

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a **\$30** nonmember registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes. **EC 7/21/08 Effective 12/1/08**

1. **Arena Size and Footing:** The main arena is 136' x 248'. Covered warm-up and all other arena's are 120' x 240'. Footing consists of a mixture of dirt, sand and sawdust. **NO LUNGIMG ALLOWED IN COVERED OR INDOOR ARENA.**
2. **Admission to the Arena:** No person will be permitted to enter the arena except participants in the class, judges and their assistants, show photographer and assistant, show officials and staff. Attendants will not be permitted in the arena until summoned by the judge.
3. **Half-Arabian And Anglo-Arabian Eligibility to Compete** -Horses shown in this section must have been issued a certificate of registration from the Arabian Horse Assoc. in the Half-Arabian and/or the Anglo-Arabian Registry, or have been issued an Arabian Horse Association (Canadian Partbred Arabian registry) CPAR permit or if under one year of age, be eligible for registry and registration applied for, and must be entered under their full registered name AR-101.
4. **Arabian Registry Eligibility to Compete** -Horses to be shown in this division must be issued a certificate of registration from the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc., and/or the Canadian Horse Registry or, if under one year of age, be eligible for registry and registration be applied for and must be entered under their full registered name. (Only weanlings that have had registration applied for may show without registration papers.) AR-101
5. **Discipline:** Exhibitors are cautioned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the owner, lessee, trainer, groom, rider, driver or their families will disqualify the horse from adjudication. The management reserves the right to remove an owner, lessee, trainer, groom, horse, rider, driver from the show without being liable for compensation or damages. Show management will be charged with the responsibility of enforcing all USEF and AHA rules.
6. **Responsibility:** The North Carolina State Fair, The State of North Carolina, Central Piedmont Arabian Association, Show Management and Show Officials will in no way be responsible for any loss or damage that might occur, and it will be a condition of the entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show blameless for any loss or accident to any animal, person or property that may occur from sickness, fire, or otherwise at this show. All owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damages incurred by them or their agents to barns, or other properties on the show grounds and will be billed accordingly. By signing the entry form, exhibitors agree that they have read and understood this condition of entry.
7. **Protests:** Must be filed in accordance with the USEF rules and be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 for members or parent or junior exhibitor and \$300 for non-member which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. GR603. The Show Committee shall decide any questions not covered by the USEF rules and its decision shall be final.

8. **Parking:** No trailers or vehicles will be allowed to be parked in barn area. No electrical cords may be run from any barn. If so, a hook-up charge of \$30.00 a night will be charged.
9. **Professional Services:** or consultations performed by the Show Veterinarian or Farrier outside the show ring shall be on a Private Fee Basis. The name and phone number of vet will be posted at show office.
10. **Calls for Classes:** Classes will be called promptly. Two minute clock begins when gate opens, the end gate **must be closed** at the end of 2 minutes after the first horse enters the ring, GR831
- a. Exhibitors are cautioned that if entering the same horses in back to back classes, a tack change should be arranged for with paddock master. A maximum of 3 minutes will be allowed by a tack change. Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical device, the PA system and paddock calls over that system must be considered a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his horse is at the gate at the prescribed time. And, while every effort will be made to maintain a working PA system to carry calls, no protest will be upheld nor will any section be changed on the basis of a PA malfunction alone. Always check in with paddock master.
11. **Class Changes:** Show Committee has the right to cancel any class not filled and to change classes in case of bad weather.
12. **AWARDS:** Money through 3<sup>rd</sup> place, (in designated classes), and ribbons through 6<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded in Championship Performance Classes. Silver medal will be awarded in AHA Equitation Medal Class. No money, ribbons through 8<sup>th</sup> place. Prize money awarded through show account.
13. **Amateur Certification:** must now be renewed annually and every rider, handler in Amateur Classes who has reached his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday must have in his possession a valid USEF AMATEUR CERTIFICATION OR BE ELIGIBLE FOR AND HAVE MADE APPLICATION FOR ONE. Applications must be made at least 1 hour prior to the class if made at the show.
14. **Age of Individuals:** For horse show purposes, an individual's age on December 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year. Persons born December 1 shall assume the greater age of that date.
15. **Indebtedness to Show:** Any exhibitor who fails to settle his indebtedness to this show will be automatically be barred from taking part whatsoever in a USEF recognized Show until settlement is made, as provided in USEF GR913. In addition to the remedies available to the show, USEF rules for non-collectibility of checks, **show management will assess a fee of 10% of the check amount PLUS \$50.00 if a check is returned unpaid.** Unless prior arrangements are confirmed by secretary, each exhibitor who leaves the show grounds at close of show without settling any outstanding fees due to show office **will be assessed a \$25.00 service fee for sending a bill.**
16. **Refusal of Entries:** Show committee and Management reserve the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entry, disqualify exhibitor, prohibit exhibition of entries and remove from the grounds any individual, stable or both without claim for damages. The submission of an entry form shall constitute an acceptance by each person signing same of the provisions herein set forth. GR-914.
17. **Entries:** All entries MUST be sent with a copy of the following: USEF, Amateur and AHA Competition level Membership Cards or a Single Event Membership fee of \$30 per person must be paid. Also, registration for each horse and a current Coggins for each horse (12 mos.) No entry will be processed without the foregoing copies unless you are applying for membership at the show. If you are applying for membership, you must do so BEFORE picking up your numbers. No horse should be entered on more than one entry form. The entry form should be complete. **AT LEAST ONE CLASS FEE MUST BE PAID WHEN ENTRY FORM IS SENT IN; OTHERWISE A LATE FEE WILL BE CHARGED.** The entry blank provides a space for the signatures of and address of the trainer, owner or agent, and rider/driver/handler of each entry. No person under 18 may sign as trainer. See USEF GR906-909. **ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO COVER ORIGINAL ENTRIES. A BLANK SIGNED CHECK WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO ANY ADDITIONS AT SHOW. NO OPEN CHECKS ACCEPTED.** Absolutely no package will be given out without all your cards and papers when you come to the office. The show office will open Thursday morning  
Entries sent with an open check will be charged post entry for each horse..

