

# RULE BOOK

# Carroll County Western Circuit

## CCWC General Rules

1. All classes are to be judged by the Judge except for the Speed Ring. The judge's decision is final and Performance ties will be broken at Judge's discretion.
2. Protective headgear ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a fixed harness MUST be worn by all riders 17 & under on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at all times when mounting or riding anytime on the CCEC grounds (this is to include when just sitting on your horse). Hunt Cap of any type is mandatory for all English riders over the age of 18 in all-flat classes,
3. No exhibitor in the W/T division can warm up at a canter or lope. If they can lope/canter then they can move up to the W/T/C or W/T/L division. 1st time warning, 2nd time will be in front of the executive board for a decision on moving them out of W/T division to W/T/C or W/J/L division.
4. No participants can be attached to a horse in any way shape or form to include Belted/Velcro saddles and rubber bands to the boot/stirrup.
5. Should a question arise that is not covered by the rules, it will be referred to the AQHA Rule Book and a final decision will be made by the BOD.
6. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be ready at the ringside when his/her class is called. **The class is closed once the steward shuts the gate absolutely no exceptions.**
7. No one will be allowed in the show-ring once the class has started and there will be no additional sign-ups. Sign-Ups must be completed at least two (2) classes prior to the one you are signing up for. Entries will close on class prior to the current class. (This rule applies to the Pleasure ring)
8. NO REFUNDS.
9. In order to qualify for Year End Awards all exhibitors must complete 2 hours of volunteer service and must attend 4 out of 6 shows.
10. Bat and/or crop may be used in Speed and English classes only. Excessive use of spurs, bat and/or crop may result in disqualification and removal from the show grounds.
11. In the event timing devices are deemed defective, two stop watches will be used.
12. No one will be allowed to practice barrels, poles or trail courses once they are set in the ring. .
13. Five seconds will be added to final time for knock down of a barrel or pole in speed classes.
14. Parent/Handler in all Lead Line classes must be dressed appropriately per English or Western attire. Sneakers, open-toed shoes, T-shirts, tank tops or shorts are NOT permissible.
15. It is the intent of the entire club that each animal in the State of MD is to be protected from intentional cruelty. Carroll County Western Circuit prohibits any form of cruelty to animals on show grounds and will strictly enforce this rule.
16. Fences are to be free of spectators.
17. All dogs must be on a leash.
18. Children must be supervised at all times.
19. All hay and manure must be scattered and spread before leaving the show grounds, 1<sup>st</sup> offense will be a verbal warning 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in a \$5 fine.
20. No glass is allowed in the Equestrian Center.
21. No horses under the Shade Structure, in the spectator area, concession stand and secretary's area. Horses are not allowed on the banks around the rings. No horses tied to trees or fence. Horses to only be hand walked between the announcers booth and pleasure ring at a walk.
22. The driveway entrance to the facility may not be used for parking.
23. Exhibitors with special needs or who are physically challenged and wish to visit the show are more than welcome, provided they are able to meet the gate call. Please inform the ring steward before the class you wish to show, the judge will take this into consideration when judging the class.
24. CCWC is committed to giving every exhibitor a fair chance to show his/her horse.
25. PLEASE TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU.
26. CCWC strives to create a Fun, Family Atmosphere. CCWC WILL NOT tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct and violators will be asked to leave the show grounds

### Canceling Due to Bad Weather

If any shows are cancelled due to bad weather, the decision will be made either by 10PM the day before or 5:30AM the day of the show and communicated to the members via Facebook & text. The weather conditions will be considered at the show grounds in Mt Airy, MD.



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## Constitution



### Article I

#### Section 1 TITLE:

This association shall be known as the "Carroll County Western Circuit", and shall at all times be operated as a non-profit Association in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.

#### Section 2 OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of the Association shall be to:

- A. Coordinate shows dates.
- B. Promote and/or conduct English/Western horse/pony shows, clinics and trail rides.
- C. To stimulate and regulate any and all matters such as may pertain to the Carroll County Western Circuit.
- D. To work in the interest of and for the improvement of horse/pony activities in Carroll County and the State of Maryland.

#### Section 3 PLACE OF BUSINESS:

The principle place of business shall be in Carroll County, Maryland, but business may be carried on at any place convenient to such member of officers, as may be participating.

### Article II

#### Section 1

This association is open to organizational groups sponsoring English/Western horse/pony shows, clinics and trail rides.

#### Section 2

Application for membership in the Carroll County Western Circuit shall be filed with Association Secretary. The Executive Committee will set annual dues. An annual fee of \$30.00 for new individuals, 40.00 for new families, \$25.00 for individual renewal and \$35 for family renewal (families must live within the same household) shall be paid for each annual membership. This fee shall be due and payable each year. Notice to the member of fees due shall be sent to members at their last known address not less than 30 days prior to the end of the calendar year, which is March. When annual membership becomes delinquent, paying the current dues can reinstate the membership. Annual membership is not transferable.

#### Section 3

Membership in the Association is a privilege, not a right. Application for which shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the Association. Membership or application thereof may be terminated or rejected by the Executive Committee for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships to its members. You must be at least 12 years of age to be able to vote.



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## **Section 4**

All officers must attend all board meetings. If any vacancies are incurred during the year, the Board of Directors will fill the vacancy.

