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Tri-State Gymkhana Association Inc. d.b.a.



# Rules & By-Laws

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## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE 1. NAME**

The name of this association shall be Tri-State Gymkhana Association, Inc.

Effective January 1999 this association will do business as Southern New England Horsemen's Association.

Membership period from January 1st through December 31st of the current year. Age of exhibitor will be determined as of January 1st of the current year.

Age of horse will be computed on the basis of a calendar year, starting January 1<sup>st</sup> of year foaled.

### **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE**

2-1. The purpose of this association is as follows:

- 2-1-1. To ensure and promote interest in horse shows.
- 2-1-2. To work toward a better understanding among show committees, exhibitors, judges and others interested in horse shows.
- 2-1-3. To set dates of member shows to avoid conflicts.
- 2-1-4. To make and enforce uniform rules governing horse shows, exhibitors and judges.
- 2-1-5. To adjust disputes which arise between those holding horse shows and others, insofar as the authority of this association goes.
- 2-1-6. To maintain records of horses and riders participating at member shows to award such annual S.N.E.H.A. championships as it sees fit.

### **ARTICLE 3. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

3-1. Membership shall be of two classes, as follows:

- 3-1-1. Voting Members
  - a. Affiliate shows
  - b. Honorary members
  - c. Individual members
  - d. Family membership

Under no circumstances shall a member have more than one vote.

3-1-2. Non-voting members

a. Any member under 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

**ARTICLE 4. REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP**

4-1. Honorary Members shall be any person deemed to be eligible by the Board of Directors as having made a worthy contribution to the sport, having displayed an unselfish interest in activities of member shows and/or whose counsel, experience and leadership are considered valuable to the Association. A letter recommending an individual for Honorary Membership may be submitted by any member or group of members to the Board of Directors. Honorary Members shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and shall be elected only after acceptance by the nominees. Honorary Members may hold office. Honorary Membership to include family membership.

4-2. Individual Members shall be all persons who are at least 18 years of age, and shall be accepted for membership upon receipt of application and payment of dues and shall remain so until that member resigns, fails to pay current dues or is expelled from membership under Article 6 of these By-Laws. Individual Members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual and all Membership Meetings of this Association and shall be eligible to hold office.

4-3. Family membership shall consist of one or two parents and any of their children, or grandchildren, who have not reached their 18th birthday as of January 1st of the current year. Those individuals who have not reached their 18th birthday shall be considered Junior members. Each parent shall be considered as an Individual Member. A family shall be accepted for membership upon receipt of application and payment of dues and shall remain so until failure to pay current dues, expulsion from membership under Article 6 of these By-Laws or until the parent or legal guardian is no longer a member in good standing. Only the parents in a Family Membership are entitled to vote at the Annual and all Membership Meetings of this Association and shall be eligible to hold office.

4-4. Affiliate shows shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and shall not be eligible to hold office. Affiliate shows shall be accepted for membership upon application and payment of fees and shall remain an affiliate show until said show resigns, fails to pay current fees or is expelled from membership under Article 6 of these By-Laws. Member affiliate shows shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

**ARTICLE 5. AFFILIATE SHOWS**

5-1. Affiliate shows are those horse shows held within the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and shall be elected by a majority vote at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5-2. Any affiliate show may voluntarily resign at any time, but shall forfeit any fees paid or be liable for any fees remaining unpaid for the current year.

5-3. Each affiliate show shall appoint one (1) Delegate and Alternate who shall represent it at the Annual and Membership Meetings of the Association. The names of said Delegate and Alternate shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of this Association by January 1st, prior to the Annual Meeting and they shall serve until their successors have been appointed and this Association has been notified. Each Delegate or Alternate is entitled to one (1) vote and may represent one (1) affiliate show only. Regularly appointed Delegates or their Alternates must be present at the meetings to cast their votes. Upon non-payment of fees, final notice shall be given to an affiliate show by the Treasurer, after which and until payment is made its' Delegates or Alternate shall have no authority within this Association.

5-4. No more than two shows shall be approved for any individual or organization in one (1) year, with the exception of S.N.E.H.A. shows.

## **ARTICLE 6. PENALTIES**

6-1. It shall be within the power of the Board of Directors to censor, fine, suspend or expel any affiliate show, Honorary Member, Individual Member or any individual of a Family Membership, providing that such member has been given at least ten (10) days notice by Registered or Certified Mail of a hearing at a Board Of Directors Meeting on the question, and an opportunity to appear. Such action may be taken upon complaint of violation of the rules of this Association and for conduct deemed to be improper, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, intemperate or prejudicial to the best interests of the sport and this Association.

6-2. There will be a \$20.00 fee for any returned check, along with any applicable bank charges. Should any individual present this Association with two (2) or more returned checks, this individual shall be required to pay with cash or money order in the future.

## **ARTICLE 7. DUES**

7-1. Affiliation Dues:

7-1-1. Affiliation fee for affiliate shows shall be \$100 per day, which includes show approval. There will also be an additional fee of \$40 for the Steward, \$50.00 for the Secretary and \$25 each for rental of S.N.E.H.A. trail obstacles and sound system if used. The Steward and Secretary fees must be payable to S.N.E.H.A. and be accompanied with the show approval fee. The S.N.E.H.A. Treasurer will reimburse the Secretary and Steward.

7-1-2. Fees of Affiliate shows are due and payable on January 1st of each year.

7-1-3. Shows applying for membership must submit their affiliation fee with their application for the show date.

7-2. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

7-3. Dues of Individual Members who are at least 18 years of age shall be \$20.00 per year and are due on January 1st of each year.

7-4. Dues for Family Memberships shall be \$30.00 per year and are due on January 1st of each year.

7-5. All applicants for membership must submit their dues with their application.

## **ARTICLE 8. OFFICERS**

8-1. The Officers of this Association shall be as follows: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) Point Recorders.

8-2. Officers shall be elected at a meeting of the Association to be held on the last Tuesday of October.

8-3. Installation shall be at the Annual Meeting, and serve for one (1) year thereafter and/or until their successors have been elected; the President shall serve for a maximum of four consecutive terms of one year. President must then have a one year break in office before being eligible for nomination or re-election by the membership.

## **ARTICLE 9. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

9-1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall, with approval of the Board of Directors, sign all contracts and other obligations of the Association. The President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

9-2. The Vice President shall be assigned duties by the President and will be responsible to the President and Board of Directors for such duties. In the absence or resignation of both, the Second Vice President shall conduct the business of the Association.

9-3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of the Annual and all Special Meetings to the members. The Recording Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings and shall keep all correspondence and all records of the Association. The Recording Secretary shall act as Assistant Treasurer when required in the performance of all or part of the Treasurer's duties and shall furnish an adequate bond at the expense of the Association. The Recording Secretary shall conduct the business of the Association if the President or Vice Presidents are not available.

9-4. The Treasurer shall collect all funds due the Association, shall have the care and custody of these funds and shall deposit the same in a safe depository. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account, showing the funds received and the disposition of such funds. The Treasurer shall furnish an adequate bond at the expense of the Association. The Treasurer shall make a

report at each Membership Meeting and whenever required to do so by the President or Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall conduct the business of the Association if the President, Vice Presidents and the Recording Secretary are not available.

9-4-1. There shall be an audit of the financial accounts of the Association at least once every year or upon change of the Treasurer during the year. This audit shall be conducted by two (2) qualified persons, selected by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

9-5. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for all membership registration, dues and other duties as assigned by the President.

9-6. The Point Recorders shall keep on file a complete record of all points. These are to be available at all times for inspection by those desiring to do such.

9-7. All Officers shall be responsible to the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

10-1. The Board of Directors shall consist of seventeen (17) Directors. The eight (8) Officers, the immediate past President, and eight (8) Association Members. One half or four (4) of the non officer directors shall be elected each year at the October meeting for two-year terms and/or until their successors have been chosen. Terms of Directors shall commence following installation at the Annual Meeting.

10-2. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy occurring within its body with the exception of the immediate past President; the appointee to complete the unexpected term.

10-3. The immediate past President of S.N.E.H.A. shall automatically be a Director of the Association and shall remain as such for a period of one (1) year as long as the past President is a member in good standing and so long as the attendance criteria of Article 11-3 are met.

10-4. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy caused by the resignation or death of any officer unless it feels a special election should be held for the purpose of filling said vacancy. In the event such a special election is not called by the Board of Directors to fill said vacancy, any twenty (20) members may petition the Board of Directors in writing that such election be held upon receipt of such petition. The Board of Directors shall call the Special Meeting for said purpose within three (3) days from receipt of said petition.

#### **ARTICLE 11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

11-1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every month and shall conduct the affairs and business of the Association. At all meetings of the Board of Directors nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.



11-2. Any member may attend any regular meeting of the Board of Directors upon written request of the member and approval of the President or by invitation of the Board of Directors.

11-3. Should any Board Member be absent more than three (3) Board Meetings (unexcused) in any calendar year the Board of Directors shall have the right to review that person's standing within the board.

11-4. Any Board Member who meets the attendance requirements under Article 11-3 will not be required to attend the General Membership Meetings.

## **ARTICLE 12. COMMITTEES**

12-1. At or immediately following the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint the following committees: judges, show, awards and banquet, by-laws and rules, public relations, and whatever other committees are deemed as necessary by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Representation on these committees may be drawn from all classes of membership.

