



Rule Book
Version 2009



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GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibitors shall be responsible for a thorough knowledge of and compliance with the rules contained in this publication. Situations not specifically covered by these rules shall be handled by the show officials in a manner that most closely follows the spirit of these rules.
2. To be eligible for year-end awards, both owner and exhibitor of the equine need not be a member of The Worcester County Riders Association. This rule is only subject to change at the start of a calendar year.
3. Exhibitors in all classes shall be neatly attired in clothing and with equipment appropriate to the class in which they are exhibiting. Refer to the appointment sections for more detail.
4. Presentation of a signed entry form shall be deemed acceptance of these rules and in the event of failure to sign the entry, the first entry into the show ring shall be deemed acceptance of said rules.
5. Exhibitors shall be responsible for any errors on entry forms.
6. The show management reserves the right to decline any entry or to return the entry before or during the show without being liable for compensation.
7. Equine age shall be determined by registration papers or veterinarian's certificate of age for any class requiring proof of equine age.
8. For competition purposes, any equine is considered to be one year old on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling.
9. Proof of a negative Coggins test number will be required from all exhibitors in compliance with the state requirements for the state where the show is being held.
10. Lessee shall be considered as bona fide owner of the equine for the purpose of competition for the duration of the show year upon receipt by the WCRA Secretary of a written version of the lease.



11. Exhibitors may not speak with the Judge pertaining to their performances until they have completed their last class of the day; but they may view the Judge's cards for their previous classes with the Judge's permission.
12. Open class shall mean that exhibitors of all ages and seats are eligible to compete.
13. Exhibitors shall be allowed a three-minute tack change if necessary. The show secretary must be notified of all tack changes in advance.
14. No unauthorized person shall be allowed in the show arena during times of judging, performance or preparation for same except in emergency.
15. For purposes of showing, a junior exhibitor's age as of January 1st shall be considered as his/her age for the show season. A junior exhibitor is an exhibitor under eighteen years of age as defined above.
16. A rider is allowed to ride more than one horse in any event listed in these rules unless otherwise prohibited from doing so by specific class rules or procedure.
17. Any indebtedness to The Worcester County Riders Association whether by bad check or nonpayment shall result in the irrevocable forfeiture of all points for the show in question. Such person and/or any equine in his ownership shall be barred from further participation in Worcester County Riders Association competitions until and unless the debt, including any related fees, has been settled with cash, a bank check or money order. In addition, any future participation at Worcester County Riders Association events for the remainder of the show season must be paid for in cash. Any exhibitor stopping payment on a check to Worcester County Riders Association will lose their membership and/or will be barred from any future Worcester County Riders Association event(s).
18. Stallions must be housed on a trailer if left unattended on the show grounds. Stallions shall not be shown by, nor be in the personal care of junior exhibitors.
19. Show management requires that all dogs in and around the show grounds be restricted, at all times, on a leash to be held firmly in hand or firmly attached to truck or trailer. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove from the show grounds and/or prohibit from future competitions



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any dog deemed to be a nuisance. No dogs are allowed in the Show Office or in the area adjacent to the Show Office.

20. No gait faster than a brisk walk is permitted in the immediate area around the show ring and food booth.
21. Exhibitors/spectators are not permitted on the show grounds in bare feet.
22. Any equine that tends to kick shall wear a red ribbon in its tail.
23. There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises.
24. The Judge's decision is final.



SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

1. Cruelty to or the abuse of an equine by any person at a Worcester County Riders Association show is forbidden. The Judge and/or show management has the authority to dismiss from the class or show any exhibitor for cruelty to or abuse of an equine.
2. Any unsportsmanlike like conduct by an owner and/or exhibitor shall jeopardize their right to further exhibit in the show. At any time, the Judge and/or show committee may issue a first warning to any exhibitor and/or owner for unsportsmanlike like conduct. Upon failure to comply with this warning, the exhibitor and/or owner will be disqualified from further classes in the show without return of any fees paid. These rules will be strictly enforced.
3. No points or awards will be given to any exhibitor and/or owner disqualified from a show for unsportsmanlike like conduct.
4. Open disrespect for the Judge and/or show management will result in disqualification.



REQUIRED APPOINTMENTS AND ATTIRE

Personal Appointments
Tack Appointments
Optional Appointments
Prohibited Appointments

Hunter Seat Appointment

Conservative hunt coats, jodhpurs or breeches in traditional shades, high English boots or jodhpur shoes. Dark blue, brown or black hunt cap or black or brown derby is mandatory. All youth Walk Trot and Leadline exhibitors shall be required to wear protective headgear whenever mounted on the Worcester County Riders Association show grounds. Helmets passing or surpassing ASTM/SEI standards are recommended. All exhibitors competing in over-fences classes **MUST** wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets with chin strap fastened at all times when mounted. Stock, tie or choker is required. Hair must be neat and contained (as in a net or braid). Judges must penalize exhibitors who do not conform.