## **Section 5**

Should a question arise that is not covered by the rules, it will be referred to the AQHA Rule Book and a final decision will be made by the BOD.

## **Article III**

### **Section 1**

In the event the Association should fail to meet the obligations of its by-laws, all money will be turned over, by check to the Carroll County Equestrian Council, in Westminster, Maryland.

### **Section 2**

The Executive Committee must approve dissolution of the Carroll County Western Circuit in writing.

### **Section 3**

All assets will be held for thirty (30) days after notification of the organization and individual members of the proposed dissolution of the Circuit pending rebuttal by any member, organization or individual.

## **BY-LAWS**

## **Article I**

### **Section 1**

The business and property of the Circuit shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 2**

The Board of Directors will consist of all elected officers.

### **Section 3**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the direction of the President.

### **Section 4**

The Board of Directors has the right to refuse those entries who have been unsportsmanlike in conduct, or who have cast aspersions on any member of this Circuit at previous horse/pony shows of an organization, of any circuit or have unpaid debts to this circuit, upon approval by the officers.

## **Article II**

### **Section 1        OFFICERS**

The officers shall be elected at the October meeting by the members in good standing of the Carroll County Western Circuit for no less than 90 days and no less than the age of 18 years. These officers will assume their positions at the December meeting.



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## **Section 2      PRESIDENT**

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings. He/She shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time. He/She shall appoint all committees except as provided in the by-laws.

## **Section 3      VICE PRESIDENT**

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President.

## **Section 4      SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership meetings, confirm show dates and advise on conflicting dates, email minutes to the members and be responsible for records. He/She will keep the web page and the Facebook page up to date. He/She will also be responsible for the corresponding mail/email to the club. He/She will also keep and update all show points and records and point sign ups. Points will be posted at each show

## **Section 5      TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all monies of the Circuit. The money will be disbursed only upon an itemized statement or receipt. He/she shall account for all of the same by itemized statements in detail at each annual meeting of the members. All checks issued by CCWC will require two (2) signatures by the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director, or any combination thereof.

## **Section 6      CHIEF RING STEWARD**

The Chief Ring Steward will be responsible for seeing that all the rules of the Circuit in all Divisions will be adhered to and to report to the President.

## **Section 7      DIRECTORS**

The Directors will take any suggestions, compliments, complaints, etc. and share them with the other board members at the monthly meeting.

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## SHOW AND CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations shall become effective 01/26/2017 and shall be used at all approved shows and contents of the Carroll County Western Circuit.

### **RULE A                    MEMBERSHIP AND POINTS**

#### **New**

Individual \$30.00                    Family \$40.00

#### **Renewal**

Individual \$25.00                    Family \$35.00

All members are automatically signed up for points towards year end awards when submitting their Membership form. This entitles them for points in all pointed classes and a permanent number. Exhibitors assume responsibility for showing in proper entry number based on horse/rider combination. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

### **RULE B                    COGGINS TEST**

Effective November 1, 1975 A regulation went into effect which states that all horses over the age of 9 months assembled for horse shows shall be accompanied by a copy of an official negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) made within 12 months of the date of the event for the club to keep on file. A valid negative Coggins Test must be presented to the show office for all horse that are on the show grounds whether they are showing or not.

### **RULE C                    JUDGES**

1. A judge may not officiate in any shows in which a member of his family, any of his/her clients, or any of his/her horses, or his/her employees are competing unless relationship terminated six months prior to show.
2. A judge may order any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct of one or both.
3. All judge's decisions are final.
4. Any act of disobedience or discourtesy to a Judge or a Steward by any person shall constitute a violation.
5. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged; and once the Judge has marked his records and placing for awards made, there shall be no changing of the Judge's records except for mathematical errors.
6. Any request to speak to the Judge must be made through the Ring Steward. When an exhibitor makes a request, it is urged that the Judge, in the presence of the Ring Steward, give his opinion in a courteous and sincere manner. However there will be no fraternization between the exhibitor and the Judge during the show.
7. All Judges' cards will be provided by CCWC and must be signed by the Judge.

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## RULE D EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

1. It is mandatory that show management supply exhibitors with entry numbers. Entry numbers are required to be displayed by all exhibitors showing in the pleasure ring. Failure by the exhibitor to wear the number in a visible manner shall result in disqualification. Exhibitors assume responsibility for showing in the proper entry number based on horse/rider combination. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
2. Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness **MUST** be worn at all times when mounted or riding by all riders 17 & under on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. All Participants are not allowed to be attached to a horse in any way shape or form to include belted/velcro saddles and rubber bands to the boot/stirrup.
4. Western attire shall include:
  - a. **Pleasure:** pants (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc.), long sleeved shirt with collar (band, stand-up, tuxedo, etc), western hat/helmet (youth 17 & under) and cowboy boots. Jackets and sweaters acceptable. Spurs and chaps are optional. Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness **MUST** be worn by all riders 17 & under at all times when mounted or riding.
  - b. **Speed:** long or short sleeved shirt with collar, western hat/helmet (youth 17 & under) or no hat at all. Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness **MUST** be worn by all riders 17 & under at all times when mounted or riding. No T-shirts or tank tops are permissible in any event. Baseball caps are allowed. Please make sure they are secure. If you hat falls off during your run the 1<sup>st</sup> warning will be verbal any times after that will be a \$5 fine. Tapadero's are allowed only in Lead Line divisions. Tie downs are optional; however, jerk lines and tack collars are prohibited.
5. English Attire shall include:
  - a. Coat, breeches, with tall English boots or jodhpur pants with jodhpur boots. Full brown or black half chaps are permitted. Stock tie or choker is required. Spurs without rowels, crops, or bats are optional. No schooling chaps permitted. Hair must be neat and contained (net or braid). Hunting Cap of any type is mandatory for all pleasure riders over the age 18 in all-flat classes. Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness **MUST** be worn by all riders 17 & under at all times when mounted or riding. Hunting Cap of any type is mandatory for all pleasure riders over the age of 18 in all-flat classes. **THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.**
6. Parent/Handler in all Lead Line classes must be dressed appropriately per English or Western attire. No sneakers, open-toed shoes, T-shirts, tank tops or shorts are permissible.
7. The judge may penalize an exhibitor who does not conform to the rules for proper attire.

