

Rules & regulations

General show rules

The management may add, cancel, combine or divide classes. Refunds will be given only for bona-fide injury or illness of horse or rider. All judge's decisions are FINAL. The USEF rulebook may be used to resolve any questions. Martingales or tie-downs are prohibited in all under saddle classes. Alcohol or controlled substances are prohibited and the use of such is cause for expulsion from show grounds without refund of entry fees.

Stallions - may only be shown by riders/handlers 18 & over. They cannot be shown in Beginner W/T/C.

Rider Attire - **All 17 & under riders in ALL divisions and ALL seats are required to wear ASTM/SEI certified helmets, including lead-line riders, when mounted. (Regardless of seat and will not be penalized) Riders of all ages must wear helmets when mounted outside of the show ring. Riders must wear proper attire for all classes entered, with the exception of Therapeutic Riding-class. Classes will not be held for tack or clothing changes without prior notice to management.

Points & Awards - 1 award and 6 ribbons per class with the following exceptions: 8 ribbons in Walk/Trot, Lead Line and Therapeutic Riding-Class.

Points are calculated as follows:

# of entries	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place	6 th place
4 & up	7	5	4	3	2	1
3 & under	5	3	2	-	-	-

Seventh & Eighth place receive 0 points. *Only HRC members in good standing may accrue points. Must be same horse/rider combination to count for year-end awards. Points will be considered final one week after publication, excluding printing or addition errors.

Membership dues - Membership application forms received the day of the show MUST be submitted and paid in full at the time of registration. Payment must be in the form of cash or separate check. Membership form must be correctly filled out with date of birth for juniors before the start of classes. *No points will be awarded retroactively!

Pre-entries- pre-entries must be received by 9 p.m. the Friday prior to the show, no exceptions. To be eligible for pre-entry rate, entries must be received on time and be complete. No numbers will be issued without payment and proof of current coggins. Please mail early, no phone entries! Pre-Entrants may add a class on the day of the show for pre-entry prices.

Post-entries- are defined as:

- (A) Entries received after 9 p.m. the Friday prior to the show.
- (B) Entries submitted the morning of the show.

All entries must be paid by Cash, Check, or a blank, signed check prior to receiving an entry number.

*****RETURNED CHECKS***** a service charge of \$25 per check will be levied. All monies owed to HRC must be remitted within 15 days of the date of the dunning notice. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of points accumulated toward year-end awards in all divisions shown at the show in which the check was received.

Coggins test- a legible copy of a current, (within 1 Year) negative coggins test must be submitted for each horse or pony entered in the show. For your and our convenience, a copy may be left with the show manager, and will be kept on file to be used at all HRC shows. **if copy is outdated (over 1 year), or illegible, no entry number will be issued.*

Entry number- One entry number will be issued to each horse and rider combination. Number fee is non-refundable.

Cross Entries - Cross entries are permitted where horse and/or rider is eligible for that division. See Division Specifications and/or Class Specifications.

Adding/dropping classes- Use the add/drop form and fill it out completely. Please be courteous and drop or add classes as early as possible. Post-entrants may add classes on the day of the show at post-entry price. Each

class can be added and/or dropped only once. No refunds for additional requests. Refunds of entry fees for dropping classes without valid reasons (see rule #1) are at the discretion of the Show Manager.

Juniors- riders shall be under 18 years of age as of January 1st of this show year. Juniors shall not show stallions. Juniors are required to wear hard hats in all under saddle classes and will not be penalized for doing so.

Adults- riders 18 years of age as of January 1st of this show year. Adults are strongly urged to wear hard hats in all classes and will not be penalized for doing so.

Horses- kickers must be marked by a red ribbon on the tail (available at entry booth). Any horse endangering the safety of another horse, rider, show official, or spectator will be excused from the class and/or show. Illness, lameness, unruliness, or signs thereof, shall be cause for dismissal from the ring.

Gaited horses - are welcome to show in all eligible divisions but rider must be attired appropriately for that division and horses must be able to perform the appropriate gaits. i.e. Hunt attire – trot/canter, Western – jog/lope. Breed attire and alternate gaits permitted in Walk/Trot, Pony or Adult classes.

Complaints- Show complaints should be presented to the show manager by the end of the show. If the problem is not resolved by the end of the show, the complaint must be submitted in writing, dated, signed and received by the show manager within seven days after the show. Complaints must be registered by the individual, legal guardian or trainer involved. Complaints will be addressed by the board at the next meeting.

Supreme Invitational – Top 2 of each class and Day End Champion/ Reserve Champion will be invited to join us at Balmy Acres for the annual HRC Supreme Invitational Show. Please see invite letter or website for details and rules.

Division Specifications

1. **Leadline 7 & under-** open to riders 7 years of age or under as of January 1st of this show year. Exhibitors will show at the walk and individually at the trot or jog. Leaders are to be on foot and must be mature, experienced and responsible handlers. *Tank tops, shorts, open-toed shoes or sandals, bare feet are not acceptable attire for handlers. Lead-Line riders are eligible to compete in Lead Line and Costume classes only. Equitation class is to be judged with emphasis on equitation. Suitability class is to be judged with emphasis on pleasure and suitability of horse or pony to rider. Trail Class is to be judged with emphasis on the rider's efforts and control of his/her horse.