12-2. By the September Board of Directors Meeting the Nominating Committee shall present to the Board of Directors the slate of Officers and Directors it recommends for election at the election meeting and it shall be published in the October newsletter. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members of this Association, except the President.

12-2-1. Nominations for both Officers and Board of Directors to close in September at the General Membership Meeting. Names of nominees and a short write up on each nominee to be communicated to the membership. Elections to be held at the October General Membership Meeting. Nominations for any position will only be taken from the floor the night of elections if there are no nominees for that position at the September General Membership Meeting or if an individual accepted a nomination but did not "win" the vote and wished to be considered for another position.

## **ARTICLE 13. MEETINGS**

13-1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on the last Tuesday during the month of January of each year.

13-2. The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Qualifying of members present.
2. Reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and all subsequent special meetings.
3. Annual written report of the Treasurer.
4. Submission of the show dates for the ensuing year.

5. Report of committees.
6. Deferred Business.
7. Installation of Officers and Directors.
8. New Business.
9. Adjournment.

This order of business may be changed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

13-3. Special Member Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors. At least two (2) weeks written notice of such meeting and purpose of such to be given to all members.

13-4. In addition to other meetings of the membership otherwise provided for, there shall be meetings of the membership held on the last Tuesday of each month January through October, preceding the monthly Board of Directors meetings, for any members that wish to raise points for discussion. Attendance is not required for year-end awards. Special Meetings shall count if the notification requirements have been met as stated in Article 13-3.

#### **ARTICLE 14. RULES**

14-1. This Association shall maintain uniform rules established by the Board of Directors with the approval of this Association. The rules may be amended and added to by the Board of Directors at any time during the year, when the Board of Directors feel immediate action is necessary. All rule changes and amendments brought to the Board by the General Membership must be submitted in writing prior to the September Board of Directors Meeting. Submitted rule changes will be recommended or not recommended by the Board of Directors and voted on at the October meeting by the General Membership.

14-2. Members may at any time make written suggestions to the rules committee for consideration to be brought to the Board of Directors for recommendation or denial and to be acted upon at the proper time.

#### **ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENTS**

15-1. The By-Laws may be added to, altered, or amended at any Special Meeting of the Association by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting members present at the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 16. MISCELLANEOUS**

16-1. Any use of a particular gender herein shall be read to include the other, and the singular to include the plural.

#### **ARTICLE 17. FELONY CHARGES**

17-1. Any person convicted of a felony is required to inform the Board of Directors of their

conviction or pending charges before accepting a Board nomination. Also, any convicted felon or person with a pending felony case inform the Board of such before accepting positions of help at the shows.

## **ARTICLE 18. CERTIFICATION AND REVISION**

18-1. Certified by the S.N.E.H.A. Board of Directors on February 15, 2014.

### **S.N.E.H.A. SHOW RULES**

#### **I. REGISTRATION WITH S.N.E.H.A.**

- A. All exhibitors competing for S.N.E.H.A. annual championship awards must be a member with this association each year.
- B. All members will be issued a registration number upon submission of membership application. Birth certificate must be supplied, for those under 18 years of age, when the age of the exhibitor comes into question.

#### **II. POINTS AND ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

##### **A. ANNUAL POINTS/SHOW POINTS**

###### **1. General Requirements:**

- a. Points for annual championship awards will accrue upon receipt of dues and registration fees by the Membership or Show Secretary. In order for any horse or pony to accumulate points, it must be exhibited by a S.N.E.H.A. member in good standing.
- b. In order to accumulate points for a S.N.E.H.A. annual championship award, including equitation classes. S.N.E.H.A. will issue a registration number each year. (See Rule I. Registration) Points for all shows will accumulate immediately upon receipt of dues and registration fees. When signing up for membership at a show membership fees must be paid prior to turning in entries for any classes for points to count for that day.
- c. In order to qualify for year-end championship awards in any class, an entry must participate in a minimum of three (3) S.N.E.H.A. and S.N.E.H.A. affiliate shows in that class. In order to qualify for year-end championship awards in any

division, an entry must participate in a minimum of three (3) S.N.E.H.A. and S.N.E.H.A. affiliate shows in each class of that division. (**EXCEPTION:** To qualify for year-end awards in the Miniature Division the miniature must be shown in a minimum of 2 of the 3 classes making up that division.)

- d. Winners of championship and reserve championship awards at S.N.E.H.A. and S.N.E.H.A. affiliated shows do not have to be present to receive their awards. S.N.E.H.A. will not be responsible if awards are not picked up. If there is a tie for champion or reserve champion for a division the tie will be broken based on equitation placing's in that division except in the miniature division in which the tie will be broken based on the trail placing's.

## 2. Transfer of Ownership

- a. Points accumulated by a horse during a show season will be transferred to the new owner upon notification, in writing, to the Membership Secretary, provided the new owner is a member of the Association, or upon application of membership.

## 3. Scoring

- a. Ribbons offered and won in all divisions or classes for determining the S.N.E.H.A. championship awards will be scored as follows:

Classes will count for the following points:

Six ribbons 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th  
Per class 7 5 4 3 2 1

Regular point structure to be used at S.N.E.H.A. sponsored shows.

## B. AWARDS

A trophy or prize plus six ribbons will be awarded in each class, unless stated by the Board of Directors.

### 1. Division

- a. S.N.E.H.A. will award year-end championships in the following Fifteen (16) divisions: Lead Line, Beginner Walk/Trot (first 3 years of showing), Walk/Trot 11 & under, walk trot 12- 17, Open Adult Walk/Trot, Open Junior, Saddle-Type, Hunt Seat, Adult English, Open Western, Green Horse, Miniature, Open Hunter, New Team, Open Ranch, and Open Walk Trot.

The following classes will count toward divisional year-end awards:

Open Walk Trot

Open walk trot Equitation  
Open walk trot Pleasure  
Open walk trot discipline

Lead Line Division

Lead Line Equitation  
Lead Line Pleasure  
Lead Line Trail

Miniature

Miniature Halter  
Miniature Hunter In Hand  
Miniature Trail In Hand

Beginner Walk Trot

Beginner W/T Horsemanship  
Beginner W/T Pleasure  
Beginner W/T Discipline

Walk Trot 11 & Under

W/T 11 & Under Equitation  
W/T 11 & Under Pleasure  
W/T 11 & Under Discipline

Green Horse

Green Horse W/T Pleasure  
Green Horse W/T/C Pleasure  
Green Horse W/T Discipline

Walk Trot 12-17

W/T 12 -17 Equitation  
W/T 12 -17 Pleasure  
W/T 12 -17 Discipline

Open Adult Walk Trot

Open Adult W/T Equitation  
Open Adult W/T Pleasure  
Open Adult W/T Discipline

Open Junior

Open Junior Equitation  
Open Junior Pleasure  
Open Junior Discipline

Saddle Type

Saddle Type Equitation  
Saddle Type Pleasure  
Saddle Type Discipline

Open Western

Open Western Horsemanship  
Open Western Pleasure  
Open Western Discipline

New Team

New Team W/T Equitation  
New Team W/T Pleasure  
New Team W/T/C Pleasure

Open Ranch

Ranch Pleasure  
Ranch Riding  
Ranch Discipline

Open Hunter

Open 2' Hunter Equitation  
Open 2' Working Hunter  
Open 2' Hunter Hack

Adult English

Adult English Equitation  
Adult English Pleasure  
Adult English Discipline

Hunt Seat

Hunt Seat Equitation  
Hunter Under Saddle  
Hunt Seat Bridle Path Hack

2. Classes

- a. The annual S.N.E.H.A. championship awards shall be presented at the annual banquet to member exhibitors accumulating the highest number of points throughout the year in the following S.N.E.H.A. member show classes:

Open Walk Trot Equitation  
Open Walk Trot Pleasure  
Open Walk Trot Discipline

Beginner W/T Horsemanship  
Beginner W/T Pleasure  
Beginner W/T Discipline

Open Ranch Pleasure  
Open Ranch Riding  
Open Ranch Discipline

Lead Line Equitation  
Lead Line Pleasure  
Lead Line Trail

W/T 11 & Under Equitation  
W/T 11 & Under Pleasure  
W/T 11 & Under Discipline

Green Horse W/T Pleasure  
Green Horse W/T/C Pleasure  
Green Horse W/T Discipline

Miniature Halter  
Miniature Hunter In Hand  
Miniature Trail In Hand

Open Junior Equitation  
Open Junior Pleasure  
Open Junior Discipline

Saddle Type Equitation  
Saddle Type Pleasure  
Saddle Type Discipline

W/T 12 -17 Equitation	New Team W/T Pleasure	Adult Fitting & Showmanship
W/T 12 -17 Pleasure	New Team W/T/C Pleasure	
W/T 12 -17 Discipline		In-Hand Trail
Open Western Horsemanship	Hunt Seat Equitation	
Open Western Pleasure	Hunter Under Saddle	Junior Fitting & Showmanship
Open Western Discipline	Hunt Seat Bridle Path Hack	
	Open 2' Hunter Equitation	S.N.E.H.A. Open Pleasure
Adult English Equitation	Open 2' Working Hunter	S.N.E.H.A. Open W/T Pleasure
Adult English Pleasure	Open 2' Hunter Hack	S.N.E.H.A. Team Classic Pleasure
Adult English Discipline		
	Model Horse	Mystery Class
Open Adult W/T Equitation		
Open Adult W/T Pleasure	Registered Color Halter	
Open Adult W/T Discipline		
New Team W/T Equitation	Registered Quarter Horse Halter	

**Points for all classes will accumulate on the exhibitor except for the following, which will be credited to the horse:**

Miniature Halter	Model Horse	In-Hand Trail
Miniature Hunter In Hand	Registered Color Halter	Open Ranch Division
Miniature Trail In Hand	Registered Quarter Horse Halter	

**Points for SNEHA Team Classic Pleasure will be credited to the same rider/ rider, horse combination.**

**When points are accumulated on the rider that rider may only show once per class.  
When points are accumulated on the horse that horse may only show once per class.**

### **III. SHOWS**

#### **A. PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATION AND APPROVAL**

1. Each November 1st the S.N.E.H.A. the Recording Secretary will send out letters to each of the previous show managers requesting their show dates for the coming year. They should state if they want dates corresponding to the previous year or new dates. The S.N.E.H.A. letter shall stipulate that the show manager's reply shall be returned to the Recording Secretary within one (1) month, by December. Any issuing of dates thereafter shall be on a first come first serve basis. The dates of all affiliate shows must be approved. Affiliate shows shall be elected by a majority of members present at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. All affiliate show dates will be listed at the monthly meeting. In case of date conflicts, the Board of Directors is empowered to arbitrate such conflicts. S.N.E.H.A. shall approve only shows of

non-profit organizations.