## RULE E TIMERS

Equipment timers will be used in speed events. In the event the timers fail the exhibitor will be allowed a re-ride. If the timers permanently fail a stop watch will be used by the steward. The judge does not oversee timed events. All exhibitors in timed events who are age 17 & under on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a fixed harness.

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## **RULE F PLEASURE EXHIBITORS**

1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be ready and at ringside when his/her class is called.
2. Any exhibitor who sets or incites to act in a manner deemed dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or unethical shall be subject to barring by the Executive Committee.
3. No one will be allowed in the show-ring once the class has started and there will be no additional sign-ups. Sign-Ups must be completed at least two (2) classes prior to the one you are signing up for. Entries will close on class prior to the current class.
4. **NO REFUNDS.**

## **RULE G SPEED EXHIBITORS**

1. A draw order will be posted for each division 15 minutes before Open Poles is to start. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be aware of when they fall in the draw and be prepared at the gate. No exhibitor will be allowed to run if they miss their gate call. **ABSOLUTLEY NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **RULE H CRUELTY**

Cruelty or abuse to a horse/pony by any person is in violation of the rules and renders the offender subject to a penalty. The offender will be barred from further participation for the remainder of the show. All entry fees will be forfeited. The Judge will enforce the rule in the ring and the Stewards will enforce the rule outside the ring. It is the intent of the General Assembly that each animal in the State of Maryland be protected from intentional cruelty. **CCWC WILL STRICTLY ENFORCE THIS RULE.**

## **RULE I AGE GROUPS**

For horse show purposes, the age of an individual as of January 1st shall be maintained throughout the entire year. This will also determine who is required to wear a helmet for the entire season. If you are 17 on January 1<sup>st</sup> regardless if you turn 18 during the calendar year you must wear a helmet for the entire season. Failure to do so could forfeit your eligibility for Year End Awards

<b>Lead Line</b>	<b>9 &amp; Under</b>
<b>W/J &amp; W/T Y, Y</b>	<b>13 &amp; Under</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>17 &amp; Under</b>
<b>A, W/T A, Adult Novice</b>	<b>18 &amp; Over</b>
<b>Green Horse</b>	<b>All Ages</b>

Anyone wishing to move forward to the next age division may do so, however, once done, may not return to their previous age division.

## **RULE J PROTESTS**

1. A protest must be made within one (1) hour of the alleged violation by one individual with a \$50.00 deposit to the Chief Steward and will be announced to all exhibitors.
2. All ribbons and prize money must be returned to the Steward until the protest has been resolved. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protestor; if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Carroll County Western Circuit.
3. The Judge or Ring Steward's decision is final unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules. The soundness of a horse when determined by a judge is not contestable unless a veterinarian is present.

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## **RULE K            TIES**

1. Ties for English and Western classes will be at the discretion of the Judge.
2. Speed ties will be run with the last class standing or TBA at that time.
3. Year End Ties will be the last show placing; i.e. most blues or reds.

## **RULE L            SUBSTITUTION OF HORSE/PONY**

No substitutions of horses/ponies will be made with the exception of Lead Line, Horsemanship and Showmanship classes where the points stay with the person rather than the horse/pony. Substitutions in any division for health reasons will be accepted with a valid veterinarian certificate

## **RULE M            AWARDS DIVISIONS**

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be given out in the following divisions at each show. Points will be determined with a horse/exhibitor combination only.

### **Class Divisions:**

Mini/Pony Horse  
2 Yr Old and under  
Lead Line  
Western Green Horse  
Adult Novice Western/English  
Western A  
Western B  
Western W/J  
English Green Horse  
English A  
English B  
English W/T  
Lead Line Speed  
Speed W/T A  
Speed W/T Y  
Speed Adult Novice  
Speed A  
Speed B  
Speed Y

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2. Year End Awards will be given out in the following divisions. Points will be determined with a horse/exhibitor combination only.

## **Class Divisions:**

Mini/Pony Horse  
2 Yr Old and under  
Lead Line  
Western Green Horse  
Adult Novice Western/English  
Western A  
Western B  
Western W/J  
English Green Horse  
English A  
English B  
English W/T  
Lead Line Speed  
Speed W/T A  
Speed W/T Y  
Speed Adult Novice  
Speed A  
Speed B  
Speed Y

3. To qualify for Year End Awards **ALL** exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to serve 2 hours of volunteer service to the club. Can be done at shows, clinics, fun days, etc. Lead Line Exhibitors must complete at least 1 hour on their own. A parent may complete the other hour if they choose to.