English-style bit (snaffle, Pelham, kimberwick and/or full bridle) with cavesson nosebands and plain leather browbands. All bits shall conform to the specifications of the AHSA and/or AQHA rule books. Saddles to be of the hunt or forward seat type with or without knee rolls. No cutback saddles.

Unrowelled spurs, crops, bats, gloves, English breastplate and braiding of mane and tail in hunt style are all optional.

Boots of any description on the equine, leg wrappings, rowelled spurs, draw reins, flash nosebands, figure eight nosebands, dropped nosebands and martingales in classes not required to jump.

Saddle Seat Appointment

Coats of conservative color (white jacket in season) with matching jodhpurs, derby or soft hat and jodhpur boots. All youth Walk-Trot and Lead line exhibitors shall be required to wear protective headgear whenever mounted on the Worcester County Riders Association show grounds. Judges must penalize exhibitors who do not conform.



Entries shall be shown in full bridles (curb and snaffle) or Pelham bit and flat English-style saddles. All bits shall conform to the specifications of the AHSA rule book.

Unrowelled spurs, gloves, whips or crops are optional.

Prohibited Appointments

Forward seat saddles, martingales or similar tiedowns, draw reins, boots or chains on the legs of the equine.

Stock Seat Appointment

Western boots, Western hat and long-sleeved shirt. All youth Walk-Trot and Leadline exhibitors shall be required to wear protective headgear whenever mounted on the Worcester County Riders Association show grounds. Hair must be neat and contained (as in a net or braid). Judges must penalize exhibitors who do not conform.

Western stock saddle that must be clean, in good repair, and properly fitted to both horse and rider. Silver not to count over a good working outfit. Romals or split reins may be used; but if romals are used, hobbles must be carried. Any standard Western bit shall be acceptable. In Western classes, a snaffle bit refers to a smooth snaffle bit with a broken mouthpiece (conventional O-ring, egg-butt or D-ring) and the ring no larger than 4 inch. One inch from the cheek must be a minimum of three-eighths inch diameter with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. Snaffle bits may be used on horses up until the age of six. All bits shall conform to the specifications of the AHSA and/or AQHA rule books. Optional loose curb strap (leather or nylon only). Reins to be attached above the curb strap. A western curb bit shall have a solid or broken mouthpiece; have shanks and act with a curb action. Two-handed reining, snaffle bits and bosals will be permitted only on horses five years and under. Curb chains must be at least one-half inch wide and lie flat against the jaws of the horse.

Gloves, spurs and chaps are optional. In Equitation classes, wearing of chaps shall be at the Judge's discretion.

Tapaderas, mechanical hackamores, cavesson-type nosebands, martingales and tiedowns except where otherwise stated in specific class rules. Bosals prohibited except on horses five years and under.



HORSEMANSHIP PATTERNS

1. Drop stirrups in the line-up only.
2. Pick up outside lead in a circle
3. Halt at predetermined precise target and stand for 4-6 seconds.
4. Turn over the haunches
5. Turn over the forehand
6. Perform a figure eight at the trot/jog (with change of diagonals for English riders).
7. Perform a serpentine at the trot/jog or canter/lope with the type of lead changes desired to be specified by the Judge.
8. Drop stirrups and pick up or ride without stirrups.
9. Mount and/or dismount from either side.
10. Perform a figure eight at the canter/lope with simple or flying lead changes as specified by the Judge.
11. Perform one or more changes of lead down the center of the ring.

SHOWMANSHIP FAULTS

Faults against the exhibitor shall be as follows:

1. Failure to recognize and correct faults in the horse's position.
2. Conversing with other exhibitors during the judging.
3. Kicking or placing horse's leg in position (use of one hand only in the shoulder area is allowed).
4. Failure of horse to lead properly.
5. Failure to stop turning when showing at walk or trot.
6. Failure to back horse when necessary.
7. Loud voice commands to horse.
8. Over-showing through unnecessary actions.
9. Blocking the Judge's view of the horse.
10. Turning the horse in the wrong direction.
11. Causing the Judge to move to avoid being bumped or stepped on by the horse.
12. Improperly fitted equipment.



DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Use of prohibited appointments is cause for disqualification. Prohibited appointments include but shall not be limited to mechanical hackamores, hackamore bits, running or standing martingales (except in hunter/jumper classes over fences), tie downs, choke ropes, draw reins, bosals (except on equines five years and under), cavesson-type nosebands in Western classes and tapaderas.
2. A dropped noseband is prohibited in all English flat classes. A dropped noseband is interpreted as a cavesson and/or noseband, which is fastened below the bit (Flash and figure eight nosebands are considered this type of noseband).
3. Any artificial appliance shall be prohibited in all classes. An artificial appliance shall be defined as wired ears, nerved/nicked tails, the use of chains or rattlers on the legs and any medication, including ginger.
4. Lack of required appointments in any class or division specifying appointments will be cause for disqualification.
5. If either the equine or rider becomes injured or ill and cannot continue the class after the entry has entered the arena, the entry will be disqualified.
6. Riders not dressed in appropriate attire according to the rules of a particular class or division will be disqualified. Refer to appointment section.
7. Entrants shall be disqualified for failing to follow the Judge's instructions.
8. The Judge and/or show management shall have the authority to dismiss any entry from the arena if the entry is not under sufficient control.
9. A fall shall be considered a disqualification. A rider is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his/her equine in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. An equine is considered to have fallen when shoulder and haunch on the same side touch the ground or the obstacle and the ground.
10. All exhibitors' numbers must be clearly visible when they enter the ring and at all times when in competition. Any exhibitor entering the ring without a number or an incorrect number will automatically be disqualified regardless of Judge's decision.
11. A Judge and/or show committee person may order any person or equine from competition for bad conduct of one or both or may disqualify any exhibitor for abuse of the equine.
12. Any exhibitor who is assisted by an unauthorized person inside the show ring or arena will be disqualified.



Points will be scored as follows:

- First Place.....8 Points
- Second Place.....7 Points
- Third Place.....6 Points
- Fourth Place.....5 Points
- Fifth Place.....4 Points
- Sixth Place.....3 Points

Six places will be awarded in each class

In all classes, for points to accrue for year end awards, a team (horse and rider combination) must show in a particular class at least three times during a show season.

In the case of a tie for Division Championship of the Day, the tie will be broken by equitation points when applicable.

Any and all points will be forfeited by persons or equines disqualified or otherwise barred from competition. Exhibitors and/or owners who are indebted to The Worcester County Riders Association, have been found to have provided false information on entry forms or who have been eliminated from competition for poor sportsmanship or abuse of an equine will forfeit all points for the classes and/or shows involved.

For purposes of point scoring, lessee shall be considered as bona fide owner as per General Rule #10.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

FAMILY/SINGLE \$40
BUSINESS \$150

The prices listed above include a WCRA T-shirt, an annual subscription to the "Northeast Equine Journal" and "Massachusetts Horse" and are subject to change annually.



CLASS SPECIFICATIONS



WCRA 2009 Show Classes

Open Showmanship
 1st Year Canter/Lope Showmanship
 Halter Mares
 Halter Geldings/Stallions
 Colts/Fillies in Hand 2 & Under
 Halter Championship
 Open Equitation
 Open Pleasure
 1st Year Canter/Lope Equitation
 1st Year Canter/Lope Pleasure
 Child/Am Adult Hunter Equitation Flat
 Walk-Trot Adult Equitation
 Walk-Trot Adult Pleasure
 Open Discipline Rail
 Open Horsemanship
 1st Year Canter/Lope Discipline Rail
 1st Year Canter/Lope Horsemanship
 Walk-Trot Adult Discipline Rail
 Walk-Trot Adult Horsemanship
 Child/Am Adult Hunter (2'-2'3") Course 1
 Child/Am Adult Hunter (2'-2'3") Course 2
 Walk-Trot 12-17 Equitation
 Walk-Trot 12-17 Pleasure
 Walk-Trot 11 & Under Equitation
 Walk-Trot 11 & Under Pleasure
 Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors Equitation
 Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors Pleasure
 Walk-Trot 12-17 Discipline Rail
 Walk-Trot 12-17 Horsemanship
 Walk-Trot 11 & Under Competitors Discipline Rail
 Walk-Trot 11 & Under Competitors Horsemanship
 Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors Discipline Rail
 Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors Horsemanship
 Walk-Trot 18" Cross Rails Equitation
 Walk-Trot 18' Cross Rails Pleasure
 Schooling Jumper 2'
 Schooling Jumper 2'3 – 2'6"
Lead Line begins with Trail Judge in Warm-up Ring 9:00 a.m.
 Lead Line Equitation
 Lead Line Pleasure
 Freedom Horse-In-Hand Obstacle Course
 Capture The Flag
 Cloverleaf Barrel Race
 Fox And Hound
 TBA
 Pole Bending
 Sit-A-Buck
Trail Classes begin at approximately 9:30 a.m.
 Lead Line Trail
 Open Trail
 1st Year Canter/Lope Trail
 Adult Walk-Trot Trail
 Walk-Trot 12-17 Trail
 Walk-Trot 11 & Under Trail
 Walk-Trot 1st Year Trail



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HALTER CLASSES

Class name: Halter Stallions/Geldings

Rider's Level ..: Halter, Lead Line, Walk Trot, Canter

Rider's Age: Open to all ages; must be over 18 years to show stallions.