2. Any affiliate show may voluntarily resign at any time, but shall forfeit any fees paid or be liable for any fees remaining unpaid. Before membership from shows can be accepted, all monies owed to the affiliation for previous commitments shall be paid in full.
3. Two (2) typed copies of the class list shall be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than eight (8) weeks prior to their show date for approval before being submitted to the printer. Once a class list is printed, there will be no changes in the order of the classes as they appear on the flier for any S.N.E.H.A. approved show.

## B. EXCEPTIONS

1. If the show is going to run into darkness, classes that are considered dangerous to run at night may be moved up.
2. Any class added which does not appear on the class list is not a S.N.E.H.A. point class and will not accumulate points.
3. Approval of show dates does not constitute approval of the horse show until all requirements are fulfilled.
4. If show managers desire to become Association members, they should make routine applications for membership. Affiliation fee is not considered automatic membership to the Association.
5. Affiliate Shows must run S.N.E.H.A. Open Pleasure, S.N.E.H.A. Open W/T Pleasure, and SNEHA Team Classic Pleasure. Proceeds from these classes must be paid to a S.N.E.H.A. official the day of the show. S.N.E.H.A. will supply ribbons and a trophy/prize for each of these classes.
6. Any non-pointed classes will be governed by S.N.E.H.A. rules.
7. S.N.E.H.A. will not approve any class list consisting of over fifty (50) classes, unless two (2) rings and two (2) judges are used. Any two (2) ring shows must not exceed sixty-four (64) classes.
8. Affiliated shows must offer all S.N.E.H.A. point classes.

## C. CONDUCT OF SHOWS

### 1. General Requirements and Prohibitions

- a. The word horse shall designate animals over 14.2 hands, except registered. An animal 14.2 hands or under, but registered to a recognized horse breed, must be shown as a horse. Proof of horse breed is mandatory. Papers must be shown. The term "exhibitor" refers to the person showing the animal in the show ring.

- b. The height of any horse, pony or miniature may be questioned by an exhibitor or show official without a protest. An exhibitor may question or protest the height of any animal at any time. Should the height of any animal be questioned it shall be the duty of the show committee to have a veterinarian, judge or steward officiating the show determines its height using an accepted measuring device.
- c. No exhibitor may withdraw his horse/pony/miniature from any S.N.E.H.A. or S.N.E.H.A. affiliated show after the show has commenced without the permission of the show steward, who will report all withdrawals to this Association. (Lameness only per show steward, judge or veterinarian (at owner's expense).
- d. In the event of equipment breakage, casting a horse's shoe or similar accident, an exhibitor is entitled to request suspension of judging for a period not to exceed seven (7) minutes in aggregate in order to repair damage. The exhibitor must go to the center of the ring for any repairs or replacement of a shoe. If the exhibitor pulls into the center of the ring, that constitutes a request for time out. Time shall be taken from the moment the exhibitor goes to the center of the ring, except in the event of a horse casting a shoe. The seven (7) minutes allowed for replacement shall not start until the farrier reaches the animal as long as the farrier is on showgrounds. If at the expiration of this time the horse is not ready to compete, the contestant will be eliminated. The ringmaster, show steward or judge shall be held responsible for timing, unless there is an official timer.
- e. No stallion is to be exhibited in any Junior or Walk Trot classes with the exception of Green Horse Walk/Trot. All stallions must be exhibited by an experienced adult. (Adults being 18 years of age and older, see limitations to experienced riders below, Rule III.C.1.r.) The S.N.E.H.A. Board of Directors reserves the right to prohibit any stallion from exhibiting at any S.N.E.H.A. or any S.N.E.H.A. affiliate show for any reason without question.
- f. Copies of Rabies Certificate as well as Negative Coggins must be provided to the secretaries at the beginning of show season, before a horse will be signed up for any classes. Proof of rabies and negative coggins is required for all horses. You may be asked for them at any time. Failure to provide documentation will be grounds for ejection from the horse show facility.
- g. No whip over 6' long including snapper (except in driving classes) may be used either inside or outside the ring by a horse handler or assistant when showing a horse. Lashes, appendages of any kind or electric devices of any kind are prohibited. Excessive use of a whip or spurs on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area or show ring, by any person will be considered an act of cruelty and abuse and will result in eviction from showgrounds and forfeiting all fees. Any form of cruelty/neglect will not be tolerated and should be reported to the show steward.



- h. In all divisions and classes, each animal must be serviceably sound for horse show purposes. However, in all cases if the unsoundness is sufficiently severe to be considered an act of cruelty or abuse, the judge may bar the entry from further competition unless diagnosed sound by the veterinarian on call that day, at the owner's expense.
- i. No fair shows will be approved.
- j. No judge shall judge more than one (1) S.N.E.H.A. or S.N.E.H.A. approved show per calendar year as ring judge. No judge shall judge more than one (1) S.N.E.H.A. or S.N.E.H.A. approved show per calendar year as a trail judge. No exhibiting member may judge a S.N.E.H.A. or S.N.E.H.A. approved show.
- k. Each affiliate show shall report the names of all exhibitors and others who failed to pay entry or other fees (together with the amount due) to the Association Secretary within thirty (30) days after the show. This information will be furnished to all other affiliate shows by the Association Secretary.
- l. Persons or horses judged not in good standing shall be prohibited from participating in any manner at a S.N.E.H.A. show.
- m. The judge or any member of their immediate family may not enter or show at any show in which they are officiating. Immediate family means: mother, father, sister, brother, husband, wife, son or daughter.
- n. The fact that a rider has taken lessons from a judge, steward or any show personnel is not cause for disqualification.
- o. Unless an individual volunteers to manage a S.N.E.H.A. show, the Board of Directors of S.N.E.H.A. will collectively manage all S.N.E.H.A. shows.
- p. A mandatory trail judge is to be used to judge the outside trail course.
- q. All trail classes are to be pinned as soon as possible after the close of the trail course. Trail judge must remain until scores are totaled and transferred to the official point card.
- r. Any exhibitor who shows in any Walk Trot class other than Green Horse Walk Trot will be considered by this Association to be an inexperienced rider. Inexperienced riders will not be considered experienced until the rider moves up to walk trot canter and does not show in walk trot classes. With the exception of the walk trot classes where applicable.
- s. Should the Board of Directors deem it necessary to cancel or reschedule any horse

show, notification will be made using the web site.

t. Walk-trot riders shall not canter on the show grounds.

## 2. Entries

- a. Every entry at S.N.E.H.A. shows shall constitute an agreement that the person making it, i.e. owner, lessee, manager, agent, driver, rider and the horse, shall be subject to the S.N.E.H.A. By-Laws and the rules of the Association. Every exhibitor's name and membership/back number shall be on the entry form. If the exhibitor is a minor, the entry form must be signed by a parent, legal guardian or assigned agent. If there is an assigned agent of a parent, written notification must be shown when entries are made.
- b. Misrepresentation of horse's eligibility (identity, height, name or age) for the class registered or recorded number or other information on any entry form, or a substitution in the show ring of a horse other than the one named in the entry form for the class in question, shall result in the exhibitor's forfeiture of any ribbon, trophy, prize or other award won by such misrepresentation or substituted animal, and shall render the exhibitor liable for further penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- c. Entries must not be accepted in any class after judging of that class has commenced.
- d. All entries at S.N.E.H.A. shows must be on the same basis. It shall not be permissible to afford free entries, free transportation or other expenses to one exhibitor unless the same privileges are extended to all exhibitors.
- e. Any rider competing in a class who has not signed up for that class will be liable for all fees.

## D. DUTIES OF SHOW MANAGEMENT

### 1. Statement of Purpose

- a. One of the principal aims of this Association is to improve the caliber of S.N.E.H.A. shows. Certain minimum standards are necessary for the operation of good shows. While the S.N.E.H.A. Board of Directors has no desire to make our shows "Big-Time Extravanzas" ; it is the opinion that in order to be eligible for membership in the Association, all shows should meet certain requirements for mutual benefit of exhibitors, the general public and thus the shows themselves.
- b. All affiliate shows shall abide by the following minimum standards, a copy of which shall be mailed to them. All member shows shall be subject to penalty by the Board of Directors for violation on minimum standards and rules, which shall

include, but are not limited to, failure to abide by the following minimum standards.