18. **Post Entries:** Post entries will be accepted after closing date, and a \$25.00 fee per horse will be charged. Extra classes for pre-entered horses will not be considered as post entries; however, no horse may be substituted for horses already entered. Entry blanks must be completed and returned before closing date. Post entry fee absolutely will be charged if postmarked after closing date. DO NOT MAIL ENTRIES AFTER 7 AUGUST, 2009—BRING TO SHOW. For Stalls call 828-817-0359

19. **Scratch Policy:** Class fees will be refunded if your class is scratched before the class prior to yours is lined up. Qualifying class MUST be scratched in office or with a signature with the Paddock Master. Use this order, or no refund. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS MUST BE SCRATCHED IN OFFICE ONLY and you must return prize money from the qualifying class. Last class fee for horse will be kept. **Entries added must be completed before the end of the session preceeding the class to be entered.**

20. **Stalls:** Stalls will be assigned by paid stall fees on a first come, first serve basis. Stalls will be available on **Wednesday, 12 noon**. All horses must be clear of the grounds by noon the day after the show. Bedding will be available and must be ordered at the barn office for a fee of \$7.00 per bag. To have bedding when you arrive, it must be ordered on the entry blank. All stalls are permanent wooden sides with full, secure doors. All horses staying overnight on the grounds MUST have a stall. Stalls will be assigned by paid stall fees on a first come, first serve basis. ALL HORSE STALLS MUST HAVE ADEQUATE BEDDING; ONLY SHAVINGS, STRAW OR SHREDDED PAPER WILL BE ALLOWED. NO SAWDUST MAY BE USED AS BEDDING.

21. **Championship:** Prize money will be credited on the show bill and awarded at close out, checks will not be mailed.

22. **Show Account:** The show account will close 60 days after the show.

23. **Halter Classes:** Regular Halter Classes Will Be Conducted Using The In The Ring Class Procedure with score cards---Championship Classes horses will return and judged comparatively.

24. **AHA Medal Class Specifications (Article 1119.6):**

Class specifications for AHA Medal classes that must be included in the prize list are as follows:

- a. AHA Hunter Seat Over Obstacles Medal class.
  - 1) To be shown over a course of not fewer than six obstacles with fence heights of 2'6" to 3' which must include an oxer and two changes of direction (changes of lead). (Res. 53-96)
  - 2) Two or more tests of the top four contestants are required from USEF Tests 1 -7, 9-15, 17-19 or EC equivalent. Only one rider per horse.
- b. AHA Saddle Seat Medal class.
  - 1) Following the rail work, all contestants are required to perform two or more individual tests from USEF Tests 1-15 or EC equivalent. Markers shall not be used.
- c. AHA Reining Seat Medal class.
  - 1) All contestants are required to perform a Reining pattern as outlined in USEF Reining, or EC equivalent. (Res 25-06)
  - 2) Dropping of bits is optional with the judge but if called for in the ring, assistance, if necessary, may be had from one of the ring officials.
  - 3) Reins shall not be removed from the horse's neck while inspecting bits.
  - 4) In an AHA Reining Seat Medal class an off pattern rider is eliminated and is not eligible to win a medal or ribbon.
  - 5) The prescribed AHA Reining Seat Equitation Score Sheet must be used and posted in accordance with USEF rule AR199.5. (Res.25-06)
  - 6) Numbers must be worn on the rider's back or in the case of reining seat equitation on the left side of the saddle pad and must be clearly visible at all times when in competition. See USEF rule EQ103.6. (Res. 8/07)
- d. AHA Hunter Seat Not to Jump Medal class.
  - 1) Following the rail work, all contestants are required to perform two or more individual tests from AHA Article 1336.9.
- e. AHA Western Horsemanship Medal class.
  - 1) Following the rail work, all contestants are required to perform a minimum of four tests from USEF AR222. (BOD 5/06)

25. **Refund Policy** Refunds will be made upon request with receipt of veterinary certificate for horse or physician's statement if received before the close of the show. Office Fees, Post Entry fees and one class fee are NOT refundable. No refunds will be made on stalls after the stall has been occupied.

26. **MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. (USEF GR901.29).

27. **Sharps Containers** – One sharps container per 50 occupied stalls will be available for the disposal of needles and other sharp instruments in the barns. Competition management may fine any individual including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or other agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of sharps. USEF GR1210.4

**Food Service Will be available on the show grounds**