Appointments . . .: HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type: **Open to Stallion & Gelding** Horses & Ponies.

Equine Age: 3 Years and older.

Points: **Year End/First and Second Place winners may compete in the Halter Championship Class**

Description . . .: This class is open to all horses three years and older.

Western horses to be shown in halter.

English horses to be shown in appropriate halter or bridle.

Entries shall be judged individually standing and also at the walk and trot/jog on the line.

Entries shall be judged on conformation, quality, action and substance.

Class name: Halter Mares

Rider's Level ..: Halter, Lead Line, Walk Trot, Canter

Rider's Age: Open to all ages.

Appointments . . .: HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type: **Open to Mare** Horses & Ponies.

Equine Age: 3 Years and older.

Points: **Year End/First and Second Place winners may compete in the Halter Championship Class**

Description . . .: This class is open to all horses three years and older.

Western horses to be shown in halter.

English horses to be shown in appropriate halter or bridle.

Entries shall be judged individually standing and also at the walk and trot/jog on the line.

Entries shall be judged on conformation, quality, action and substance.

Class name: Colts/Fillies in Hand 2 & Under

Rider's Level ..: Halter, Lead Line, Walk Trot, Canter

Rider's Age: Open to all ages.

Appointments . . .: HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type: **Open to Colts & Fillies,** Horses & Ponies.

Equine Age: 2 Years and Under.

Points: **Year End/First and Second Place winners may compete in the Halter Championship Class**

Description . . .: This class is open to all horses three years and older.



Western horses to be shown in halter.
English horses to be shown in appropriate halter or bridle.
Entries shall be judged individually standing and also at the walk and trot/jog on the line.
Entries shall be judged on conformation, quality, action and substance.

Class name : Halter Championship

Rider's Level . . . : Halter, Leadline, Walk Trot, Canter

Rider's Age : Open to all ages; must be over 18 years to show stallions

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Awarded to the Equine

Description . . . : Western equine shall be shown in a halter only.

English equine may be shown in an appropriate halter or bridle. Handler must be dressed in accordance with the tack being used. Equine shall enter the ring and be lined up at the discretion of the Judge.

Entries shall be judged individually and also at the walk and trot/jog on the line.

Equines should stand squarely and naturally and are not to be stretched. Exhibitor shall not be penalized for touching or moving a horse's leg with their hands.

To be handled and shown by one person only.

Unruly or ill-mannered horses may be excused from the ring.

Emphasis shall be placed 40% on conformation; 20% on type; 20% on soundness and 20% on action.

OPEN

Class name : Open Showmanship

Rider's Level : Canter

Rider's Age : Open

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Open

Description : Entries shall be judged on the exhibitor's ability to train, groom and present an equine for consideration of the Judge. All leading shall be done from the near side and all turns shall be made to the right with the exhibitor moving around the horse.

See Showmanship Faults

Unruly or ill-mannered horses will be excused from the ring.



Fancy clothing or tack not to count over a good working outfit.
Western horses shall be shown in a halter
Chaps or spurs shall not be worn by Western exhibitors.
This is not to be judged as a fitting and showing class!!

Class name : Open Equitation

Rider's Level..... : Canter

Rider's Age : Open

Appointments ... : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Open

Description : In this class, only the rider is being judged.

Shall be judged at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Incorrect diagonals shall be penalized unless asked for by the Judge.
On the flat

Class name : Open Pleasure

Rider's Level..... : Canter

Rider's Age : Open

Appointments ... : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Open

Description : This class will be judged on the performance of the horse as a pleasure animal. Excessive speed and wrong leads shall be penalized. Horses to be shown at the walk, jog/trot and lope/canter both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without loss of control. Horses may be required to reverse at the walk or job at the discretion of the Judge; but shall not be asked to reverse at the canter/lope. The Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any horse or hoes. The judge is not to ask for any work other than listed above.

Class name : Open Discipline Rail

Rider's Level..... : Canter

Rider's Age : Open

Appointments ... : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Open



Description : Class based on the ability of the equine and rider to perform commands immediately as specified by the Judge. No individual performance required. No elimination will be made by being called out and standing in the middle of ring.

1st YEAR CANTER/LOPE

Class name . . . : **1st Year Canter/Lope Showmanship**

Rider's Level .. : Canter - 1st Year Showing in a Canter Division

Rider's Age : Open to all ages. Class will be divided by age if class size warrants

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age . . . : Open

Points : **CL 1st YR**

Description : Entries shall be judged on the exhibitor's ability to train, groom and present an equine for consideration of the Judge. All leading shall be done from the near side and all turns shall be made to the right with the exhibitor moving around the horse.