## 2. Minimum Standards

- a. Conduct a show in accordance with the Association rules.
- b. A class list with classes described by division, numbered and not in violation of S.N.E.H.A. rules. The class list shall include the following:
  - i. The name of the judge or judges assigned to each division. Any judge that judges a S.N.E.H.A. or S.N.E.H.A. approved shows must meet the approval of the S.N.E.H.A. Board of Directors.
  - ii. The name of the S.N.E.H.A. show steward (announced the day of).
  - iii. A schedule of classes.
  - iv. Cost of entry fee clearly stated.
  - v. Number of ribbons per class. Six (6) ribbons must be offered in all classes.
  - vi. Location to showgrounds.
  - vii. S.N.E.H.A. Open W/T Pleasure, S.N.E.H.A. Open Pleasure, and S.N.E.H.A. Team Classic Pleasure class must be offered.
- c. Official show schedule shall be posted to the S.N.E.H.A. web site.
- d. Show management shall make available the day of the show to the S.N.E.H.A. point recorders all entry forms, class results and all judges' cards pertaining to the classes of the day.
- e. Provide a ring of reasonable size as determined by the board of directors.
- f. Provide Restroom facility on grounds.
- g. Water for horses is readily available.
- h. Provide or have an ambulance on call.
- i. A public address system tested prior to the show and audible a reasonable distance from the ring.
- j. All classes will be called over the public address system at least three (3) times.

Class will be closed three (3) minutes after last call.

- k. Exhibitor numbers for all riders.
- l. A covered committee stand efficiently planned with complete facilities for customary show day committee work.
- m. A clean and attractive refreshment stand.
- n. Management shall assign the steward or other competent person the responsibility of checking attire and tack prior to the class.

#### E. PROTESTS

- 1. Protest Committee: A protest committee shall consist of the S.N.E.H.A. Board of Directors.
- 2. Procedure: Protestor must submit the protest in writing, signed by the protestor, to any S.N.E.H.A. Director or Officer accompanied by a non-refundable \$25.00 protest fee, within 24 hours of the action protested. The protest committee will act upon the protest after inviting all persons involved therein to appear before it. The decision of the protest committee is final.

#### F. SHOW OFFICIALS

- 1. Stewards
  - a. A recognized steward is a representative of S.N.E.H.A. at a show. The steward is not to be confused with the ringmaster who is sometimes referred to as the ring steward. A S.N.E.H.A. Steward is mandatory and must be present throughout the entire show.
  - b. No steward may officiate at more than two (2) shows in a given month. This rule is subject to the above regulations and can be waived by 2/3 vote of the S.N.E.H.A. Board of Directors. There must be a backup steward assigned to any S.N.E.H.A. approved show.
  - c. The duties of the steward are as follows:
    - i. To verify the enforcement of Association rules.
    - ii. To protect the interest of exhibitors, judges and show management.
    - iii. To report to the management of the show any offense, misrepresentation, substitution or violation of the rules committed by any exhibitor or official.

- iv. To ascertain that an animal whose height is questioned is correctly measured by a veterinarian. If a veterinarian is not available, the judge and steward or two (2) S.N.E.H.A. stewards may determine the height.
- v. To supervise and record "timed-out", a limit of seven (7) minutes in the event of a horse casting a shoe or breakage of equipment. If an official timer is present, that person will be responsible for the timing.
- vi. In addition to the above duties, the steward shall be available to judges, exhibitors and to management to clarify the application of the rules of the Association and to investigate any situation where the rules of the Association are involved.
- vii. A show steward may be an exhibitor in any show at which the steward is officiating as long as another steward is available to officiate that class.

## 2. Ringmaster Duties

- a. Each show must have an official ringmaster. Duties of the ringmaster shall be:
  - i. The ringmaster shall be familiar with show rules and class specifications. Any infractions of rules or class specifications shall be called to the attention of the show steward immediately.
  - ii. It shall be borne in mind that a good ringmaster makes the work of the judge much easier by relieving the judge of unnecessary details. By assembling the class promptly, the ringmaster will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate long delays between classes.
  - iii. The ringmaster will notify the judge when all horses are present for each class and call to his or her attention any entries that are absent.
  - iv. The ringmaster must keep in mind they were selected to help the judge, not to offer advice. The ringmaster shall carefully refrain from discussing or seeming to discuss the horses or exhibitors with the judge. The ringmaster shall not take part in any of the judging. When the ringmaster is not actively engaged in ring duties, they shall place themselves in such a position so as not to interfere with the judging. The ringmaster must not allow the exhibitors to crowd up in the ring or gate areas and should at all times endeavor to keep the possibilities of an accident at a minimum.
  - v. The ringmaster has charge of the activity in the ring. The judge should request the ringmaster to move or place horses as the judge advises. When the ring or arena size is small and the class entries are large, the ringmaster should survey the situation and take every precaution to keep horses moving until the judge is ready for them to be judged. The

ringmaster has the authority to ask an exhibitor to remove their horse after consultation with the judge for the safety of other horses and spectators. The ringmaster will be responsible for ring safety at all times.

- vi. The ringmaster will be responsible for awarding of the ribbons in each class in accordance with the announced placing.
- vii. No minor will be ringmaster unless approved by the Board of Directors.

#### G. DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Failure to follow prescribed pattern.
2. Fall of horse and/or rider.
3. A rider is considered to have fallen when the rider is separated from their horse, which has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.
4. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and the haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.
5. Horse being unruly and out of control.
6. Any kind of cruelty to the horse, including excessive whipping or spurring, whether or not specifically mentioned in the rules.

#### IV. DRESS AND TACK REQUIREMENTS

**NOTE:** Exhibitor's assigned number must at all times be prominently displayed on the exhibitor's back or both sides of the saddle pad. At no time should the rider's hair obscure any or all of the number. Any exhibitor entering the show ring without their number properly displayed will be automatically disqualified.

At the exhibitor's discretion, except where required, helmets are allowed in all classes regardless of the discipline.

#### A. SADDLE SEAT

1. Dress: All riders in this division must wear a derby or soft hat, saddle suit or jodhpurs and day coat with vest, color coordinated shirt, tie and jodhpur boots. No turtlenecks are allowed.

2. Tack: Any flat type saddle not of hunt seat design, with appropriate girth, headstall, colored brow band or cavesson set with single or double bit, with no port over 3" in height and double reins. Bell boots, bandages and martingales are prohibited.

## B. ENGLISH

1. Dress: Riders shall wear hunt coat, rat catcher shirt with choker, stock or tie, turtlenecks allowed, breeches, cuffed jodhpurs (with or without leggings or kneemaps), leather, synthetic, rubber paddock boots or tall boots and hunt cap. Helmets are mandatory. Chaps are not permitted for any English rider. Spurs of unrowelled type, crops or bats are optional. ASTM approved helmets with snapped chin strap properly adjusted are mandatory for all junior riders in English dress.
2. Tack: Saddles should be of hunt or forward seat style. Regulation snaffles, Pelham's and Kimberwick's (to include Mylar bits), with no port over 3" in height, all with nosebands are required. Dropped nosebands, flash nosebands or figure eight nosebands are not allowed. Leg wraps, splint boots or bell boots are not allowed. Draw reins, side reins, bosals or hackamores of any type or style are prohibited. Martingales are not allowed.

## C. WESTERN

1. Male Dress: Long sleeve, collared shirt of Western style. Jacket or vest optional. Western pants or clean dress jeans with belt and buckle. Chaps are optional. Western style boots and Western hat.  
  
Female Dress: Long sleeve, collared shirt of Western style with appropriate neckwear or slinky of Western style. Jacket, vest, chaps are optional. Western pants or clean dress jeans with belt and buckle. Western style boots and Western hat.
2. Tack: Horses shall be shown with a stock saddle without tapaderos. Martingales, tie downs and nose bands are not permitted. Curb straps are required on all Western style bits, but must be of the flat standard variety at least 1/2" in width with no twist and must meet the approval of the judge. Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal. Horse must be five (5) years of age or under. (Age determined as if January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.) Any Western equipment of the exhibitors' choice may be used, but the kind of equipment apparently necessary for the control of the animal, such as severe bit or spurs, may be considered by the judge in making awards. No bit port shall be over 3" in height.

## D. RANCH

1. Trimming inside the ears, braided or banded manes and tail extensions are discouraged but not penalized.
2. Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles

- and saddles is discouraged but not penalized.
3. Attire: Traditional western attire that reflects the true ranch lifestyle is recommended. Appropriate western attire includes a long sleeve shirt with collar and cuff that has buttons, or snaps that must be fastened at the wrist, a western hat and boots with heels. Adding chinks/chaps, wild rags or western scarves are optional. Shirts that have gems/crystals are discouraged but not penalized. Safety helmets (hard hats) are allowed in all classes.  
Extra credit will not be given for expensive, fancy or parade equipment of the animal or dress of the rider.

#### E. IN HAND CLASSES (Fitting & Showmanship and Model Horse)

**NOTE:** The use of crops, whips or baiting to encourage any horse to perform a showmanship pattern is not allowed.

1. Western dress for males: Long sleeve, collared shirt of Western style. Bolo or necktie required. Jacket or vest optional. Western pants or clean dress jeans with belt and buckle. Western style boots and Western hat.

Western dress for females: Long sleeve, collared shirt of Western style with appropriate neckwear or slinky of Western style. Jacket or vest optional. Western pants or clean dress jeans with belt and buckle. Western style boots and Western hat.