2. **Leadline 8 & over-** open to riders 8 years of age or over as of January 1st of this show year. (See Leadline 7 & under for division/class specifications).

3. **Walk/trot-** walk/trot divisions for riders who cannot canter or lope or have never cantered or loped at any show or on any show grounds. Shows are defined as any event where equitation classes are offered or where equitation is part of the judging criteria. Rider's age is as of January 1st of this show year. Horse/rider combination is eligible to ride in Walk/Trot Games, Costume and Purina class. Walk/Trot riders cannot cross enter into any walk/trot/canter division classes, including Showmanship.

4. **Huntseat** – walk/trot/canter divisions split into two age groups – Junior Exhibitor (14 & under as of Jan. 1st) and a Senior division (15 & over as of Jan. 1st) Beginner W/T/C riders are not eligible for this division.

5. **Western-** a walk/jog/lope division for all ages. Helmets are optional for riders 18 years and over but juniors must wear a helmet. A junior horse/pony 5 years of age and under, ridden western, may be ridden two handed with a bosal or appropriate snaffle. No horse or pony older than 5 years of age may do so.

6. **Pony-** all ponies must be shown by juniors under 18 years of age. All ponies must be 14.2hh or less. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter.

7. **Therapeutic Riding-class-** for physically or mentally challenged riders. Riders may not enter in any other divisions with the exception of Costume class.

8. **Green horse-** a walk/trot class for "green" horses who are in their 1st or 2nd season of showing under saddle. These horses are not eligible for any other divisions with the exception of Driving, Leadline, Costume and walk/trot games. Rider may enter individually where eligible. Horses in this division have never cantered at any show.

9. **Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter** – a beginner division for all ages and seats. Division is limited to riders who have never cantered or loped at any show or on any show grounds prior to this show season. Rider may not enter in any other classes or divisions, with the exception of driving and costume. Horses/ponies may be shown by another rider in other divisions or classes at the same show. Riders are eligible for this division for one year.

10. **Games divisions** – (Open and Walk/Trot) no day-end championship awarded. However, year-end awards will be presented. *games divisions include all Command, Egg & Spoon and Sit-A-Buck classes.*Helmets and boots are mandatory for all riders, all seats, all ages, in all games classes! *Chaps are not allowed in Sit-A-Buck.

11. **Miniature Horse** – Open division for all miniature horses 38” and under. Trail class will be shown in hand. Miniature horses may not cross-enter into any other classes with the exception of Costume class. Shown only single in harness. Handlers may enter in other classes with another horse where eligible, but they are not eligible for the Spectators & Grooms class.

12. **Adult** – Open division where rider and horse may cross enter where eligible into other divisions with the exception of Walk/Trot, Pony, Therapeutic Riding-Class or Lead Line. Rider must be 18 or over.

Class Specifications

1. **Trail-** trail course will close at an announced time. Riders are responsible for completing the trail class. No refunds will be given to riders who do not complete the class in a timely manner.

2. **Equitation Limit-** (Open and Walk/Trot) Open to riders who have not won 3 or more blue ribbons in equitation prior to today’s show.

3. **Showmanship-** classes shall be judged on the exhibitor’s ability to show a horse/pony in hand with an emphasis in fitting (i.e. cleanliness of horse, tack and attire.) This class is not a halter class, conformation of the horse/pony not to count. To be shown in a suitable halter or bridle and proper attire for handler.

4. **Showmanship Challenge-** exhibitors placing first in each showmanship class (all divisions) from the 3 HRC shows (affiliated shows not to count) in a calendar year will be eligible to participate in the Showmanship Challenge at the HRC Supreme Invitational Show. Note: exhibitor must be a member of HRC in good standing to qualify. Same horse/handler combination must be used in the challenge class. No substitution of horse without prior approval from show manager (i.e.: Proof of lameness, illness of horse). Winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

5. **Purina Senior Challenge-** a walk/trot class for all Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter or Lope horses over the age of 15 as of January 1st of this show year. Sponsored by Hanson Grain and Purina Feeds.

6. **Open Driving-** Horse/Pony to be shown at a walk, collected trot and working trot. Exhibitors may be asked to back up. Junior drivers must have a header. Headers are optional for Adult drivers. Shown only single in harness.

7. **Pleasure Driving-** Horse/Pony to be shown at a flat-footed walk, pleasure trot and a working trot. Exhibitors must stand quietly and back readily. A junior driver must have a header. Headers are optional for Adult drivers. Shown only single in harness.

8. **Miniature Combined Driving** – will be judged as a combination pleasure-utility class may include obstacles (cones), serpentines and change of direction.

9. **Spectator Leadline** – for any rider who has not competed in any other class that day with the exception of costume. To be shown at a walk-only and led by a qualified handler.

10. **Spectators & Grooms** – for any rider that has not competed in any class that day with the exception of costume. To be shown at the walk and trot/jog only. Proper show attire is not required, however, helmets are required.

11. **Benefit Costume Class** – open to all horses and riders. Shown at the walk only. Proceeds from this class will be donated to a charity to be determined by the class winner.