## **RULE N POINTS / MONEY AWARDS**

1. Points are as follows: First Place 6pts; Second Place 5pts; Third Place 4 pts; Fourth Place 3 pts; Fifth Place 2 pts; Sixth Place 1 pt.
2. All pointed classes with 12 or more Exhibitors will be a payback class. Paybacks are as follows: Top four placing; First Place \$8.00, Second Place \$6.00; Third Place \$4.00 Fourth Place \$2.00.
3. Points will be posted at shows periodically throughout the season and the exhibitor has the responsibility of checking his/her point standings. Points will be tallied on a horse/rider combination only.

## **RULE O MINI HORSEAND PONY CLASSES**

1. **Attire:** Exhibitors should be dressed in appropriated dress to compliment the overall appearance of the unit. Hat, long sleeves and boots required (no t-shirts or shorts).
2. **Mini Horse Showmanship:** This class is judged on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern will be required at the Judges' discretion. Show the horse to his/her advantage and keep showing until the class is dismissed.

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3. **Mini Horse Halter:** This class is for Mini Horses and Pony with a maximum height of 14'2 hands. Horses will be led at a walk and jog. If all conformation factors are the same, judging preference will go to the smaller horse. Show the horse to his/her advantage and keep showing until the class is dismissed.
4. **Mini Horse Trail:** The Mini Horse will be led over obstacles. The horse may be asked to walk and jog. Performance is judged over obstacles & response to handler and intelligence.

## **RULE P            LEAD LINE SPEED DIVISIONS**

1. **Attire:** See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. Points are accumulated on the rider only.
3. The exhibitor will be timed.
4. The person leading the child into the ring must be at least fifteen (15) years of age.
5. Parent/Handler must stay at horses shoulder when crossing the Start/Finish line.
6. Parent/Handler must be dressed appropriately per Western attire with the minimum of a polo shirt, jeans, and hard sole boots. Sneakers, open-toed shoes, T-shirts, tank tops or shorts are NOT permissible.
7. Lead Line Detached Plug Walk: To be shown without Lead Line at a walk. Parent/Handler may stand beside the horse/pony. Horse/pony to be judged the same as Lead Line.
8. The Lead Line division will consist of the following classes for year-end awards: Barrels, Figure 8, Plug and Lead Line Detached Plug Walk.
9. Mentally challenged or physically impaired can stay in the Lead Line class or move to the W/T class with an adult running the pattern with them.

## **RULE Q            SPEED DIVISION (TIMED EVENTS)**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. Horses must leave the ring in a controlled manner. Speed event patterns will be measured and altered to fit the ring being used. The Ring Steward may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she considers severe. In the event there is no starting gate, cones will be used. Adequate room will be provided. Riders must start and finish through the cones for qualifying times.
3. Walk/Trot Classes: Horse must remain at a walk/jog/trot during the entire pattern. If the horse breaks into a lope or canter, the rider has three (3) strides to bring the horse back down to a walk/jog/trot or else the horse will be disqualified. Gaited horses must hold a two (2) beat trot at all times.
4. Barrel Race: The horse may take either of the side barrels first. If the right is chosen, it must be circled clockwise and the second and third barrels must be circled counterclockwise. If the left barrel is chosen, it must be circled counter-clockwise and the second and third barrels clockwise. A horse knocking over a barrel will result in five (5) second penalty. Cloverleaf pattern.
5. Figure 8 Race: Two Barrels or stakes will be set in a straight line eighty (80) feet apart. On a right-sided pattern, the rider will begin behind the Start/Finish line, run down to the second barrel, turn counter-clockwise, cross through the center, make a clockwise turn around first barrel, cross through center, make a counter-clockwise turn at second barrel, and run straight to the Start/Finish line. Rider can start on left side but must reverse pattern. Rider must complete a figure 8. Knocking down a barrel or stake will result in a five (5) second penalty.
6. Plug: Horses will run down and turn the barrel and run back across the finish line. Knocking down barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty.

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7. Poles: Six (6) Standing Poles set twenty-one (21) feet apart in a straight line. Horse will run to the farthest most pole, weave down and back and run towards the finish line. Knocking down a pole will result in a five (5) second penalty.
8. Versatility Patterns are depicted in Attachment

## **RULE R            SPEED ADULT NOVICE/GREEN HORSE**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. The purpose of this division is for adults transitioning out of the W/T wanting to improve but not ready to compete at the speed A level. It is also for horses that are new to the sport and the rider wants to use this time to school them.
3. Horse must remain at a walk/trot/canter during the entire pattern. The two areas that will distinguish this from the walk/trot and the speed divisions are in barrels and poles. In barrels the pattern must be ran at a speed above 20 seconds. If the participant/horse runs below a 20 second for three or more shows then they would move to the regular speed event. If participant/horse runs 20 seconds in less than three shows then participant/horse can remain in the division until the following year.
4. In Poles the pattern must be ran at a speed above 30 seconds. If the participant/horse runs below a 30 second Pole pattern for three or more shows then they would move to the regular speed division. If the participant/horse runs below a 30 second pole pattern in less than three shows the participant can remain in the division until the following year.