English exhibitors shall wear a hunt coat, rat catcher shirt with choker, stock or tie, turtlenecks allowed, breeches, cuffed jodhpurs (with or without leggings or kneemaps), leather, synthetic, rubber paddock, or tall boots with a heel and hunt cap.

Saddle Seat exhibitors in this division must wear a saddle suit or jodhpurs, color coordinated shirt, tie and jodhpur boots. Coat and derby are optional.

2. Tack: Horse to be shown Western with show halter, English with bridle, or tack appropriate to breed of horse.

#### F. MINIATURE DIVISION

1. Attire should correlate with style of showing your miniature. Hats are not required. Handler's footwear may consist of appropriate boots or shoes. Polo shirts and sneakers are allowed only in Hunter in Hand.
2. No whips allowed in any class. Miniature Halter: Proper show halter and lead required. Miniature Hunter in Hand: Proper halter and lead may consist of show halter and lead or leather halter and lead. Miniature Trail in Hand: Halter with appropriate lead; halters with bits are permitted. Chain on the lead is permitted under the chin.



## **V. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

A. LEAD LINE DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies. No stallions. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: Open to children who have not reached their tenth birthday as of January 1st of the current year and have not competed where lead reins are not required.
2. Handler Requirements: An adult (18 years or older) handler in neat attire will be required to lead the entry. Handler's attire need not match the discipline of the rider, however appropriateness of attire may be considered in placing. Minimum requirement of dress shall be clean jeans/slacks, collared shirt with sleeve, boots. Tapaderos are allowed. Halters with bridles are required with a lead line attached to the halter. Riders may not enter any other classes in the same show.
3. Lead Line Equitation: Entries will be asked to walk and trot/jog.
4. Lead Line Pleasure: Entries will be asked to walk and trot/jog. To be judged on manners, performance and suitability of horse to rider.
5. Lead Line Trail: Entries will be asked to execute three (3) obstacles at a walk and/or trot/jog. Ringmaster and judge will explain the three (3) obstacles to all entries. Obstacles may not be raised.

B. BEGINNER WALK/TROT DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders in their first three years of showing, and who have not shown in any class, anywhere, requiring a canter or lope. Once the rider moves up into a canter class they cannot go back to walk trot.
2. Beginner Horsemanship: To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Beginner Pleasure: To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. To be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider.

#### 4. Beginner Discipline:

1. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:

- a. A short walk, trot/jog.
- b. Halt.
- d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
- f. Stand quietly.
- g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.

2. To be judged on performance and manners.

5. Riders are not permitted to canter on the show grounds.

#### C. WALK/TROT 11 & UNDER (Open to horses or ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders 11 years of age and under who have not shown in any classes, anywhere, requiring a canter or lope. Once a rider moves up into a canter class they cannot go back to walk trot.
2. Walk/Trot 11 & Under Horsemanship: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Walk/Trot 11 & Under Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. Class to be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider.
4. Walk/Trot 11 & Under Discipline:

1. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination

basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:

- a. A short walk, trot/jog.
- b. Halt.
- c. Side pass both directions.
- d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
- f. Stand quietly.
- g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.

2. To be judged on performance and manners.

5. Riders are not permitted to canter on the show grounds.

D. WALK/TROT 12-17 (Open to horses or ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders ages 12 to 17 who have not shown in any classes, anywhere, requiring a canter or lope. Once a rider moves up into a canter class they cannot go back to walk trot.
2. Walk/Trot 12-17 Horsemanship: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Walk/Trot 12-17 Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. Class to be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider.
4. Walk/Trot 12-17 Discipline:
  1. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:

- a. A short walk, trot/jog.
  - b. Halt.
  - c. Side pass both directions.
  - d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
  - f. Stand quietly.
  - g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
2. To be judged on performance and manners.

5. Riders are not permitted to canter on the show grounds.

E. OPEN ADULT WALK/TROT DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies. This class is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

- 1. Age: Open to all riders 18 years of age and older who have not shown in any classes, anywhere, requiring a canter or lope. Once a rider moves up into a canter class they cannot go back to walk trot. Amendment: If a rider has not cantered in the past 5 years, they may enter this division.
- 2. Open Adult Walk/Trot Equitation: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
- 3. Open Adult Walk/Trot Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog, both directions of the ring. Class to be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse and rider.
- 4. Open Adult Walk/Trot Discipline:
  - 1. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:
    - a. A short walk, trot/jog.
    - b. Halt.
    - c. Side pass both directions.

- d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
- f. Stand quietly.
- g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.

2. To be judged on performance and manners.

5. Riders are not permitted to canter on the grounds.

F. OPEN JUNIOR DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders 17 years or under as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Open Junior Horsemanship: Riders are to work at a walk, trot/jog and lope both directions of the ring. The judge may call for individual test from the following:
  - a. Individual performance on the rail.
  - b. Figure eight at the jog.
  - c. Lope and stop.
  - d. Figure eight at lope on correct lead demonstrating a change of lead.
  - e. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
3. Open Junior Pleasure: class to be shown at a walk, trot/jog and lope both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.
4. Open Junior Discipline: See OPEN DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL RULES

#### G. SADDLE TYPE

Saddle type horses are horses with a refined neck, shoulders, hindquarters and a smaller head. They are forward moving with higher lift to their legs. Typical breeds of saddle type horses are American Saddlebred, Morgan's, Morabs, Arabians, half Arabian and Friesians.

1. Open to all exhibitors riding a saddle type horse.
2. Is shown at the walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.
3. Saddle Seat horses are required to use cutback saddles and full bridles. Other saddles for disciplines are hunt saddles, with English bridle and bits, Dressage saddles with English bits, and western with western bridle and western curb bit. Regular or Romel reins are allowed. See page 22 for dress requirements.

H. HUNT SEAT FLAT DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: Open to all riders.
2. Hunt Seat Equitation: Riders are to be worked at a walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. The judge may call for individual tests from the following:
  - a. Figure eight in trot and/or canter with simple change of lead.
  - b. Back up.
  - c. Ride without irons.
  - d. Canter down centerline with two or three simple changes of lead.
  - e. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
3. Hunter Under Saddle: Class to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Horses may be asked to hand gallop as a group at least one way of the ring at the discretion of the judge. No more than eight (8) horses will be asked to hand gallop at one time and if there is more than eight (8) the group will be as evenly divided as possible.
4. Hunt Seat Bridle Path Hack: The gaits to be a walk, trot, extended trot, collected canter and a hand gallop both directions of the ring. No more than eight (8) horses will be hand galloped at any one time. Reckless riding in the hand gallop will disqualify the rider and horse from class. A bridle path hack must change from any gait to a flatfooted walk at the judges' command and may be asked to back. To be ridden on a reasonably loose rein, while maintaining contact with the horse's mouth.

I. ADULT ENGLISH DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: Open to all riders 18 years of age and older as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Adult English Equitation: Riders are to be worked at a walk, trot and canter in both

directions of the ring. The judge may call for individual tests from the following:

- a. Figure eight in trot and/or canter with simple change of lead.
- b. Back up.
- c. Ride without irons.
- d. Trot or canter down centerline with two or three changes of diagonals or leads.
- e. Judge may ask for additional safe work.

3. Adult English Pleasure: Class to be shown at walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.

4. Adult English Discipline: See OPEN DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL RULES

J. OPEN WESTERN DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to all riders.

2. Open Western Horsemanship: Riders are to be worked at a walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. The judge may call for individual tests from the following:

- a. Figure eight in jog and/or lope with simple change of lead.
- b. Back up.
- c. Ride without stirrups.
- d. Lope down the centerline with two or three changes of lead.
- e. Judge may ask for additional safe work.

3. Open Western Pleasure: Shall be shown at a walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein. Shall be judged on manners, performance and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride. May be asked to back.

4. Open Western Discipline: See OPEN DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL RULES

K. GREEN HORSE DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

This division has been designed for the horse or pony in its 1st or 2nd year of showing under saddle, which has not been shown previously in any other division. Only experienced riders are to enter this division. Horses shown in this division may not enter

any other division, only the following classes: Adult Fitting & Showmanship, Jr. Fitting & Showmanship, Model Horse, S.N.E.H.A. Open Pleasure, Open Discipline on the Rail, Mystery class.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. **Age: Open to experienced riders only.** (Refer to rule III. C. 1. r.)
2. Green Horse Walk/Trot Pleasure: Class to be judged at a walk and trot/jog both directions of the ring. May be asked to back.
3. Green Horse Walk/Trot/Canter Pleasure: Class to be judged at the walk, trot/jog, canter/lope both directions of the ring. May be asked to back.
4. Green Horse Walk/Trot Discipline:
  1. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:
    - a. A short walk, trot/jog.
    - b. Halt.
    - c. Side pass both directions.
    - d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter. .
    - f. Stand quietly.
    - g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
  3. To be judged on performance and manners.

L. MINIATURE DIVISION: (Open to miniatures of all ages and sexes. Both A & B, not to exceed 38". **Each miniature must be measured by the designated S.N.E.H.A. official before being shown for the first time each season.**) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** To qualify for year-end awards miniatures must exhibit in a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) classes which make of this division, at a minimum of three (3) S.N.E.H.A



or S.N.E.H.A affiliate shows.

