

2017 GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION

1. Complete and detailed rules will be available at our show entry desk. Pick up a copy of the 2017 Mounted Wanderers Open Horse Show Circuit Program at the Entry Desk or print needed sections from our website. **Exhibitors are expected to know the rules!**
2. **Timed Fun Classes:** Open to **all** riders of any age and those riders can be pointed for year-end circuit points in **any** division.
3. **NOVICE (All Ages):** Novice means that horse/rider team have not placed in any recognized or breed association show in that particular division. The team has not placed first more than 10 times in classes of that particular division prior to riding in that division at our show circuit.
4. **ENGLISH NOVICE HORSE OR NOVICE RIDER WALK/TROT and WESTERN NOVICE WALK/JOG:** These divisions are designed for the beginning horse or rider. One must or both may meet qualifications. A Novice Entry Walk/Trot-Jog is a team of any age in their first 3 show seasons of that style of riding (i.e. English versus Western). The team has not shown in 3-gaited classes of that style or riding prior to this show season and has never won a Year-End Grand Championship from any show circuit in WTC or WJL. See our Horse Show Circuit Program under the "Circuit Rules" section for more details.
5. A horse or pony can show in only **ONE** conformation class, with the exception of the horses/ponies ages 3 and under and horses participating in Conformation Performance Mares or Performance Geldings/Stallions.
6. A horse/rider teams may complete in **multiple** trail classes with the same horse provided tack and attire is changed (Example: Western Senior Trail and English Senior Trail). OPEN trail class is open to all ages. See our show circuit program for qualifications about the OPEN trail classes. A single rider may also show additional mounts.
7. **WESTERN PLEASURE GREEN HORSES:** Defined as any age horse/pony in its first 3 show seasons of Western Pleasure competition at the lope. Horse has not won a Western Pleasure Green Horse Grand Championship Award at any show circuit.
8. **OPEN ENGLISH WALK/TROT AND OPEN WESTERN WALK/JOG:** Open to all riders of any age. You are allowed to ride and point this division for year-end along with any 3-gaited division you may wish to enter. Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog riders are encouraged to ride and point here as well. Lead Line riders may not show this division due to circuit rules. Walk riders may show this division but cannot earn year-end points due to circuit rules.
9. **Therapeutic Riding Classes:** Open to all ages riding English or Western and to those with some form of disability. Participants are not required to be fully attired in show apparel & tack however safe riding shoes/boots & respectable riding attire is required. Horse leaders and side walkers are permitted for riders based on rider need. If entries warrant, will split adults and youth riders.
10. **Beginner Walk-Trot Over Fences:** Open to any age rider. These 2 classes are designed for the VERY beginner rider learning to jump. Hunter Hack class has 2 jumps with cross rails at 12" height and English Equitation Over Fences has 4 jumps at 12". If entered in these 2 classes, rider **MAY NOT** enter any other Over Fences classes at the 18" or 2' heights.
11. **TRAIL CLASSES ARE HELD IN RING 3:** Riders take classes in any order. Riders **MUST BE** entered in trail classes by checking in with the entry booth by 2:00 pm – **NO EXCEPTIONS** – we must have you on the show grounds and registered by 2 pm!
12. **Registered QH/App/Paint or Arabian/Morgan CLASSES:** open to registered horses only. See program for specific rules.
13. **SHOWS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!**
14. **1ST THRU 7TH PLACE RIBBONS** are given in every class. Participation ribbons given in all Lead Line and Walk classes after 7th place. For ANY class with exactly 8 entries, 8th place will also receive a participation ribbon. **AGAIN for 2017: Coupons will be offered for \$1.00 off vs. accepting a ribbon for your placing.** See our Show Program for complete details.
15. **CURRENT YEAR NEGATIVE COGGINS** required for entry and must be presented at each show unless a copy is provided to our club. Remember, however, by law you are required to have your original coggins with you.
16. **ENTRY FEES:** \$8.00 for circuit members and \$10.00 for non-circuit/open. Register for circuit membership at the show. Ask for details at the entry booth. **Administrative fee of \$12.00 per number issued is also due. NOTE: Admin fee is \$6.00 per number** for riders registering any additional horses **BUT ONLY IF REQUESTED** by the exhibitor, otherwise you will be billed **\$12**.
17. Classes marked (E/W) are open to both English and Western entries.
18. **ALL ENTRIES** done the morning/day of the shows. **NO pre-registration is offered.** Entry booth opens at 7:00 a.m.
19. **4-H HORSE SHOW RULES** will be followed with the exceptions noted on this General Show Information page, our Class Rules section, and the Additional Show Rules found in our show program. AQHA rules will prevail next for those classes/rules not found in the 4-H Rule Book. Youth/Junior aged riders in Speed Open classes **MUST** wear hard hat w/ strap secured.
20. **ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** Issues/questions are to be addressed to the Show Manager and/or Show Ring Stewards.
21. Cross entering between English and Western classes is allowed; **HOWEVER**, class conflicts are for the exhibitor to work out. We will not hold classes beyond our normal tack change time allotments unless the Show Manager deems circumstances warrant it.
22. Classes will be combined, canceled or split where appropriate depending on the amount of entries per class and time constraints. Please **LISTEN** for announcements! Minimum is at least 2 entries for a class to be held. Refunds given for any canceled classes.
23. We **DO NOT** require our Show Announcer to call **ANY** rider numbers to the class for **ANY** class. **Please listen for class names and BE READY for your class – no refunds given for missing your class!**
24. Food and refreshments will be available on the show grounds and located under the covered pavilion. Not handled by MW's 4-H.
25. Show grounds open at 6:30 a.m. Very little shade is available – we recommend bringing a tent, canopy or tarp to make shade!

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