

ALL OHIO SHOW HORSE ORGANIZATION

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

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ARTICLE I : NAME

The Name of the organization shall be All Ohio Show Horse Organization, Inc.

ARTICLE II : PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

This shall be a non-profit organization to improve the opportunities of the show horse and pony, to improve light horse/pony breeds and contest horse/ponies and to promote horse shows that are interesting and entertaining to the spectators.

ARTICLE III : MEMBERSHIPS

- A. Memberships will be open to all persons interested in the purpose of the Organization. Membership will be Twenty-five (\$25.00) for a single membership and Thirty (\$30.00) for a family membership . The calendar will be from February 1st thru January 31st for the yearly membership. There is no initiation fee. Regardless of what time a membership is purchased, dues will be the same. Those members not paying their dues shall have no voice in any meeting. A member must be 12 years or older to vote. Stable names will be accepted as membership names. Only members of the immediate family being non-married sons/daughters AND living in the same household will be covered for points toward championship awards. Also, children under the age of 18 years and permanently living with or under the guardianship of a grandparent or other family member will be allowed on the family membership. The horse /pony being shown, by a member, for points must either be owned by a member or is being leased.
- B. Registration or lease papers must be available upon request.

ARTICLE IV : OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTIONS

The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Points Secretary. There will be eight (8) Trustees chosen from the membership. The trustees will be from each division of the organization: American Saddlebred, Arabian and Half Arabian, Contest, Youth, English Horse/Pony, Western Horse/Pony, American Quarter Horse and Miniature Horse.

The election of the officers and trustees will be held at the annual year end awards banquet. The person being considered or elected for an office must have been a member of the organization the year prior to taking an office

ARTICLE V : DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

A.) PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings. It shall be his/her duty to appoint committee chairmen and to be a member of the committee and to enforce strict observance of the rules and by-laws.

B.) VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall fill his/her office. The Vice President will also assume responsibilities of the Eat Stand and the organization of the items and workers needed.

C.) SECRETARY

The Secretary shall conduct all correspondences and keep record of all meetings. The secretary needs to have access to a computer and the internet. He/she will be responsible for presenting the minutes for the previous meetings to the membership. In the absence of the President and Vice President the Secretary shall assume the duties of the office.

D.) TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep track of all monies received and pay bills as approved by the organization and have the books ready for audit. He/she will need to provide and Income/Expense Statement and the balance available at each meeting. The Treasurer will bring all statements and records to each meeting.

E.) DUTIES OF THE POINTS SECRETARY

The Point Secretary shall keep track of all points accumulated by all exhibitors, with the results to be published on the website, maintain a file of all notarized lease papers, registration papers and make the Point Book available at all shows.

F.) DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Officers and Trustees shall make proposals to take before the membership. All grievances are to be brought before the Officers and Trustees for resolution. The Trustees need to be knowledgeable of the breed that they represent and be up to date on the rules of that breed or event and to answer questions at the show.

ARTICLE VI : MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the organization will be called to order by the President. It is mandatory to attend 2 meetings (not including the Banquet) in the February thru September period. Dues must be sent/given to the Treasurer, dues must be paid before the meetings attended will count toward mandatory meetings attended. Each individual membership must volunteer to work a minimum of Three (3) hours and a family membership must work a minimum of five (5) hours during the show season (at an All Ohio Show Horse Organization show) in order to receive points for the year end awards. A sign in sheet will be made available at each show (one in the Eat Stand and one in the Entry Booth). It is each members responsibility to sign in and out. If you do not sign out we do not know when to complete your time. If three (3) elected officers want a special meeting the three (3) may ask the President and a meeting will be called. The Secretary must notify all members. All business must be brought before the members at an open meeting and be voted on.

An officer is permitted to miss no more than three (3) meetings per year or they are required to forfeit their position as an officer for the remainder of their term and will not be eligible to run for any office the following year.

ARTICLE VII : QUORUM

A meeting with five (5) members, one of whom is an officer to preside, will constitute as a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII : LIABILITY

The Organization will not be responsible for accidents or loss of property.