See Showmanship Faults

Unruly or ill-mannered horses will be excused from the ring.
Fancy clothing or tack not to count over a good working outfit.

Western horses shall be shown in a halter

Chaps or spurs shall not be worn by Western exhibitors.

This is not to be judged as a fitting and showing class!!

Class name : **1st Year Canter/Lope Equitation**

Rider's Level .. : Canter - 1st Year Showing in a Canter Division

Rider's Age : Open to all ages. Class will be divided by age if class size warrants

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Open

Description : In this class, only the rider is being judged.

Shall be judged at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Incorrect diagonals shall be penalized unless asked for by the Judge.

On the flat

Class name : **Year Canter/Lope Pleasure**

Rider's Level .. : Canter - 1st Year Showing in a Canter Division



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Rider's Age : Open to all ages. Class will be divided by age if class size warrants
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Open
Description : This class will be judged on the performance of the horse as a pleasure animal. Excessive speed and wrong leads shall be penalized. Horses to be shown at the walk, jog/trot and lope/canter both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without loss of control. Horses may be required to reverse at the walk or job at the discretion of the Judge; but shall not be asked to reverse at the canter/lope. The Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any horse or hoes. The judge is not to ask for any work other than listed above.

Class name : **1st Year Canter/Lope Discipline Rail**
Rider's Level .. : Canter - 1st Year Showing in a Canter Division
Rider's Age : Open to all ages. Class will be divided by age if class size warrants
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Open Stock Seat
Description : Class based on the ability of the equine and rider to perform commands immediately as specified by the Judge. No individual performance required. No elimination will be made by being called out and standing in the middle of ring.

LEAD LINE

Class name : **Lead Line Pleasure (8 & Under)**
Rider's Level .. : Lead Line
Rider's Age : **8 & Under**
Appointments . . . : SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT HUNTER SEAT
Equine Type . . . : **Open to Both** Horses and Ponies
Equine Age : Open
Points : Lead Line
Description : To be shown at a walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring.
To be judged on performance, manners quality and conformation. Must back readily and stand quietly. May be asked to reverse at the walk and trot/jog.
Emphasis to be on the suitability of rider/equine.

Class name : **Lead Line Equitation (8 & Under)**



Rider's Level . . : Lead Line
Rider's Age : 8 & Under
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Lead Line
Description . . . : **The rider shall be judged on hand, seat, and back position. Shall be shown collectively at a walk and individually at a trot/jog at the direction of the Judge. If the judge asks the rider to back in line, the leader shall not aid the rider.**

Class name : Lead Line Trail (8 & Under)

Rider's Level . . : Lead Line
Rider's Age : 8 & Under
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Lead Line
Description . . . : Exhibitors shall be led at a walk or trot/jog over a series of obstacles equal to the rider's level of ability. No jumps allowed. May be asked to dismount; but may not be asked to mount.
 Suitability of mount for riding by a beginner shall be paramount. Shall be judged on manners, steadiness and ability to give a safe and comfortable ride over uneven terrain and obstacles.

WALK-TROT 11 & UNDER

Class name : Walk-Trot 11 & Under Equitation

Rider's Level . . : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : **11 & Under**
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk-Trot 11 & Under
Description . . . : In this class, only the rider is being judged.
 Shall be judged at the walk and trot both ways of the ring. Incorrect diagonals shall be penalized unless asked for by the Judge.

Class name : Walk-Trot 11 & Under Pleasure

Rider's Level . . : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : **11 & Under**
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk-Trot 11 & Under



Description . . . : This class will be judged on the performance of the equine as a pleasure animal. Excessive speed shall be penalized.

Equines to be shown at a walk and trot with a light contact on the equine's mouth. Equines may be required to reverse at the walk or trot at the discretion of the Judge. The Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any equine or equines.

Loose rein shall be on command of the Judge only and shall be without loss of contact.

Class name : **Walk-Trot 11 & Under Horsemanship**

Rider's Level : Walk-Trot

Rider's Age : 11 & Under

Appointments : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Walk-Trot 11 & Under

Description . . . : To be performed at a walk/trot/jog on a pattern specified by the judge. To be judged on the accuracy of the pattern, rider's position, and most importantly the horse's manners/obedience to do what is asked of him. Rail work may be required.

Class name : **Walk-Trot 11 & Under Equitation Discipline Rail**

Rider's Level . . . : Walk Trot

Rider's Age : **11 & Under**

Appointments : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Walk-Trot 11 & Under

Description : Class based on the ability of the equine and rider to perform commands immediately as specified by the Judge. No individual performance required. No elimination will be made by being called out and standing in the middle of ring.

