Purpose: This procedure provides guidance for sanctioning shows that are not NWHA shows, thus recognizing that these shows offer additional opportunities for individuals to showcase their sound horses.

Scope: This procedure applies to all equine events including shows who would like to have their shows recognized by NWHA as a venue for the sound horse.

Responsibilities:

**TITLE** | NWHA Show Sanction
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**Directors** | Directors bear the responsibility for approving this procedure, and for its update should that be deemed necessary.
**Director of Operations** | The director of operations shall assure that entities or individuals wishing to sanction a show follow this procedure and complete all necessary requirements.
**Show Management** | Individuals with show management responsibility and who wish to have their shows sanctioned by NWHA will contact the Director of Operations, fill out the appropriate form, and certify that they do not have “rail” classes at their shows.

Definitions:

**SANCTION** | Official approval and granted permission to advertise as an NWHA event.
Procedure

In an effort to recognize the versatility of the Walking Horse and other gaited breeds, NWHA may approve the sanctioning of shows and other competitive events where walking horses are included. These shows and events must NOT include any traditional rail classes.

In order for NWHA to sanction a show or event, the interested party must:

- Complete a sanctioning form
- Pay the sanctioning fee of $25.00 per show or season event fee as determined
- Agree to assure that all walking horses present are in compliance with the Horse Protection Act
- Provide a prize list
- Send show results to NWHA.

When a show or event is sanctioned, NWHA will advertise said event in all NWHA media outlets. Participants at sanctioned shows will receive points toward NWHA year-end high points if the show managers supply results to NWHA.
NWHA Sanctioning Application & Agreement
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Name of Show/Event ______________________________
Location _______________________________________
Show Dates ________________ Starting Time ____________
Sponsoring Organization _______________________________________
Show Manager/Chair _______________________________________
Address _______________________________________
Phone Number (Home) (___)____________________(Work) (___)____________________
Show Secretary _______________________________________
Address _______________________________________
Phone Number (Home) (___)____________________(Work) (___)____________________
Judge _______________________________________
Judge _______________________________________

By signing this form, show management agrees to:

1. Not include rail classes for Walking Horses or other gaited breeds.
2. To insure that all horses are in compliance with the Horse Protection Act since NWHA does not assign DQPs at NWHA Sanctioned Horse Shows.
3. When applicable, abide by the rules of the National Walking Horse Association (NWHA) & the Horse Protection Act (HPA) & to honor, show management agrees to all disciplinary actions taken by the NWHA & the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
4. Employ appropriately qualified judges.
   (Judge's fee and travel expenses are negotiated between show management and judge.)
5. Send class sheets (walking horse classes only) to the NWHA within two weeks following the show. Show management further agrees to insure that the class entry sheets are complete & legible, including name of horse, owner, owner's address, rider, trainer and placement of entries.
   There is a $25 per show sanctioning fee.

Signature _______________________________________
Title _______________________________________
Date ________________