## **RULE S            LEAD LINE DIVISION**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. Points are accumulated on the rider only.
3. Lead Line 9 & Under E/W: To be shown on loose Lead Line at a walk. Horse/pony to be judged 50% on suitability to the rider and 50% on hands and seat of rider. Permanent number stays with the rider.
4. Lead Line Detached 9 & Under E/W: To be shown without lead Line at a walk. Parent/Handler may stand beside the horse/pony. Horse/pony to be judged the same as Lead Line.
5. Lead Line Detached Horsemanship Walk 9 & Under E/W: To be shown without lead Line at a walk. Parent/Handler may stand beside the horse/pony. Pattern will be required.
6. All handlers must be at least 15 yrs of ages.
7. Parent/Handler in all Lead Line classes must be dressed appropriately per English or Western attire. The minimum dress for the English handler is khakis, polo shirt, and English type boots or handler can wear proper attire of shirt, jacket, breeches and tall boots. A hunt cap can be worn and hair must be neat and contained. The minimum dress for the Western Pleasure is long sleeve western shirt, jeans and western boots. Cowboy hat is optional however hair must be neat and contained. Sneakers, open-toed shoes, baseball caps. T-shirts, tank tops or shorts are NOT permissible.

## **RULE T            ADULT NOVICE DIVISION WESTERN & ENGLISH**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. Open only to beginner or non-experienced show riders over the age of 18. Along with specified novice classes, novice riders can show in the following classes: Showmanship and all Halter Classes. Experience clarification will be determined by the Executive Committee.

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3. The Year End High Point Champion must move to the A Division the following year. Anyone wishing to move forward out of the novice division may do so, however, once done, one may not return to the novice division.
4. All classes are a combination of Western and English.
5. Adult Novice Showmanship: This class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern may be required at the discretion of the judge.
6. Adult Novice Trail: See Western Trail Class. To be shown at a walk, jog/trot.
7. Adult Novice All Day W/T/J: See All Day Western W/J or All Day English W/T
8. Adult Novice Pleasure: See Western or English Pleasure. To be shown at a Walk/Jog/Lope or Walk/Trot/Canter. Lope/ Canter would be performed individually.
9. Adult Novice Horsemanship/Equitation W/T/J: See Horsemanship or Equitation. To be shown at a Walk/Jog/Trot.
10. When using a shank bit one hand is required, and with a snaffle two hands are required

## **RULE U GREEN HORSE DIVISION (WESTERN)**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. 1st and 2nd Year Green Horse - Open to horses, regardless of horse's age, that have not shown anywhere. Horses are ineligible after their second year of showing.
3. Green horses may cross enter into aged divisions. Must maintain Green Horse equipment in all classes.
4. When using a shank bit one hand is required, and with a snaffle two hands are required.
5. Green Horse Trail: Classes will be judged on the performance of the horse at two gaits, performance over obstacles, and response to the rider.
6. Green Horse Western W/J: Class to be judged on the horse both ways of the ring at the walk and jog. May be asked to back.
7. Green Horse Western W/J/L: Class will be judge on the performance and conformation of the horse at the discretion of the judge. Entries will be penalized for incorrect gait or being on the wrong lead. Horses will be judged at a walk, jog and lope on reasonably loose rein both ways of the ring. Horses will be reversed to the inside and will be required to back.

## **RULE V GREEN HORSE DIVISION (ENGLISH)**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. 1st and 2nd Year Green Horse - Open to horses, regardless of horse's age, that have not shown anywhere. Horses are ineligible after their second year of showing.
3. Green horses may cross enter into aged divisions. Must maintain Green Horse equipment in all classes.
4. No shank bits are permitted in Green Horse classes. Two hands are required.
5. Green Horse English W/T: Class to be judged on the horse both ways of the ring at the walk and trot. May be asked to back. The smoothness, willingness and consistency of the performance will be considered.
6. Green Horse English Hunter Under Saddle W/T/C: Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The Hunter Under Saddle should be willing, alert, responsive and move freely with a ground-covering gait. Therefore, the walk should be true and flat footed, the trot brisk and smooth, the canter collected and with the horse on the correct lead.

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## **RULE W TWO AND UNDER LUNGE LINE**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. The purpose of this class is to reward quality of movement, conformation and trainability for horses 2 years old and younger.
3. Classes will be judged on performance based movement. Classes will be judged on 70% movement and 30% conformation. Either a regular halter (in good repair) or a show type halter is acceptable. The lunge line may not exceed 30 feet in length. It is permissible to use a lunge whip however disqualification will occur if the exhibitor blatantly strikes the horse with the whip to cause forward or lateral movement at any time during the longing demonstration.
4. Horses will be penalized for stepping over lunge line or for lunge line touching the ground.
5. Horses will have to walk, trot, and lope in both directions on the lunge line in a set amount of time.
6. The exhibitor will have 90 seconds to present their horse (45 seconds will be announced). English or western show attire must be worn during the class. The conformation inspection will occur as the horse is walked into the arena prior to the longing demonstration at which time the judge will also evaluate the horse for conformation suitable for future under saddle performance.