SHOW RULES

1. Any organization wanting a show date from this organization must pay a fee of \$50.00 and present a show bill for approval. Those who had a show date from the last year will have until the meeting in February to retain their dates. Other organizations who wish to be approved for a point show must also be present at the February meeting and present their complete show bill with the dates and classes to be approved or declined. A two (2) day show shall pay \$50.00 per day. 4-H clubs pay the same amount as any other organization.
2. Our rules apply to all exhibitors at AOSHO shows with the exception of joint approved shows. At joint approved shows, the rules follow the host club.
3. Fifteen (15) performance/halter classes and Six (6) contest classes will be required before a show bill will be accepted.
4. When a class is not worded the same as found on the AOSHO show bill, that class will NOT be accepted as a point class.
5. The age of the child is to be determined as of January 1st of the show year.
6. The age of the horse is considered one (1) year older as of January 1st of the show year.
7. No excessive hitting of any horse/pony or exhibitor on the show grounds (inside or outside of the arena) is allowed.
8. When a show date has been sold, the members of this organization should attend the show.
9. The judge certification may be optional but great care should be taken to get a judge who is knowledgeable of show horses and ponies, and be from outside the organization. The show bill committee will make judge selection. The same judge should not judge two of our shows in the same year (preferably not judging any outside AOSHO approved point shows in our local area). A valid effort should be made to seek out new and properly qualified (knowledgeable of all breeds) judges annually.
10. Trustees will be show stewards for every AOSHO show and should be available for any questions.
11. The Ringmaster should know about the rules of the particular show that he/she is acting as ringmaster.
12. The announcer may be optional, but should know about show horses/ponies and be able to inform the spectators about what is happening.

13. All ponies must be measured prior to showing. Measuring cards will be on file for the remainder of the show season. A pony is measured at 58" or Under.
14. Handlers of Stallions must be eighteen (18) years or older (inside or outside of the arena).
15. If at the end of the show season a majority of the Trustees/Officers feel that a required class or breed is not supported during the show, they can bring it to the floor for a vote to drop the class or breed and add something that will be better attended.
16. Any member may be suspended or expelled by the Show Steward Committee for abuse of this committee, judge or ringmaster. A written notice served five (5) days before the effective date of each expulsion and loss of points must be served upon such member and he/she shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Steward Committee if he/she requests it.
17. Any exhibitor, who argues or is abusive to any judge on said day of show while judging is in progress, will lose all points accumulated for that day. If there is a complaint, the exhibitor should approach a steward, who in turn approaches the judge after the show. If the judge wished to speak to the exhibitor, he can, if not, a protest fee of \$25.00 must be deposited with the show committee at the time the protest is made. This fee will be returned when the protest has been adjudicated as valid.
18. The organization will have a point system to determine the grand champion, reserve champion, third, fourth, fifth place awards for each individual class along with the High Point Champions. In order to qualify for points in a particular class, a horse/pony and their exhibitor must show in 50% of the AOSHO hosted shows in that particular class. Example: If there are 4 All Ohio sponsored shows and 2 Hoof Beats Sponsored shows, you must show in at least 2 of the All Ohio sponsored shows. **Each membership is also required to donate 3 like items for the Youth Team Tournament by June 1st. If a membership is purchased after the Youth Team Tournament, you must donate 3 items or \$15.00 cash to the Year End Banquet for Door Prizes or the Silent Auction by the September meeting.** All tabs must be paid to AOSHO or any other point approved organizations within thirty(30) days of the show the tab has not been paid to, for points to count for the year end awards, from that show. The points in equitation, horsemanship, showmanship and contest classes will follow the horse/rider. The organization will follow the one horse, one rider rule. If a member rides a second horse in the same class, the points will start over for that horse and rider. This rule is for all classes. The point system is as follows: when an exhibitor places first thru fifth in a class, he/she will receive a point for each exhibitor places above and a point for him/her self. EXAMPLE: There are 20 entries in a class, first place will receive 20 points, second place 19 points, third place 18 points, fourth 17 points and fifth place 16 points.
19. Whenever a registered breed or registered color breed class appears at a show, the registered horse must show in their registered breed or color breed class. Double registered horses can show in both color and breed classes.
20. **All** animals must be declared a horse or pony at the beginning of the show season and shown that way for the entire year.

21. Halter classes: All horse and pony and miniature classes will be shown in either bridle or show halter. Bitting rigs are not permitted. Persons showing in halter classes must wear proper attire for the show ring.

CLASS RULES

1. REGISTERED ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN WESTERN PLEASURE

To be judged on manners, performance, substance and conformation. To be shown on a light rein at a flat footed walk; a slow easy free moving jog/ trot; a smooth easy lope/canter and a hand gallop both ways of the ring. Extreme speed to be penalized. Western attire and equipment required. No martingales, nose bands or tie downs are permitted. Chaps, rope and reata, and spurs are optional.

2. REGISTERED ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN ENGLISH PLEASURE

To be shown at a flat footed walk; a slow trot with rider posting; an extended trot; a smooth easy canter and a hand gallop both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth to be maintained at all gaits. To be judged on manners, performance, quality and conformation. No martingales, nose bands or tie downs permitted. English attire and equipment are required

3. HUNT SEAT AND SADDLESEAT EQUITATION

The exhibitor must walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and work at the direction of the judge. Riders will be judged on hand, legs and seat. Must wear proper English attire and equipment. The judge will decide the patterns.

4. HORSEMANSHIP – ALL AGES

Riders will be judged on hands, legs, seat and general appearance. They will walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring and work the direction of the judge. May ride English or Western. The judge will decide patterns. Proper attire and equipment art required.