Class name : **Walk-Trot 11 & Under Trail**

Rider's Level . . . : Walk Trot

Rider's Age : **11 & Under**

Appointments : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Walk-Trot 11 & Under

Description : Suitability of mount for riding by a beginner shall be paramount. Manners, steadiness and the ability to give a safe and comfortable ride over uneven terrain and/or obstacles shall be judged. Stock Seat riders shall not carry a lariat; all other trail rules shall apply. To be judged 50% on performance over obstacles and 50% on manners and attitude.



Three refusals per obstacles are permitted before rider is asked to move to the next obstacle. Exhibitors must attempt each obstacle at least ONCE before moving on to next.

WALK-TROT 12-17

Class name : **Walk-Trot Equitation 12-17**
Rider's Level . . : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : **12-17**
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, Stock Seat
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk-Trot 12-17
Description . . . : In this class, only the rider is being judged. Shall be judged at the walk and trot both ways of the ring. Incorrect diagonals shall be penalized unless asked for by the Judge.

Class name : **Walk-Trot Pleasure 12-17**
Rider's Level . . : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : **12-17**
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk Trot 12-17
Description . . . : This class will be judged on the performance of the equine as a pleasure animal. Excessive speed shall be penalized. Equines to be shown at a walk and trot with a light contact on the equine's mouth. Equines may be required to reverse at the walk or trot at the discretion of the Judge. The Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any equine or equines.
Loose rein shall be on command of the Judge only and shall be without loss of contact.

Class name : **Walk-Trot Horsemanship 12-17**
Rider's Level : Walk-Trot
Rider's Age : Open
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : 12-17
Points : Walk-Trot 12-17

Description . . . : To be performed at a walk/trot/jog on a pattern specified by the judge. To be judged on the accuracy of the pattern, rider's position, and most importantly the horse's manners/obedience to do what is asked of him. Rail work may be required.



Class name : **Walk-Trot Discipline Rail 12-17**
Rider's Level : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : See above
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Walk-Trot 12-17
Points : 12-17
Description : Class based on the ability of the equine and rider to perform commands immediately as specified by the Judge. No individual performance required. No elimination will be made by being called out and standing in the middle of ring.

Class name : **Walk-Trot 12-17 Under Trail**
Rider's Level . . . : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : **12-17**
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk-Trot 12-17
Description : Suitability of mount for riding by a beginner shall be paramount. Manners, steadiness and the ability to give a safe and comfortable ride over uneven terrain and/or obstacles shall be judged. Stock Seat riders shall not carry a lariat; all other trail rules shall apply. To be judged 50% on performance over obstacles and 50% on manners and attitude.
Three refusals per obstacles are permitted before rider is asked to move to the next obstacle. Exhibitors must attempt each obstacle at least ONCE before moving on to next.

WALK-TROT 1ST YEAR COMPETITORS

Class name : **Walk-Trot Equitation 1st Year Competitors**
Rider's Level . . . : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : **17 & Under**
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk Trot 1st Year Competitors
Description : In this class, only the rider is being judged. used. Shall be judged at the walk and jog both ways of the ring.

Class name : **Walk-Trot Pleasure 1st Year Competitors**
Rider's Level . . . : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : **17 & Under**
Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk Trot 1st Year Competitors



Description . . . : This class will be judged on the performance of the equine as a pleasure animal. Excessive speed shall be penalized.

Equines to be shown at a walk and trot with a light contact on the equine's mouth. Equines may be required to reverse at the walk or trot at the discretion of the Judge. The Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any equine or equines.

Loose rein shall be on command of the Judge only and shall be without loss of contact.

Class name : **Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors Horsemanship**

Rider's Level.....: Walk-Trot no more than 2 previous horse shows

Rider's Age : Under 17/Class will be split if more than 12 entries

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors

Description . . . : To be performed at a walk/trot/canter on a pattern specified by the judge. To be judged on the accuracy of the pattern, rider's position, and most importantly the horse's manners/obedience to do what is asked of him. Rail work may be required.

Class name : **Walk-Trot Discipline Rail, 1st Year Competitors**

Rider's Level.....: Walk Trot

Rider's Age : Under 17

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : 1st Year Competitors

Description : Class based on the ability of the equine and rider to perform commands immediately as specified by the Judge. No individual performance required. No elimination will be made by being called out and standing in the middle of ring.

Class name : **Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors Trail**

Rider's Level . . . : Walk Trot

Rider's Age : **17 & Under**

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age.....: Open

Points : Walk-Trot 1st Year Competitors

Description : Suitability of mount for riding by a beginner shall be paramount. Manners, steadiness and the ability to give a safe and comfortable ride over uneven terrain and/or obstacles shall be judged. Stock Seat riders shall not carry a lariat; all other trail rules shall apply. To be judged 50% on performance over obstacles and 50% on manners and attitude. Three refusals per obstacles are permitted before rider is asked to move to the next obstacle. Exhibitors must attempt each obstacle at least ONCE before moving on to next.