1. Handlers must be 18 years or above to show stallions.
2. Shoes are not permitted on any miniature. Shoes or nail holes subject to disqualification.
3. No baiting treats allowed in any class, should this occur this will be grounds for disqualification.
4. Miniature Halter: Handlers are allowed to touch the miniature to set up throughout the class. May be asked to show teeth (mares & stallions).
5. Miniature Hunter in Hand: **Miniature must be two (2) years of age or older to participate in this class.** Any exhibitor may show more than one entry in this class as points accumulate on the miniature. Tying up or wrapping of tail is permitted. To be judged on style, manners and way of going. Preference given to those miniatures that cover the course at an even pace with free flowing strides, as in a brisk trot or canter, but must maintain same gait throughout the course. There will be a minimum of 4 obstacles. Course may consist of a minimum of 6 jumps and a maximum of 8 jumps. Jumps must be a minimum height of 18" but no more than 24". Passing marker cone will result in disqualification.
  - a. Upon completion of the entire course, finalists will be trotted past the judge for soundness check.
  - b. Major faults to be considered: knockdowns, touches, refusals, bucking or kicking, spooking or shying.
  - c. Elimination: Three (3) refusals, off course, crossing your own path, fall of miniature or exhibitor, jumping of obstacle by exhibitor, carrying of whip, any unsound horse, jumping of obstacle before it is reset.
6. Miniature Trail in Hand: Handlers may walk trail course prior to opening of trail. Any exhibitor may show more than one entry in this class as points accumulate on the miniature. Tying up or wrapping of tail is permitted. Exhibitor must maneuver the course using the lead shank of halter only. Handler may not touch the animal unless side passing is required. Exhibitors may be asked to lead from either side.
  - a. Obstacles to be taken at walk or trot only.
  - b. Obstacles may consist of the following: bridge, side pass, backup, L backup, cavaleties, cones, carry objects, gate.
  - c. You must move on after 3 refusals of any obstacle. Off course is

considered disqualified.

M. NEW TEAM(Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: open to all riders-same horse/rider combination in their 1st or 2nd year of showing. Qualifies as walk/ trot/ canter division.
2. New Team Eq walk/jog/trot: riders are judged at the walk/jog/trot both directions of the ring. The judges call for any individual pattern tests.
3. New Team Pleasure walk/jog/trot: class to be judged at the walk/jog/trot both directions of the ring. May be asked to back.
4. New Team Pleasure walk/jog/trot/canter/lope: class to be judged at the walk/jog/trot/canter/lope both directions of the ring. May be asked to back.

N. RANCH HORSE DIVISION (Open to horses, ponies and long ears.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

NOTE: A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal. Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to all WTC riders.
2. RANCH PLEASURE: Riders are to be worked at the walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring on a proper length rein, light contact should be rewarded and the horse/ long ear shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. Shall be judged on manners, performance and the apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride. May be asked to back.
3. RANCH RIDING: The Purpose of Ranch Riding should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working horse. This pattern class should show the ability of the horse 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.
4. RANCH DISCIPLINE: See OPEN DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL RULES

O. OPEN HUNTER DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies)

1. Age: Open to all riders.
2. 2' Hunter Equitation over fences: Equitation over fences 2'. One horse per rider, to follow all hunter rules.

3. 2' Working Hunter: The hunter should cover the course at an even pace with long, even strides, without excessive motion. Should approach the fence perfectly straight and jump in stride without hesitation. Upon landing the horse should get away to the fence in one motion. Faults in form should include swerving, ducking, twisting in flight, uneven pace, jumping leg down and moving poorly between obstacles. all fences to be 2' in height. Extreme speed will be penalized. Entries shall be eliminated and not pinned for the following reasons:
  - a. Failure to stay on the proper course.
  - b. Jumping an obstacle not included in the course.
  - c. Starting the course before an obstacle is reset or repaired.
  - d. Fall of horse and/or rider
  - e. Not taking a complete combination after a refusal or run out or faulting on any part of that combination.
  - f. Three (3) accumulated refusals in any given class.
4. One rider per horse, to follow all hunter rules.
5. Open 2' Hunter Hack: Entries are to be judged on manners, performance, suitability of horse and rider and way of going. Class to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Horses are required to jump two (2) fences 2" in height and 48" apart set in a straight line.

P. OPEN WALK/TROT DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies. This class is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Open to all walk trot and walk trot canter riders.
2. Horses who enter this class are not permitted to canter on the grounds. The horse may not cross enter into cantering classes or cantering divisions at S.N.E.HA.
3. This class is not eligible for high point day end awards.
4. Open Walk/Trot Equitation: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
5. Open Walk/Trot Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog, both directions of the ring. Class to be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse and rider.

## 6. Open Walk/Trot Discipline:

1. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:
  - a. A short walk, trot/jog.
  - b. Halt.
  - c. Side pass both directions.
  - d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
  - f. Stand quietly.
  - g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
2. To be judged on performance and manners.

7.If a horse enters a canter class or division the current show year they can no longer enter into this division for the rest of the current show year. They can re-enter this division again the following year.

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES**

A. ADULT FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP (Open to horses, ponies and miniatures) refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Open to 18 years or older exhibitors.
2. Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only. To be judged 50% on exhibitor and 50% on horse. Horses to be judged on cleanliness, conditioning, manners and ability to perform set pattern. Must stand quietly and be under control at all times. Pattern will be provided at time of entry. Baiting is not allowed.

B. JUNIOR FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP (Open to horses, ponies and miniatures) refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements. MOVE TO NOT OFFERED

1. Age: 17 years and under as of January 1st of the current year
2. Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only. To be judged 50% on exhibitor and 50% on horse. Horses to be judged on cleanliness, conditioning, manners and ability

to perform set pattern. Must stand quietly and be under control at all times. Pattern will be provided at time of entry. Baiting is not allowed.

C. MODEL HORSE (Open to horses, ponies and miniatures) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: Open to all ages.
2. Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only. To be judged on conformation and breed appropriateness. No pattern required. Baiting is not allowed.

D. S.N.E.H.A. OPEN PLEASURE (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements. **NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to all ages.
2. Class to be shown at a walk, trot/jog and canter/lope both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.

E. S.N.E.H.A. OPEN WALK/TROT PLEASURE (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders of all ages who have not shown in a class requiring a canter or lope.
2. Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.

F. S.N.E.H.A. TEAM CLASSIC PLEASURE Walk-trot. Open to all riders. (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when

using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to all ages.
2. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog. May be asked to back. Each rider of the team to show one direction of the ring.
3. To qualify for a year-end award the "team" must not change at any show throughout the year. Teams shall consist of any of the following: a youth rider & an adult rider, two youth riders, two adult riders; with the same horse each time. Team mates should have the same exhibitor number clearly displayed. That number should be the exhibitor number of the rider designated as the first rider, showing the first direction of the ring. **Riders may not communicate at any time during the judging of this class, including during mounting & stirrup adjustment. Communication will be grounds for disqualification.**

G. REGISTERED COLOR HALTER: Judged on confirmation. Follows color breed rules. Papers required. Baiting is not allowed.

H. REGISTERED QUARTER HORSE HALTER Open to only registered quarter horses. (See model horse rule.) Baiting is not allowed.

#### I. MYSTERY CLASS

1. Open to all riders and all disciplines.
2. Judged as a pleasure class but to be shown at the walk trot/jog only.
3. Results are sealed in an envelope after each class and opened and pointed at the awards banquet.

#### J. IN HAND TRAIL

1. Open to all exhibitors and horses, ponies, and miniatures.
1. Any exhibitor may show more than one entry in this class as points accumulate on the horse or pony. Exhibitor must maneuver the course using the lead shank of halter only. Touching horse or pony is prohibited. Exhibitor may be asked to lead from either side.
2. Obstacles to be taken at a walk or trot only. Obstacles may consist of the following: bridge, side pass, back up, cavalties, cones, carry objects, and gate.
3. You must move on after three refuses of any obstacle.
4. Off course is conceited disqualified.

## **VII. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED**

A. OPEN DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements. (MOVE) change numbers on class descriptions.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to all ages.
2. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:
  - a. A walk, trot/jog, canter/lope.
  - b. Hand gallop no more than eight (8) horses at a time.
  - c. Starting into a canter/lope from a halt.
  - d. Halt.
  - e. Starting to travel on the incorrect lead.
  - f. Side pass both directions.
  - g. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
  - i. Stand quietly.
  - j. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
3. To be judged on performance and manners.

B. OPEN WALK/TROT DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a

snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders of all ages who have not shown in a class requiring a canter or lope.
2. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse. Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:
  - a. A short walk, trot/jog.
  - b. Halt.
  - c. Side pass both directions.
  - d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
  - e. Dismount and mount from either side.
  - f. Stand quietly.
  - g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
3. To be judged on performance and manners.

#### C. 55 AND OVER WALK/TROT → VII divisions no longer offered

1. Age: Open to walk trot riders age 55 or older
2. Open to all disciplines
3. 55 and Over Walk/Trot Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
4. 55 and Over Walk/Trot Equitation/Horsemanship: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.