5. REGISTERED JUNIOR HORSE 5 YEARS AND UNDER

Horse to be five (5) years and under. To be judged the same as individual breed. Can ride English or Western

6. ADULT AND YOUTH PLEASURE

To be judged the same as the respected breed. To be shown at the walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring and may be asked to back.

7. REGISTERED QUARTER HORSE PLEASURE

To be shown at the walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. The quality of the movement and the consistency of the gaits are a major consideration. The horse should carry his/her head and neck in a relaxed, natural position with his poll level or slightly above the level of the withers and may be asked to back.

8. ENGLISH PLEASURE (SADDLESEAT AND HUNT SEAT)

Horses showing in this class shall be suitable for English riding. To be shown under English tack (saddle or hunt seat) with a full bridle, Pelham or curb bit. Good manners are essential both in executing the gaits and while lined up in the center of the ring. Horses must show in three distinct gaits. Walk, flat footed, rapid with long straight and free strides; Trot, square, collected and balanced, natural action is desired; Canter, smooth, easy collected and straight on both leads. Horses showing in this class must trot favorite gait optional. Percentages: 60% ease of handling and way of going, 40% conformation.

9. WALK/TROT EQUITATION HORSE AND PONY RIDER 9-13 AND SMALL FRY

No Stallions. Class to be judged on equitation of child. English or western tack with corresponding and suitable attire. **Any child showing in this equitation class CANNOT show in 3 gaited classes.** Backing may be requested.

10. WALK/TROT PLEASURE HORSE/PONY AGES 9 AND OVER

Class to be judged at the walk and trot, both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, quality and manners. English or western tack with corresponding and suitable attire. Backing may be requested.

11. OPEN LEAD IN RIDER 8 YEARS AND UNDER

The leader should not be considered in the judging. Pony or horse to be led on a loose line. Scrapes will be permitted; but silver saddles and parade outfits are not to count over good tack and proper suitable riding attire. The saddle must fit the child properly with feet in the stirrups and NO tying the child in the saddle. Rider, leader and owner of the horse must be members of the club in order to receive points. Percentages: 50% on the rider's seat and hands; 20% on general suitability of pony or horse to ride, dress and equipment; 10% conformation; 20% manners of horse or pony. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk. No Stallions permitted. Backing may be requested. This class must be judged.

12. PLEASURE PONY 58" AND UNDER

The pony showing in this class is to be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and backing may be requested. No tie downs permitted. English or western with corresponding and suitable attire. Percentages: 75% on performance and 25% on conformation.

13. AMERICAN SADDLEBRED IN HAND

Entries are to be led in to the ring in bridle or halter at the trot. Curb bits are prohibited on weanlings and yearlings and they are to be shown barefooted. Only 2 attendants per animal permitted. They must be neatly attired with clean, well fitted and conservative clothes. Entries must stand squarely on all 4 feet with front feet perpendicular to the ground. Rear legs may be placed slightly back but the handler may be asked to move hind legs up under the animal for inspection.

14. THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE

Three gaited horses perform the walk, trot and canter going both directions of the show ring. Beauty, animation and performance are emphasized, with refinement rounding out the qualifications of a successful show mount.

15. THREE GAITED COUNTRY PLEASURE

To be shown with emphasis on a true flat walk, trot and canter. Must back readily in the line up. Must be asked to halt and stand quietly on the rail at least one direction of the ring. Must be plain shod suitable for trail riding without pads, bands or any device between the hoof and shoe. Braids, artificial manes and tail swatches are prohibited. To be judged: 75% manners and performance; 25% conformation and neatness of attire.

16. OPEN TRAIL

The class shall be open to members riding English or Western type horses. Each entry will work individually through an obstacle course designed to test the manners and performance of a good trail riding mount. Each entry will be given a numerical score based on his/her performance at each obstacle and overall manners and gaits. The course shall consist of at least six (6) obstacles.

17. CONTEST CLASSES

A penalty of five (5) seconds will be added to the riders time for each obstacle knocked over. NO reruns for broken equipment. No excessive for hitting of horse or pony (excessive hitting will be determined by the judge or show steward). In case of a tie, they will split the points for that placing and the following one. NO hats are required, but if a member wears a hat and it falls to the ground, it will result in a five (5) second penalty added to their time. Suitable attire is required, shirts must have sleeves and suitable for riding, NO tank tops or sleeveless shirts permitted. Off pattern will result in a no time.

18. DRIVING CLASSES

Members should be suitably attired for this class. The miniature horses will be asked to Walk, Trot and the Extended Trot. They will be asked to work both ways of the arena. Drivers may be asked to reverse on the diagonal. Drivers may be asked to back. Horses and ponies will be asked to Walk, Trot, Extended Trot / Road Gait and Park Gait (for larger breeds). They will be asked to work both ways of the arena. Drivers may be asked to reverse on the diagonal. Drivers may be asked to back.