WALK-TROT ADULT

Class name : **Walk-Trot Adult Equitation**
Rider's Level.....: Walk Trot
Rider's Age : 18 & Older
Appointments ... : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk-Trot Adult
Description . . . : In this class, only the rider is being judged. used. Shall be judged at the walk and jog both ways of the ring.

Class name : **Walk-Trot Adult Pleasure**
Rider's Level.....: Walk Trot
Rider's Age : 18 & Older
Appointments ... : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk-Trot Adult
Description . . . : This class will be judged on the performance of the equine as a pleasure animal. Excessive speed shall be penalized.
Equines to be shown at a walk and trot with a light contact on the equine's mouth. Equines may be required to reverse at the walk or trot at the discretion of the Judge. The Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any equine or equines.
Loose rein shall be on command of the Judge only and shall be without loss of contact.

Class name : **Adult Walk-Trot Horsemanship**
Rider's Level.....: Walk-Trot
Rider's Age : 18 & Older
Appointments ... : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Adult Walk-Trot
Description . . . : To be performed at a walk/trot/jog on a pattern specified by the judge. To be judged on the accuracy of the pattern, rider's position, and most importantly the horse's manners/obedience to what is asked of him. Rail work may be required.

Class name : **Adult Walk-Trot Discipline Rail**
Rider's Level.....: Walk Trot
Rider's Age : 18 & Older
Appointments ... : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type . . . : Open to both Horses and Ponies.



Equine Age : Open
Points : Adult Walk Trot
Description : Class based on the ability of the equine and rider to perform commands immediately as specified by the Judge. No individual performance required. No elimination will be made by being called out and standing in the middle of ring.

Class name : **Walk-Trot Adult Trail**
Rider's Level : Walk Trot
Rider's Age : 18 & Older
Appointments : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Walk-Trot Adult
Description : Suitability of mount for riding by a beginner shall be paramount. Manners, steadiness and the ability to give a safe and comfortable ride over uneven terrain and/or obstacles shall be judged. Stock Seat riders shall not carry a lariat; all other trail rules shall apply. To be judged 50% on performance over obstacles and 50% on manners and attitude. Three refusals per obstacles are permitted before rider is asked to move to the next obstacle. Exhibitors must attempt each obstacle at least ONCE before moving on to next.

GREEN HORSE WALK-TROT

Class name : **Green Horse/Pony Walk-Trot Open Pleasure**
Rider's Level : Canter
Rider's Age : 13 & Over
Appointments : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : **Open** to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : **Green Horse/Pony Walk-Trot Open**
Description : Open to horses in their first year showing under saddle, with no limitation on horse's age. Horses to show at the walk and trot/jog only, both ways of the ring. Will not be asked to back or perform individually. Horses may not cross enter into all open classes requiring a canter. *This class is open to green horses only, not Novice Riders.*

Class name : **Green Horse Walk-Trot Horsemanship**
Rider's Level : Canter
Rider's Age : Open
Appointments : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT
Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.
Equine Age : Open
Points : Green Horse Walk-Trot



Description . . . : To be performed at a walk/trot/jog on a pattern specified by the judge. To be judged on the accuracy of the pattern, rider's position, and most importantly the horse's manners/obedience to do what is asked of him. Rail work may be required. *This class is open to green horses only, not Novice Riders.*

Class name . . . : Green Horse/Pony Walk-Trot Open Discipline Rail

Rider's Level . . . : Canter

Rider's Age : 13 & Over

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Green Horse/Pony Walk-Trot Open

Description : Class based on the ability of the equine and rider to perform commands immediately as specified by the Judge. No individual performance required. No elimination will be made by being called out and standing in the middle of ring. Horses may not cross enter into all open classes requiring a canter. *This class is open to green horses only, not Novice Riders.*

Class name . . . : Green Horse/Pony Walk-Trot Open Trail

Rider's Level . . . : Canter

Rider's Age : 13 & Over

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Green Horse/Pony Walk-Trot Open

Description : Suitability of mount for riding shall be paramount. Manners, steadiness and the ability to give a safe and comfortable ride over uneven terrain and/or obstacles shall be judged. Stock Seat riders shall not carry a lariat; all other trail rules shall apply. To be judged 50% on performance over obstacles and 50% on manners and attitude. Three refusals per obstacles are permitted before rider is asked to move to the next obstacle. Exhibitors must attempt each obstacle at least ONCE before moving on to next. *This class is open to green horses only, not Novice Riders.*

GYMKHANA

Class name . . . : Egg & Spoon

Rider's Level . . . : Canter

Rider's Age : Open to all ages.