#### D. OPEN GYMKHANA DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies)

1. Age: Open to all riders.
2. Ring: A mandatory hold chute of 12' X 15' must be provided by show management as a safety precaution. The entrance and exit gate of the chute shall be a minimum of 8' wide. (If ring is longer than 225' no chute is necessary.)
3. Clover Leaf Race: Timed event - three barrels required with padding in the form of



- rubber tires or plastic barrels. See diagram for further information.
4. Pole Bending: Timed event - six plastic poles with spiked or weighted bases required. Minimum height is 7' 1/2". See diagram for further information.
  5. Arena Race: Timed event - rider mounted at starting line. At signal, races to turning line where there is a marker, makes a turn around marker and races back to finish line. See diagram for further information.
  6. Keyhole: Timed event - 4 poles. Riders to go down straight through poles and return through poles. See diagram for further information.
  7. Barrel Race: Timed event - 5 barrels are to be run. See posted diagram for further information.
  8. Timing: An automatic electric timer is required. In the event of failure of the electrical device, two persons, other than the steward or judge, shall be appointed by management to take time by stopwatches. Such stopwatches to be calibrated in at least tenths of a second.
  9. Electric Eye Timer: The electric eye timer is the sole property of S.N.E.H.A. and may be rented out to organizations that are non-members for their shows. The fee shall be \$25.00 per rental, and a trained member of S.N.E.H.A. must accompany the timer to supervise the use and setting up procedure. An organization so renting the timer will be completely responsible for any damage or repairs that have to be made following their possession. A contract must be signed by both parties (S.N.E.H.A. and the non-member) stating the above agreement.
  10. Disqualifications:
    - a. Failure to maintain forward motion in direction of intended course.
    - b. Failure to follow prescribed pattern.
    - c. Fall of horse and/or rider.
      - i. A rider is considered to have fallen when the rider is separated from their horse, which has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.
      - ii. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and the haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.
    - d. Horse being unruly and out of control.
    - e. Spurring, striking or beating the horse in any manner whatsoever forward of the cinch after entering the chute or arena.

E. S.N.E.H.A. YOUTH TEAM OPEN PLEASURE (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.)

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when

using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to Youth Team Members Only.
2. Class to be shown at a walk, trot/jog and canter/lope both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.

F. S.N.E.H.A. YOUTH TEAM OPEN WALK/TROT PLEASURE (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.)

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to Youth Team Members Only, who have not shown in classes requiring a canter or lope.
2. Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.

G. YOUTH/ADULT CLASSIC WALK/TROT PLEASURE (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.)

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Adult to be 18 years of age or older, Youth to be 17 years of age or younger; as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Adult rider does not have to be a walk/trot rider. Youth rider must be a walk/trot rider.
3. Riders to be judged at a walk and trot/jog only. Adult to ride first direction of the ring. Youth to ride second direction. Youth riders must wait at the in gate while Adult is riding. Adult riders will wait at the out gate while the Youth is riding. Adult may assist Youth with mounting and stirrup adjustment. **Adult and Youth riders may not communicate at any time during the judging of this class, including during mounting and stirrup adjustment. Communication will be grounds for disqualification.**

H. YOUTH/ADULT CLASSIC PLEASURE (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Adult rider to be 18 years of age or older, Youth rider to be 17 years of age or under as of January 1st of the current year.
2. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, canter/lope. May be asked to back.
3. Adult to ride first direction of ring, Youth to ride second direction. Youth riders must wait at the in gate while Adult is riding. Adult riders will wait at the out gate while the Youth is riding. Adult may assist Youth with mounting and stirrup adjustment.  
**Adult and Youth riders may not communicate at any time during the judging of this class, including during mounting & stirrup adjustment. Communication will be grounds for disqualification.**

I. WALK/TROT JR. ENGLISH DIVISION 12 TO 17 YEARS (Open to horses and ponies)

1. Age: Open to riders 12 to 17 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, who have not shown in any classes requiring a canter or lope.
2. Walk/Trot Jr. English Equitation: Class to be shown at a walk and trot only both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Walk/Trot Jr. English Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and trot only both directions of the ring. Class to be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider.
4. Walk/Trot Jr. English Trail: To be shown at a walk and trot only, to be shown over a series of obstacles. No jumps to be used. **Only one horse or pony shown per rider per show.** Pattern must be posted. Riders must follow pattern. Riders must attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate the score for that obstacle.

J. WALK/TROT JR. WESTERN DIVISION 12 TO 17 YEARS (Open to horses and ponies)

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when

using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders 12 to 17 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, who have not shown in any classes requiring a canter or lope.
2. Walk/Trot Jr. Western Horsemanship: Class to be shown at a walk and jog only both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Walk/Trot Jr. Western Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and jog only both directions of the ring. Class to be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider.
4. Walk/Trot Jr. Western Trail: To be shown at a walk and jog only, to be shown over a series of obstacles. No jumps to be used. **Only one horse or pony shown per rider per show.** Pattern must be posted. Riders must follow the pattern. Riders must attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate the score for that obstacle.

#### K. WESTERN RIDING (Open to horses and ponies)

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. This contest is neither a stunt nor a race. It is a competition on the performance and characteristics of a good, sensible, well mannered, free and easy moving ranch horse which can get a rider around on the usual ranch chores, over the trails, or give a quiet, comfortable and pleasant ride in open country through and over obstacles. A judge may require an exhibitor to repeat or reverse any part of the routine (refer to posted diagram). Each contestant shall perform the required pattern individually and separately. Class to be judged on riding, quality of movement, response to the rider, manners, disposition and intelligence. If a horse is disqualified, the horse shall finish the course. Knocking down a marker, loss of forward motion and failure to follow each pattern is a disqualification. Markers will be set 30' apart and the length of a jump pole from the rail.
2. A contestant shall be penalized for the following:
  - a. Use of free hand to instill fear in horse 3 to 5 points
  - b. Breaking gait at lope, including simple lead changes 3 points
  - c. Failure to change leads 3 points

- d. Additional lead changes anywhere on course 3 points
  - e. Failure to take prescribed gait where pattern designates 2 points
  - f. Breaking gait at walk or jog 1 point
  - g. Failure to change lead behind: From 1/2 stride up to the cone 1/2 point, to next change 1 point
  - h. Ticking (light touch) log 1/2 point
3. The following characteristics are considered faults and should be judged accordingly:
- a. Opening mouth excessively or raising head on maneuver
  - b. Anticipating signals or early lead changes
  - c. Stumbling
  - d. Losing stirrup or holding on
  - e. Any unnecessary aid given by the rider such as: Unnecessary talking, petting, spurring, quieting or jerking of the reins

## L. DRIVING DIVISIONS

### General Driving Rules

1. Open to horses and ponies taller than 38".
2. No multiple hitches will be allowed in any classes.
3. Classes with over eight (8) entries may be divided at the management's discretion. 4. Drivers 14 years and under as of January 1st of the current year must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult.
5. Although an unrecognized show, the carriage division will be guided by the current applicable rules of the American Driving Society.
6. **Removal of the bridle while the horse/pony is between the shafts will mean instant elimination from the show and entry fees will not be refunded.** 7. The harness and vehicle must be in safe condition. All bridles must have blinkers and a cavesson or noseband and throat latch.
8. Burrs, gags and twisted wire bits are **not** acceptable in either division.
9. All entries must be serviceably sound. Any turnout or entry deemed unsafe for any reason will be barred from competition or driving anywhere on the show grounds. 10. Horses will not be allowed to cross enter between carriage and show driving at the same show.
11. Drivers may cross enter but no time holds will be permitted beyond the two (2) minute gate hold.
12. Entries may not be driven in the warm-up ring or around the show ring. 13. The "trail" ring will be used for the driving divisions. A 15 minute warm-up will be permitted for entries prior to the start of driving classes; which will not begin before 3pm.

### Class Descriptions

1. Reinsmanship: Judged primarily on the skill of the driver. To be judged 75% on handling the reins and whip, control, posture and overall appearance. With 25% on

fit and appropriateness of the harness, vehicle and attire.

2. Working Pleasure: To be judged on the suitability of the horse/pony to provide a pleasant drive. To be judged 70% on performance, manners and way of going, 20% on the condition and fit of the harness and vehicle and 10% on neatness of attire.
3. Turnout: A carriage driving class in which entries are judged on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be judged 40% on performance, manners and way of going, 25% on the condition and fit of the harness and vehicle, 20% on neatness and appropriateness of attire and final 15% on the overall impression.

### Carriage Driving Rules

1. Gaits Required: Walk to be relaxed and ground covering. Slow Trot to be steady and consistent. Working Trot to be collected and steady, with ease of movement. Strong Trot to be ground covering but not racing, collected and easily controlled. All entries will be asked to back.
2. Over-checks are not allowed (per ADS rules), loose side checks are permitted but no checks are preferred.
3. Carriage type horses with low ground-covering gaits being shown to an appropriate two (2) or four (4) wheeled carriage (wire wheels and pneumatic tires are allowed).
4. Harness must be of the heavier carriage style with attached breeching. No chains are permitted on the trace ends for the draft horses.
5. Driver must wear an appropriate apron, hat, gloves (brown) and have a whip in hand.
6. Headers are not allowed in the line-up, unless for safety reasons and entry will be penalized.

### Show Driving Rules

1. Gaits Required: A ground covering walk, more "snappy" than a carriage horse, should not break to a trot. Pleasure Trot to be collected, animated to entry's natural abilities, steady and consistent. Road Trot to be a reaching stride, ground covering, not racing and easily controlled. Entries may be asked to back.
2. Division is for "show-type" entry. Brilliance and animation will not be penalized.
3. Over-check bridles should be used. Side check bridles are also permitted.
4. A two (2) wheeled show cart must be used, wire wheels with pneumatic tires.
5. Driver must wear gloves and have a whip.
6. Either a single bit or jointed bit with over-check bit is permitted and not penalized.
7. Headers will be required in the line-up.

