



ARABIAN COMMUNITY TOURNAMENT (ACT) CLASSES



INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this division is to introduce potential new owners to the joys of showing and riding Arabian horses by giving beginning riders of any breed and opportunity to gain experience by offering beginner classes at our Arabian horse shows.

RIDERS

- Riders are encouraged to be in a professionally operated lesson program but it is NOT REQUIRED
- Encouraged but NOT REQUIRED to be a member of AHA
- Riding suits and chaps are NOT allowed
- Riding pants, jodhpurs, breeches, or colored jeans are considered appropriate, as are neatly fitted shirts, tops and sweaters.
- A riding helmet IS MANDATORY for riders 18 and younger, and suggested for riders of all ages
- Appropriate footwear with a small heel is MANDATORY
- Riders are NOT allowed to cross enter into any non-ACT riding classes, and are ineligible to compete in ACT classes once they have shown in a full riding suit or in a non-ACT or non-Academy show.

HORSES/PONIES

Horses are encouraged to be lesson horses of any breed and should display the characteristics of such, but it is not mandatory that they are utilized in a professional lesson – all horses are welcome, as long as they display good manners and a quiet disposition.

Tack – a cut-back saddle for saddle seat, western saddle for stock seat, and hunt saddle for hunt seat are to be used. Work bridles and bits, including snaffles, are allowed, and running martingales are permitted and encouraged. Tie-down martingales are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Horses may cross enter in ANY ACT classes, but riders may not cross enter between the Leadline, Walk/Trot, the Walk/Trot Equitation or the Walk/Trot/Canter classes. ACT entries are to follow horse show rules but are not AHA or USEF sanctioned classes. Show grooming is permitted, but not necessary as **HORSES ARE NOT TO BE JUDGED.**

Horse-show management may eliminate any horse or rider that is deemed unsafe or is not abiding by these rules.

JUDGING

All ACT classes are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show their horse to its best advantage, and upon the riding skills of the rider.

Each class should be judged on the rider's basic equitation and horsemanship skills suited to the class discipline, with emphasis placed on the rider's ability to control the horse at all times, identify correct diagonals and leads promptly, and to control their horse's rate in a consistent manner.

Riders should convey the impression of good posture, balance and effective control while commanding proper speed of gaits and show ring placement.

Headers are allowed in the line- up in all walk/trot classes.

HORSES ARE NOT TO BE JUDGED, only the rider's ability to control themselves and their horse and present themselves to their best advantage.

Horsemanship Pleasure is meant to differ from the equitation class in that it is judged more on the rider's ability to display their horse to its best advantage, communicating to the judge through their horsemanship and riding abilities that the horse is a pleasure to ride and can be guided and set up to show to its best advantage.



ACT Classes offered Saturday in the Draft Horse Barn

- 400 ACT Showmanship at Halter (all ages)
- 401 ACT Western Walk/Jog/Lope Horsemanship (all ages)
- 402 ACT Hunt Seat Walk/Trot Canter Equitation (all ages)
- 403 ACT Saddle Seat Walk/Trot Canter Equitation (all ages)
- 404 ACT Walk/Trot/Canter Horsemanship All Seats (all ages)
- 405 ACT Hunt Seat Walk/Trot Equitation (all ages)
- 406 ACT Western Walk/Trot Equitation (all ages)
- 407 ACT Saddle Seat Walk/Trot Equitation (all ages)
- 408 ACT Walk/Trot Horsemanship All Seats (all ages)
- 409 ACT Leadline Walk/Trot (all ages)
- 410 ACT Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation Championship All Seats (all ages)
- 411 ACT Walk/Trot/Canter Horsemanship Championship All Seats (all ages)
- 412 ACT Walk/Trot Equitation Championship
- 413 ACT Walk/Trot Horsemanship Championship

NOTE: These classes have a separate Registration Form

Arabian Community Tournament (ACT) Class Specifications & Registration Form

ACT Class Specifications: The purpose of this division is to introduce potential new owners to the joys of showing and riding Arabian & Half Arabian horses by giving beginning riders of any breed an opportunity to gain experience by offering beginner classes at our Arabian Class A horse shows. Walk/Trot Sections are provided to allow multiple riders to show the same horse. ***Sections will be assigned at Coach's request.**

RIDERS: Riders are encouraged to be in a professionally operated lesson program and to be a member of AHA, with neither being required. Riding suits and chaps are not allowed. Riding pants, jodhpurs, breeches or colored jeans are considered appropriate. A neatly fitted shirt or top is suggested. A riding helmet is also mandatory for riders 10 and under and suggested for all ages. Appropriate footwear with a small heel is mandatory. Riders are NOT allowed to cross enter into any non-ACT riding classes, and are ineligible to compete in ACT classes once they have shown in a full riding suit or in a Class A Arabian horse show.

HORSES: Horses are encouraged to be lesson horses of any breed and should display the characteristics of such, but it is not mandatory that they are utilized by in a professional lesson—all horses are welcome, as long as they display good manners and a quiet disposition. A cut-back saddle for saddle seat, western saddle for stock seat, and hunt saddle for hunt seat are to be used. Work bridles and bits, including snaffles, are allowed, and running martingales are permitted and encouraged. However, tie down martingales are not allowed. The horse show management may eliminate any horse or rider that is deemed unsafe or is not abiding by these rules. ACT entries are to follow horse show rules but are not AHA or USEF sanctioned classes. Show grooming is permitted, but not necessary as HORSES ARE NOT TO BE JUDGED.

JUDGING: All academy classes are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show their horse to its best advantage, and upon the riding skills of the rider. Each class should be judged on the rider's basic equitation and horsemanship skills suited to the class discipline, with emphasis placed on the rider's ability to control the horse at all times, identify correct diagonals and leads promptly, and to control their horses rate in a consistent manner. Riders should convey the impression of good posture, balance, and effective control while commanding proper speed of gaits and show ring placement. Headers are allowed in the lineup in all walk-trot classes. HORSES ARE NOT TO BE JUDGED, only the rider's ability to control themselves and their horses and present themselves to their best advantage.

Please Type or Print Only One Owner Per Entry Form. All entries must be complete and correct fees enclosed.

	Name of Horse				
	Class #	Class #	Class #	Class #	
	Class #	Class #	Class #	Class #	Entry Fees
Exhibitor	Exhibitor DOB: / /				

All entries are made at the rider's/owner's/trainer's own risk with the understanding that there is an inherent risk in riding horses. Neither the Michigan All Arabian Horse Show, Michigan State University, the management, officials, nor employees, will be responsible for any accident or loss, which may occur to an exhibitor/animal, equipment at the Michigan All Arabian Horse Show. Under Michigan Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities.

ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, RIDERS & HANDLERS MUST SIGN THIS ENTRY FORM. Each person signing this entry form acknowledges that he/she has read the above statement and agrees to the applicable terms, conditions, waivers, releases, indemnification and consent as set forth herein. Each person agrees that the information is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.

Instructor/Trainer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

(If rider/handler is a minor, parent or guardian signature required)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Stable With: _____

_____ Entry Fee @ \$15/Class	\$ _____
_____ Stall for ACT Horse @ \$60	\$ _____
_____ Office Fee per horse \$18	\$ _____
Enclosed Total Fees	\$ _____

Make checks payable to: AHAM

NOTE: There is no registration fee for entry to the Championship classes