Appointments . . . : HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type : Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age : Open

Points : Gymkhana



Description.....: Exhibitors shall ride at the direction of the Judge and will be disqualified for dropping their eggs, for not performing the requested *gait*, not moving out when asked or for holding the egg with the fingers or thumb. Hand must be at least one inch from the bowl of the spoon, which must be a metal dessert or soup spoon. Riders will be placed by process of elimination; no individual performance will be required.

Class name ...: Cloverleaf Barrel Race

Rider's Level ..: Canter

Rider's Age: Open to all ages.

Appointments ...: HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type: Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age.....: Open

Points: Gymkhana

Description.....: Entries must cross the timing line and do a cloverleaf pattern around the barrels, and race back to cross the timing line. Rider and horse with the fastest time will be the winners.

Class name ...: Pole Bending

Rider's Level ..: Canter

Rider's Age: Open to all ages.

Appointments ...: HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type: Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age.....: Open

Points: Gymkhana

Description.....: Six poles shall be placed 20 feet apart in a straight line down the approximate center of the ring. The timing line shall be 20 feet from the first pole. The rider shall have his choice of the side on which to pass the first pole. The entry shall cross the timing line, bend between the poles, circle pole 6 (farthest pole), return through the course by bending between the poles, and cross the timing line.

Class name ...: Tennis Ball Drop

Rider's Level ..: Canter

Rider's Age: Open to all ages.

Appointments ...: HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type: Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age.....: Open

Points: Gymkhana

Description.....: Entries will be given a tennis ball. The entrant will cross the start line and make their way to the opposite end of the ring where they will drop the ball into a feed tub. If the ball comes out of the tub you will be disqualified.



Class name ...: Sit-A-Buck

Rider's Level ..: Canter

Rider's Age: Open to all ages.

Appointments ...: HUNTER SEAT, SADDLE SEAT, STOCK SEAT

Equine Type: Open to both Horses and Ponies.

Equine Age.....: Open

Points: Gymkhana

Description.....: Riders will place a dollar bill under their leg while riding bareback. Last person to have dollar bill wins.

Riders will show over a course of six to eight fences with no change of direction and no combinations. Fence height will not exceed 18".



DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS

WCRA 2007 Divisions

ADULT DIVISION - All exhibitors in this division shall be eighteen years of age and over.

LEAD LINE DIVISION - Riders in this division shall be eight years of age and under, Horses or ponies may be used. Appointments shall be as specified for the seat being ridden with the exception that protective headgear shall be required whenever mounted and no rider shall be discriminated against for the use of hard hat or helmet. Lariats prohibited for Stock Seat riders. Saddle should be properly fitted to both the horse/pony and rider. No exhibitor shall be tied, buckled or fastened in the saddle in any manner. Feet must be placed in properly fitted stirrups. A lead shank at least six feet long shall be attached to the shank of the bit or to a halter that is under the bridle so that while the rider is on the rail, the horse/pony is controlled by the handler. Handlers must be at least 14 years of age or older. Fall of horse or pony and/or rider shall result in disqualification. *All leadline riders shall be led while mounted on the show grounds.*

OPEN HORSE DIVISION – Open to all horses ineligible for any other breed class at this show. All horses must be over 14.2 hands. May be shown English or Western with appointments in accordance with the seat being shown.

WALK-TROT DIVISIONS- Riders in this division may not have ever ridden in ANY class requiring a canter or lope and are not eligible for any such class at the same show in which they compete in this division. Open to horses and ponies, English and Western. Appointments shall be as specified for the seat being ridden with the exception that protective headgear shall be required whenever mounted and no rider shall be discriminated against for the use of hard hat or helmet. *Exhibitors in this division shall refrain from cantering at any time on the show grounds.*

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR DIVISION - Exhibitors in this division shall be 17 years of age and under as per General Rule #18. Open to horses and ponies, English or Western. No stallions. Classes in this division MAY be divided according to age: 13 and under years of age and 14 through 17 years of age. All appointments in this division shall be in accordance with the seat being ridden.



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CLASS DIVISION COMPOSITION

WCRA 2007 Day-End & Year-End Divisions:

Adult Walk-Trot/Jog	Open English
Lead Line	Green Horse/Pony Open
12-17 Walk-Trot/Jog	Schooling Hunter
11 & Under Walk-Trot/Jog	Adult/Am Hunter
1 st Year Competitors Walk-Trot/Jog	Open 18" Hunter
Open Stock Seat	Junior Exhibitor English
Junior Exhibitor Stock Seat	Gymkhana

WCRA 2007 Year-End Only Divisions:

Halter Mares 2 & over
Halter Geldings/Stallions 2 & over
Halter Yearlings/Weanlings
Halter Championship
Walk-Trot Cross Rails



End of WCRA Rules