M. S.N.E.H.A. OPEN EQUITATION/HORSEMANSHIP CLASSIC (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age being determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to all ages.
2. No rail work will be required of this class. Class to be judged on performance of individual pattern work. Additional safe work may be asked at the discretion of the judge.

N. BEGINNER WALK/TROT ENGLISH DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: Open to riders who have not reached their twelfth birthday as of January 1st of the current year, and who have not shown in any class requiring a canter or lope.
2. Beginner Equitation: To be shown at a walk and trot only, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Beginner Pleasure: To be shown at a walk and trot only, both directions of the ring. To be judged on performance, manners and suitability of the horse and rider.
4. Beginner Trail: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. Only one horse or pony per rider per show. To be shown at a walk and trot only. No jumps to be used. Entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail.

O. WALK/TROT JR. OPEN TRAIL: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration.

Riders must follow the pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate the score for that obstacle. Only one horse or pony per rider per show. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only. No jumps to be used. Entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail.

P. BEGINNER WALK/TROT WESTERN DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to

page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders who have not reached their twelfth birthday as of January 1st of the current year, and who have not shown in any class requiring a canter or lope.
2. Beginner Horsemanship: To be shown at a walk and jog only, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Beginner Pleasure: To be shown at a walk and jog only, both directions of the ring. To be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider.
4. Beginner Trail: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. Only one horse or pony per rider per show. To be shown at a walk and jog only. No jumps to be used. Entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail.

Q. OPEN ADULT WALK/TROT TRAIL: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. Only one horse or pony per rider per show. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only. No jumps to be used. Entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail.

R. PRE JR. TRAIL: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. To be shown at the walk, trot/jog and/or canter/lope on a reasonably loose rein without undo restraint. All entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles, including jumping or leading over obstacles not to exceed 12" in height and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail. Horses may be asked to cross an obstacle at a trot/jog.

S. JUNIOR ENGLISH DIVISION (Open to horses or ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: Open to riders 17 years or under as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Junior English Equitation: Riders are to be worked at a walk, trot and canter, both directions of the ring. The judge may call for individual tests from the following:



- a. Pick up reins.
  - b. Hack.
  - c. Individual performance off the rail.
  - d. Figure eight at the trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple change of lead.
  - e. Execute serpentine at trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple change of lead.
  - f. Series of left and right half circles off center of imaginary line where correct diagonal or lead must be shown.
  - g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
3. Junior English Pleasure: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.
4. Junior English Trail: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. To be shown at the walk, trot and/or canter on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. All entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles including jumping or leading over obstacles not to exceed 18" in height and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail. Horses may be asked to cross an obstacle at a trot or canter.

T. JUNIOR WESTERN DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

- 1. Age: Open to riders 17 years or under as of January 1st of the current year.
- 2. Junior Western Horsemanship: Riders are to work at a walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. The judge may call for individual test from the following:
  - a. Individual performance on the rail.
  - b. Figure eight at the jog.
  - c. Lope and stop.
  - d. Figure eight at lope on correct lead demonstrating a change of lead.
  - e. Judge may ask for additional safe work.

3. Junior Western Pleasure: class to be shown at a walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back.
4. Junior Western Trail: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. To be shown at the walk, jog and/or lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. All entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles including jumping or leading over obstacles not to exceed 18" in height and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail. Horses may be asked to cross an obstacle at a jog or lope.

U. PRE JUNIOR DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders 14 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Pre Junior Horsemanship: Judged on 50% equitation and 50% on control. When there are ten (10) entries or more the canter/lope part of the class will be divided.
3. Pre Junior Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk, trot/jog, canter/lope both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but without loss of contact. May be asked to back. When there are ten (10) entries or more the canter/lope part of the class will be divided.
4. Pre-Junior Discipline: See OPEN DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL RULES

V. ADULT ENGLISH TRAIL: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. To be shown at the walk, trot and/or canter on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. All entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles including jumping or leading over obstacles not to exceed 18" in height and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail. Horses may be asked to cross an obstacle at a trot or canter.

W. ADULT WESTERN TRAIL: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. To be shown at the walk, jog and/or lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue

restraint. All entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles including jumping or leading over obstacles not to exceed 18" in height and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail. Horses may be asked to cross an obstacle at a jog or lope.

X. GREEN HORSE TRAIL: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. Only one horse or pony per rider per show. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only. No jumps to be used. Entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail

Y. OPEN WESTERN TRAIL: Patterns and passes to be provided at time of registration. Riders must follow pattern and attempt all obstacles. Three (3) attempts or time in excess of 30 seconds on any obstacle shall eliminate score for that obstacle. To be shown at the walk, jog and/or lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. All entries shall be asked to negotiate obstacles including jumping or leading over obstacles not to exceed 18" in height and/or pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail. Horses may be asked to cross an obstacle at a jog or lope.

Z. S.N.E.H.A. THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP (Open to horses and ponies)

1. This class is open to riders of all ages with limitations that would make entering other offered classes unsuitable. Exhibitors may not enter any other class.
2. Requirements: ASTM & SEI approved helmets required regardless of the discipline. Attire should be neat, clean and appropriate to the safety and well-being of the rider. Appropriate shoes with heels are required. All riders must be accompanied by a leader and two (2) side-walkers. To be shown at a walk only. This class is open to all disciplines. Adaptive equipment allowed as needed.

AA. MIDGE O'NEIL PERPETUAL JUNIOR ENGLISH EQUITATION CLASSIC Open to all Junior English Riders. Judged on equitation. Open to horses and ponies.

BB. SADDLE SEAT DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

1. Age: Open to all riders.
2. At no time in any saddle seat class will a rider be asked to canter from an extended trot.

3. Saddle Seat Equitation: Riders are to be worked at a walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. The judge may call for individual tests from the following:
  - a. Figure eight in trot and/or canter with simple change of lead.
  - b. Back up.
  - c. Ride without irons.
  - d. Canter down centerline with two or three simple changes of lead.
  - e. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
4. Saddle Seat Pleasure: Class to be shown at a flat walk, square trot and canter both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. Shall be judged on manners, performance and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride.
5. Road Hack: The gaits to be a walk, trot, extended trot, collected canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring with the ability to move on if required. No more than eight (8) horses will be hand galloped at any one time. Reckless riding in the hand gallop will disqualify the rider and the horse from this class. A Road Hack must change from any gait to a flatfooted walk at the judges' command and may be asked to back. To be ridden on a reasonably loose rein, while maintaining contact with horse's mouth.

CC. WALK/TROT 17 & UNDER (Open to horses or ponies. This is a combined class of both English and Western riders.) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

**NOTE:** A rider will be disqualified for using two (2) hands on the reins, except when using California or Romal reins or when riding a horse five (5) years old or younger in a snaffle bit or bosal. **Proof of age at time of entry is mandatory for any horse to be shown Western in a snaffle bit or bosal.** Age determined as of January 1st of the current year.

1. Age: Open to riders 17 years of age and under who have not shown in any classes, anywhere, requiring a canter or lope. Once a rider moves up into a canter class they cannot go back to walk trot.
2. Walk/Trot 17 & Under Horsemanship: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt or back.
3. Walk/Trot 17 & Under Pleasure: Class to be shown at a walk and trot/jog only, both directions of the ring. Class to be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider.
4. Walk/Trot 17 & Under Discipline:
  2. The class is to show the ability of a highly trained English or Western horse.

Judge shall work horses adequately but must not overwork the entries. This is not a game or fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging should be on the basis of the best overall discipline and performance. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors shall be the first concern. The class routine shall be performed on the rail and may include but is not limited to:

- a. A short walk, trot/jog.
- b. Halt.
- c. Side pass both directions.
- d. Turn on the forehand and turn on the hindquarter.
- f. Stand quietly.
- g. Judge may ask for additional safe work.

3. To be judged on performance and manners.

5. Riders are not permitted to canter on the show grounds.

DD. OPEN 18" WALK TROT CROSSRAILS (Open to horses and ponies)

1. Age: Open to all walk trot riders.
2. Helmets are mandatory. ASHA helmet rules shall apply.
3. Fences will be set at 18". Same horse/rider combination may not enter any other jumping class. If horse breaks to canter after fence it must resume trotting within three (3) strides. Three (3) refusals will result in disqualification. Class to be judged on equitation.

EE. ADULT WESTERN DIVISION (Open to horses and ponies) Refer to page 22 for dress and tack requirements.

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1. Age: Open to riders 18 years and older as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Adult Western Horsemanship: Riders are to be worked at a walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. The judge may ask for individual tests from the following:
  - a. Figure eight in jog and/or lope with change of lead.
  - b. Back up.
  - c. Ride without stirrups.
  - d. Lope down the centerline with two or three changes of lead.

- e. Judge may ask for additional safe work.
- 3. Adult Western Pleasure: Shall be shown at a walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein. Shall be judged on manners, performance and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride. May be asked to back.
- 4. Adult Western Discipline: See OPEN DISCIPLINE ON THE RAIL RULES

## **VIII. INTERPRETATION**

- A. All conflicts regarding application or interpretation of any of the foregoing rules, or any such situation arising not specifically covered by these rules or United States Equestrian Federation (U.S.E.F.) rules shall be resolved as promptly as possible by the Board of Directors.