## **RULE X IN HAND TRAIL**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. This class is judged on the performance of the horse over and through obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the exhibitor, and attitude.
3. Either a regular halter (in good repair) or a show type halter or an English bridle is acceptable. The exhibitor must wear English or western show attire. Exhibitors may be asked to open and close a gate, walk or trot over poles, back, side pass, carry an object, work a mailbox, turn in a box, or walk over a bridge.

## **RULE Y W/J and W/T DIVISON (WESTERN and ENGLISH)**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. Exhibitors will be asked to walk, jog/trot in their classes.
3. All W/J and W/T exhibitors are allowed to enter all Halter Classes and Showmanship W/T Class.
4. Any W/T/J Rider who wishes to move up to the Y or B Division may do so, but will not be allowed to move back to the W/T/J Division
5. See Class list under Western and English Performance Division for rules, only exception is that you will not be asked to lope or canter. Rider will be penalized if unable to maintain the proper gait.

## **RULE Z A & B WESTERN PERFORMANCE DIVISIONS**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. Western Showmanship: This class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern will be required.
3. Western Trail: Classes will be judged on the performance of the horse at three gaits, performance over obstacles, response to the rider, and intelligence.

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4. All Day Western W/J: Class to be judged on the horse both ways of the ring at the walk and jog. May be asked to back.
5. Western Pleasure: Class will be judge on the performance and conformation of the horse at the discretion of the judge. Entries will be penalized for incorrect gait or being on the wrong lead. Horses will be judged at a walk, jog and lope on reasonably loose rein both ways of the ring. Horses will be reversed to the inside and will be required to back.
6. Western Horsemanship: Riders will be judged on seat, hands and ability to control and show horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them. A pattern will be required.

## **RULE AA          A & B ENGLISH DIVISION**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire
2. English Showmanship: This class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern will be required.
3. All Day English: Class to be judged on the horse both ways of the ring at the walk and trot. May be asked to back. The smoothness, willingness and consistency of the performance will be considered.
4. English Equitation: Riders will be judged on seat, hands and ability to control and show the horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them. Riders should have the mount under control at all times. A pattern will be required. Rail work will be at discretion of the judge.
5. Hunter Under Saddle: Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both ways of the ring. Extended trot may be asked for by the judge. The Hunter Under Saddle should be willing, alert, responsive and move freely with a ground-covering gait. Therefore, the walk should be true and flat footed, the trot brisk and smooth, the canter collected and with the horse on the correct lead. When asked to pull up from a hand gallop, the horse should make the transition quickly and smoothly, but not so quickly that it resembles a sliding stop.
6. English Trail: Classes will be judged on the performance of the horse at three gaits, participant/horse's performance over three obstacles plus turns and cones, horse's response to the rider, and intelligence. .

## **RULE AB          OPEN HALTER DIVISION**

1. Attire: See RULE E: Equipment and Attire. Dress code according to exhibitor's discipline.
2. Open Halter Class: Horses /Ponies of any breed. Horses will be led at a walk and jog. Show the horse to his advantage and keep showing until the class is dismissed.

## **RULE AC          DONKEY/MULE EQUIPMENT**

1. Showing with two hands: In performance classes, donkeys may be ridden with two hands in any legal snaffle, bosal or shanked bit.

## **RULE AC          NON-POINTED CLASSES**

1. Open Speed Classes: [Barrels and Poles only] A timed event. You may W/J/L or W/T/C.
2. Jack Pot Classes

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- a. A total of 70% will be paid back to the exhibitors and 30% retained for the club. If five (5) entries or less, payback will be two spots: 1<sup>st</sup> Place 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 20%. If more than five (5) entries, payback will be three spots; 1<sup>st</sup> Place 40%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 20%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 10%.
- b. Ribbons or coins will not be awarded in any Jack-Pot Class.
- c. Jackpot All Day Western W/J: Class to be judged on the horse both ways of the ring at the walk and jog. May be asked to back. Judged on the horse only
- d. Jackpot All Day English W/T: Horses will be shown at a walk/trot in both ways of the ring. May be asked to back. Judged on the horse only.
- e. Jackpot Ranch Horse Pleasure:
  - 1. The purpose of Ranch Horse Pleasure class should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse.
  - 2. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse.
  - 3. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. Each horse will work individually, performing both required and optional maneuvers, and scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. The required maneuvers will include the walk, trot, and lope both directions: and the extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back. Three optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a pole(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform. Posting at the extended trot is acceptable. Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.
  - 4. Patterns will be provided on the day of the show.
- f. **Jackpot Poles:** Six (6) Standing Poles set twenty-one (21) feet apart in a straight line. Horse will run to the farthest most pole, weave down and back and run towards the finish line. Knocking down a pole will result in a five (5) second penalty.
- g. **Jackpot Barrels:** The horse may take either of the side barrels first. If the right is chosen, it must be circled clockwise and the second and third barrels must be circled counterclockwise. If the left barrel is chosen, it must be circled counter-clockwise and the second and third barrels clockwise. A horse knocking over a barrel will result in five (5) second penalty. Cloverleaf pattern.

