

# RULES

## Show Rules

1. Entry fees are charged per horse, except when being used by more than one rider. (If the same horse is being used by more than one person, the first person to register will pay \$6 for one class or \$12 for the entire show and any other rider of that horse will be charged a flat fee of \$3.)
2. Numbers are assigned per horse.
3. Exhibitor may show more than one horse.
4. A child rider may advance levels at any time during the show season, but must remain at that advanced level throughout the remainder of the show season.
5. Sign up two classes in advance - no late entries accepted.
6. Request tack changes; three minutes allowed. The in-gate will close when time expires.
7. Classes may be canceled/combined/split.
8. No exhibition rides.
9. Enter/exit gates at a walk; no running in gate area.
10. No use of whips/bats/quirts/crops ahead of horse's shoulders.
11. Tail ribbon for horses that kick.
12. Appropriate show attire required:
  - Open Show Western Attire: Long-sleeved shirts, jeans, western hat or safety helmet and boots. Spurs, chaps, gloves, necktie and equitation pants are optional.
  - Open Show English Attire (attire should be appropriate for saddle ridden): Riding habit; jacket or hunt coat; tall, jodhpur or paddock boots; breeches or jodhpurs; hunt cap, derby, soft hat or safety helmet. Spurs, gloves, crops and whips are optional.
  - Speed Event/Fun Show Attire: Jeans and boots.
13. No artificial aids/boots/wraps in non-timed classes:
  - Examples: Tie-downs, gag bits, mechanical hackamores, running martingales, support boots or leg wraps (injured horses excepted). See the *USEF Rule Book*, <http://www.usef.org>, for a detailed listing.
14. Negative Coggins required - mandatory State equine transportation law.
15. No stallions over one year of age as of 1/1/09.
16. Judge's/Show Committee's decisions are final.
17. Dogs on leashes; no animals in enclosed buildings.
18. No alcohol - City of Sullivan Ordinance Section 600.140.
19. No riding off club grounds - the areas adjoining the fenced grounds are off limits to horses.
20. Inappropriate behavior is cause for expulsion.
21. The Club and its members are not responsible for accidents, injuries, or losses to spectators, exhibitors, or equine - Revised Statutes of Missouri (R.S.Mo Sec. 537.325).

## Class Terminology/Descriptions

1. "Horse" refers to any horse, mule, donkey, pony, or miniature horse. "All Horses" means any horse, gaited or non-gaited, is allowed in the class; "Gaited" means gaited horses only; "Stock-Type" means non-gaited horses only.
2. Tiny Tots are only eligible for Costume, Tiny Tot Halter and Tiny Tot Lead Line classes.
3. Pee Wee Halter: Horses of all ages, breeds and gender.
4. Gelding/Mare Halter: Horses of all ages and breeds.
5. Walk/Trot:
  - All non-gaited breeds/riding disciplines allowed.
  - Trot = trot or jog
6. Pleasure:
  - All non-gaited breeds/riding disciplines allowed. Exceptions: Cowgirl Pleasure is open to all Pee Wee, Youth and Adult female riders, riding disciplines and breeds of horses; Cowboy Pleasure is open to all Pee Wee, Youth and Adult male riders, riding disciplines and breeds of horses.
  - Trot = trot, jog or gait; Canter = canter or lope
7. Country Pleasure and Gaited Pleasure:
  - Gaited horses only; all breeds of gaited horses/riding disciplines allowed.
  - Country Pleasure/Gaited Pleasure: Walk and favorite gait.
8. Speed Events:
  - Runs may start inside the chute and must finish inside the arena. A horse that begins its run outside the chute or runs through the out-gate will be disqualified.
  - A horse that crosses back over the finish line after the run is complete, will be disqualified.
  - Patterns will be posted.