

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a nonmember registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of the rule: 1) headline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions; 8) Opportunity classes; 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation; 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handles in Dressage Sport Breeding Classes.

“EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.”

- ENTRIES** – To be considered timely, **entries must be received by August 27th and must be accompanied by a \$25 non-refundable entry deposit per horse.** Entry deposit will be credited towards entry fees. Post entries will be accepted if time and space permits for an additional \$25 late fee. Entries will be accepted on a paid, first come, first served basis based on the date received in the horse show office. Four entries, unless otherwise stated, are necessary to fill a class, or the class may be declared void. The show committee reserves the right to decline to accept any entry, limit the number of entries accepted in any division/class, return any entry fees before or during the show, without being liable for compensation, and to change location, combine, cancel, or limit any classes or officials.
- CREDENTIALS** – The following must be presented prior to issuing a back number, please send copies of memberships & cards with your entries. - **USEF MEMBERSHIP CARDS, MEASUREMENT CARDS, AMATEUR CERTIFICATION, NEGATIVE COGGINS CERTIFICATE (dated within 12 months), AN OPEN CHECK, OWNER/RIDER/TRAINER SIGNATURES AND FULL ADDRESSES.**
- STALLS - MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED.** Stall fees are \$160 per stall. There are a limited number of permanent stalls, all other stalls are portable, under tents, with doors 9'6" x 9'6". Stalls will be double rented. When an exhibitor moves out of a stall it becomes the property of the show to use as necessary. Exhibitors are responsible for any damage to the stalls and or tents and will be billed accordingly. **Stalls are available from Wednesday September 2nd, 12 noon until Sunday September 6th.** To be vacated within a reasonable time after the close of the horse show. Stall fees are non-refundable after entry deadline. One night stalls will be available at a fee of \$100 and assigned where space allows by stabling manager. Trainers may not request one night stalls to be blocked with their stalls. Move in time will not be before 4pm of the date requested and must be vacated by 3pm of the following day. Stabling office number during show 804-337-1994.
- HAY, GRAIN & BEDDING** - will be available on the show grounds. Same day deliveries need to be placed in the show office by 12 noon. Bedding deliveries prior to your arrival can be made on the Pre-Show Feed & Bedding order form in the prize list. Management is not responsible for missing/lost/stolen material after delivery is made.
- CAMPERS** - hook-ups are available on a paid, first come, first served basis based on the date received in the show office. A limited number of spaces are available with water and electric hook-up at \$100 per space.
- REFUNDS** - of stalls fees only, will be given for show scratches received by the closing date of entries. After this date, with valid vet certificate, entry fees, less stall fees and \$25 non-refundable horse deposit will be returned. Any scratch made after the division has started may not be entitled to a refund of entry fees. All refunds will be mailed within 30 days of the show.
- ADDS & SCRATCHES** - for classes must be made in the show office, on the official add/scratch form one hour prior to the class. **Adds will only be accepted if time and space allow. All adds to classes must be prepared to go at the top of the jump order.** Adds and scratches not made accordingly will be assessed a \$5 fee. Horses that show in a class that they are not entered, will be charged double the entry fee.
- PARKING** - will not be allowed in the stable area. There will be designated "loading areas" for all barns, "day parking" for exhibitors showing from their trailers and "extended parking" for all other vehicles. All vehicles not occupied by a person in a "no parking area" or not appearing to be used as a ship-in vehicle in the "day parking" area will be towed at the owners expense.

9. **PRIZE MONEY** - will be applied to your account at the time of check out. Any prize money not applied to your bill or over the amount of the bill will be payable to the owner unless otherwise stated. Allow 45 minutes following a class to process results for check out. All prize money checks must be cashed within 60 days. Checks not cashed will be void after 60 days. Management is not responsible for lost/stolen prize money checks.
10. **CONDUCT** - Exhibitors are on notice that any act of discourtesy or disobedience by them, their riders, grooms or agents to the judges or officials shall disqualify their entry and the owner shall forfeit all fees and charges including prize money. The horse show management shall have the power to disbar the offending individual from further competition and to have him and his entire exhibit removed from the grounds without being held liable for damage and shall be accepted as a condition of entry.
11. **CHAMPIONSHIPS** - all hunter classes will be judged on performance, manners, soundness, and way of going. The Champion & Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these four horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes (full points for Regular Conformation Model classes) and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class.
12. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR** - All exhibitors, regardless of age, are required to wear properly fitting USEF protective headgear at all times when riding on the show grounds.
13. **JUMPERS** - In the event of a tie, there will be a jump off for first place only. All other ties will be broken by the time and faults in the first round unless otherwise noted. Poling, including the use of offsets, is prohibited at all times. Championships, if offered will be tabulated on points.
14. **JUMP ORDER** - A rotating jump order may be established for all hunter, jumper and equitation classes. A dotted line may be used and will be posted on the course chart and designated in the ring.
15. **COURSES** - will consist of any combination of the following: brush, wall, in and out, oxer, post and rails, gate, coop, aiken and panels.
16. **NON-SHOWING HORSES** - will be required to fill out an entry form and pay a fee of \$100 in addition to their stall or grounds fee and office fee.
17. **MOTORIZED VEHICLES** - Rule GR 1401.29 To insure the safety of all exhibitors, spectators and participants, any motorized vehicle (electric or gasoline) must be operated by persons with a valid drivers license. 17. Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but no limited to golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of recognized competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed by any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.
18. **RING SIZE & FOOTING** - Indoor ring is 120 x 240; outdoor ring 150 x 300, annex ring 150 x 300 and warm up areas are 150 x 300 and 100 x 200 all with stone dust footing. Schooling schedules are listed on the time schedule.
19. **RIBBONS** - Eight ribbons will be awarded in all rated hunter and equitation classes unless otherwise specified.
20. **MEDICAL WASTE** - All exhibitors and their agents are responsible for the proper disposal of medical waste, needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Management may fine exhibitors or their agents up to \$100 for the improper disposal of such waste.
21. **MISC.** - Exhibitors submitting checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$50 fee and may be required to pay in cash the following year. All dogs must be kept on a leash. Fines will be imposed for damage or interference caused by your dog.

For More Information

Show Office prior to show 410-591-8993

Show office number during the show 301-952-7944 or 301-952-7945

Stabling office number during the show 804-337-1994