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## Attachment A. Speed Patterns

### Poles

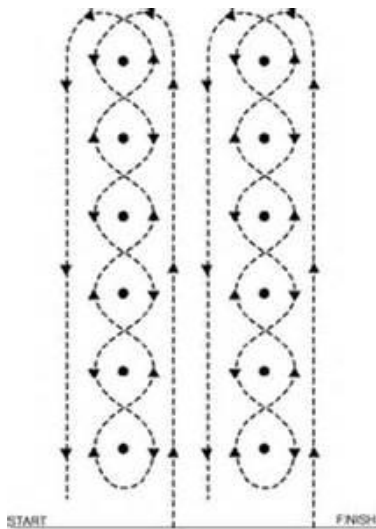
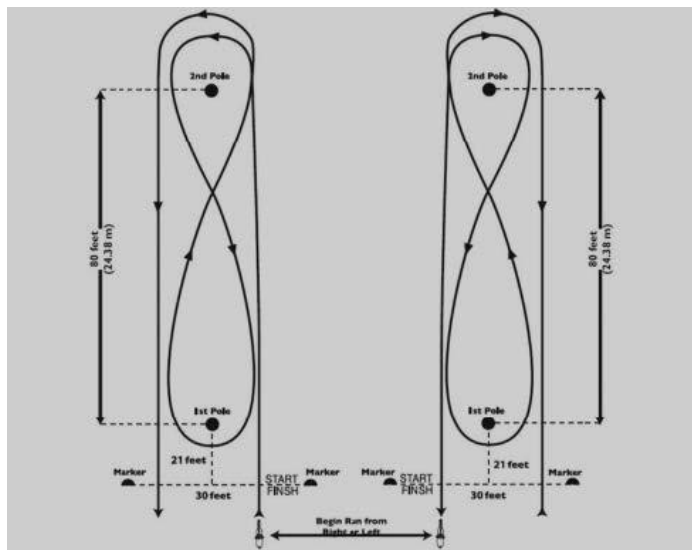
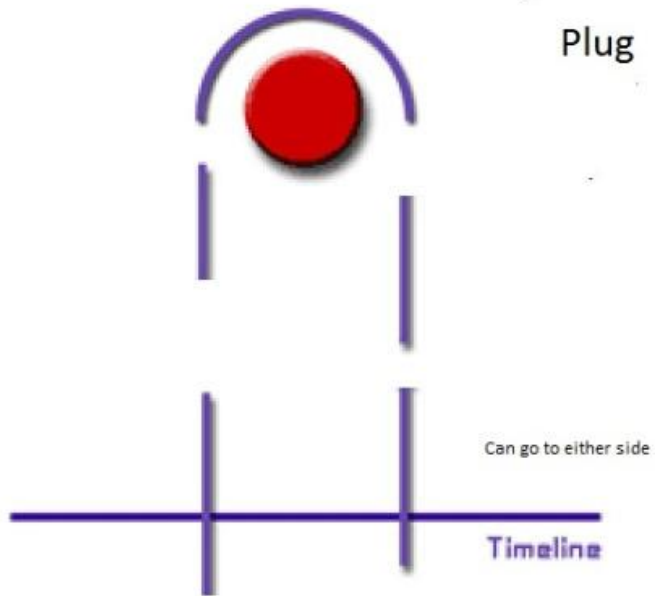


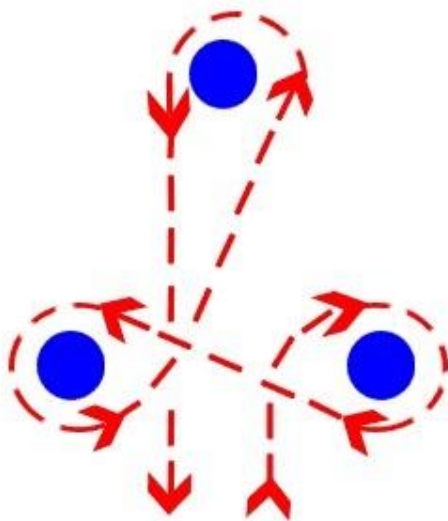
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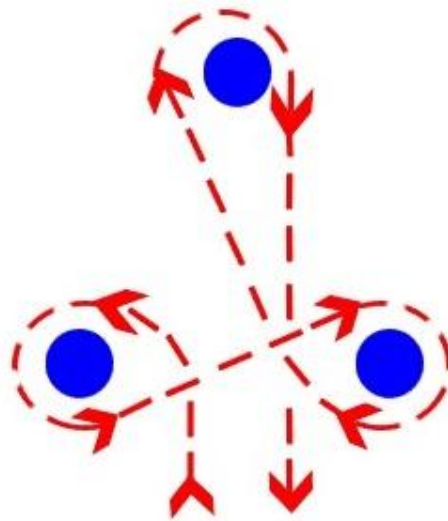
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## Barrels



