gate is closed class is now underway to be judged and you do not receive a refund for missing your class.
18. Show Management does NOT require announcer to call ANY entry numbers to the ring for Any class. Announcements are made about upcoming classes and signage is posted at both English & Western rings indicating what class is currently in the ring. Those signs are maintained by volunteers working the out-gates so PLEASE be courteous and helpful in assisting that class numbers are updated on the signage board.
19. The **Mounted Wanderers 4-H Club** and affiliates, Charles County Government and associates **will not be responsible or liable** for injury, damage, or loss sustained by exhibitors, spectators or their animals. All riders under the age of 18 must have written permission from parent or legal guardian. **All participants must sign a release form.**
20. **No alcoholic beverages allowed on show grounds during the show.**

21. **ALL judges decisions are final.** Issues/questions/complaints are to be addressed by the show manager/steward **PRIOR TO** addressing the judge.
22. **Schooling in classes** – Many times riders ask to "school only" in a class. You may only "school" in a class of which you would be eligible to enter. You **will pay** entry **fee** and **remove** your entry **number**. You **will not** be judged or placed in the class. "**Schooling**" is **NOT** permitted in any In-Hand, Pattern Type, Command, Trail, Speed, or Programmed Ride classes!
23. The **show committee reserves the right to combine** classes such as JR/SR levels where entries are slight. This effort would be done to move our show along time-wise. If there is a conflict please advise our show staff immediately after we announced we are combining classes.
24. The **show committee reserves the right to cancel** a class due to darkness or weather, if ring conditions are hazardous, or if a class has **less than 2** entries. In all of the above refunds will be promptly given.
25. The **show committee reserves the right to change the order of classes** with sufficient notification to all exhibitors. This would only be done to move our show along time-wise and where class breaks such as JR/SR have slight entries. If there is a conflict please advise our show staff immediately.
26. The **show committee reserves the right to split classes** where the number of entries could warrant such action. How the class is split is decided by Show Manager. For example, a class may run combined on on show day, be judged as one class with 6 placings but split into 2 separate divisions for year-end awards.
27. **1st thru 7th place RIBBONS** in every class. Participation ribbons in all Lead Line and Walk classes. For any class with just 8 entries, the 8th entry will also receive a ribbon (participation).
AGAIN for 2017: COUPONS will be offered fro \$1.00 off vs. accepting a ribbon for your placing. You can mix ribbons & coupons, you do not have to decide whether you want one or the other. Coupons are ONLY redeemable on the show day received. Coupons will change for each show. You MUST present coupons to the entry staff to receive your discount. Lost coupons will NOT be replaced - you are responsible to hang on to your coupons.
28. Classes marked **(E/W)** are **open** to **BOTH English** and **Western entries**.
29. **Current year negative COGGINS report required for entry** and must be presented at each show unless a copy is provided to our club. Remember however, by Maryland law you are required to have your original coggins with you at all times when trailering your horse.
30. **FOOD and Refreshments** will be available on the show grounds.
31. **No horses** are **permitted** in the "spectator parking only" area nor are they permitted in the bleacher/stands area. Riding/Horses are also not allowed outside the "horse trailer parking" area towards the main park road and the ball/soccer fields. **PLEASE BE ADVISED.**
32. A one-page set of rules pertaining to Oak Ridge Parks general usage is available at our entry desk. Exhibitors/spectators are expected to adhere to these rules as well. **Ask if you don't know!**
33. All Horse Show events are free to spectators. The Park nor our 4-H club charge any type of admission fees to come watch our shows.
34. **A \$25 fee will be charged for ANY checks returned for non-payment.**

35. Riders are requested to wear their entry numbers on their backs. Numbers are permitted on the saddle pads as long as the exhibitor has 2 identical entry numbers and pins one on each side of the saddle pad. Applies to all classes!
36. **Good Sportsmanship is a must** for our 4-H show series, please help us set superior examples for our kids and our exhibitors. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated and considered an infraction of our show rules.
37. Any infractions to the rules and guidelines of this show circuit can result in a forfeiture of ALL circuit points, being expelled from our show circuit and loss of entry fees.
38. Any individual owing the Club past due funds will not be permitted to participate at any club sponsored event until payment in full (cash preferred) is made.
39. A Show Committee is established each year to help with rules & guidance for the 4-H Club sponsored Open Show Circuit. The Committee Chair is the Show Manager/Superintendent. Committee members consist of the current 4-H Club President, one Show Staff member, a second 4-H Horse Program Leader and one 4-H Club parent.
40. Individuals who see violations to show rules, cruelty or mistreatment of a horse, or any action that violates the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics (administering any stimulant, depressant, or local anesthetic that might affect performance or conformation) should report what they see. The report must be made in writing and must be signed by the individual who actually saw the violation or action in question. The report will be given to the Show Manager/Superintendent to present to the Show Committee.
41. Show Committee will be responsible to act upon written complaint reports. The originator of the written, signed report shall be notified of the outcome.
42. Show Committee reserves the right to modify or correct show program in an effort to ensure fairness is given to all exhibitors. Or to adjust ages in a division such as LL or Walk or Youth should the participation in classes for that show year warrant adjusting. Should corrections or modifications be made, they will be posted on-line at our website and also posted at the Entry Booth at each show to ensure all participants are aware of the changes. Please check the entry booth board prior to every show.