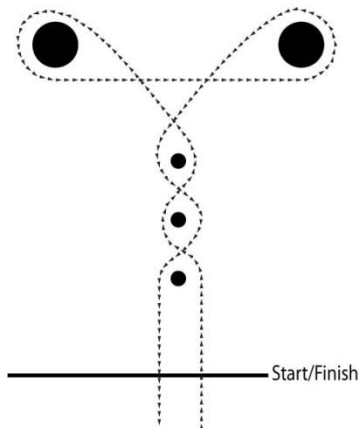
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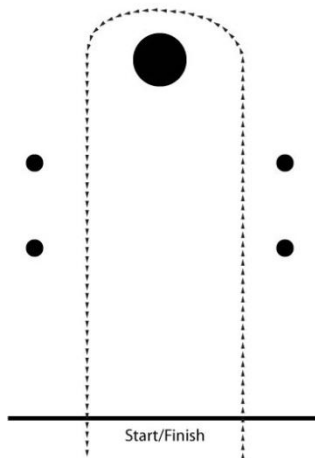
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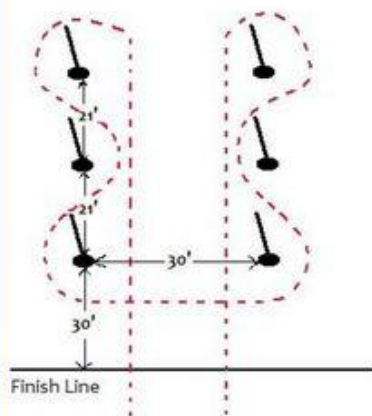
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## KEYHOLE BARREL



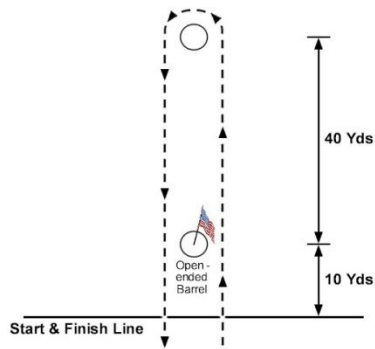
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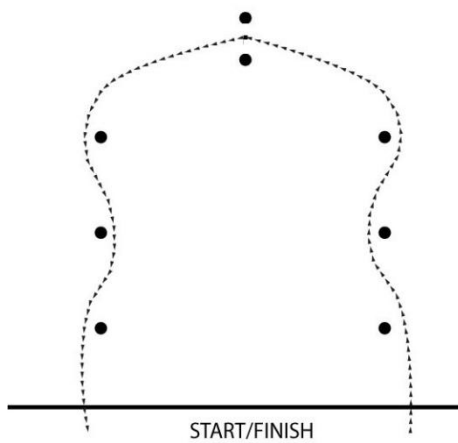
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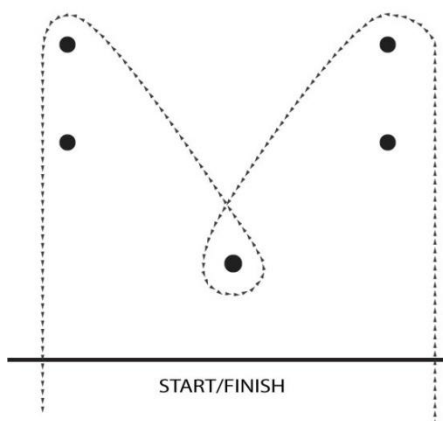
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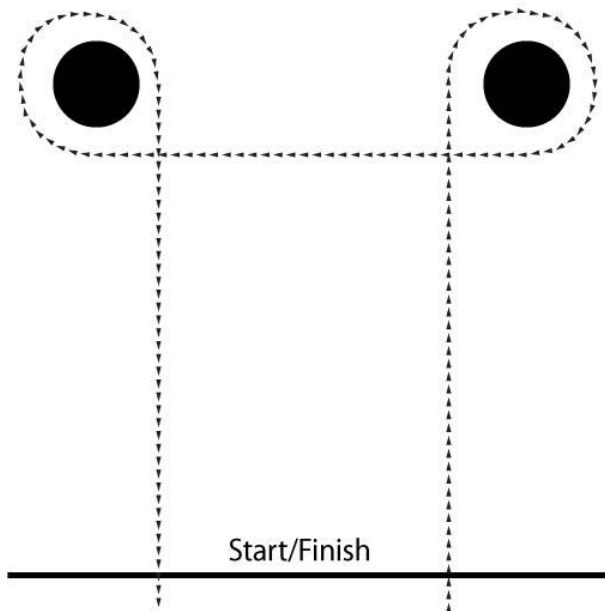


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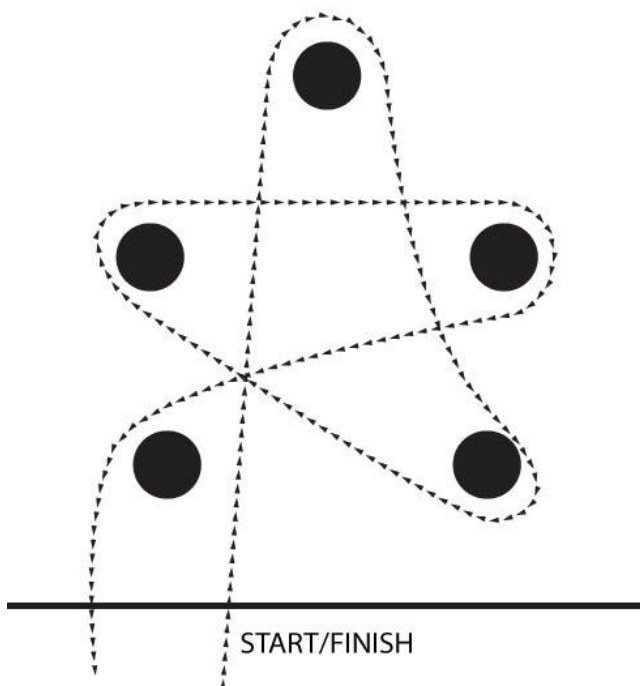


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