

## General Rules

1. Proof of current negative coggins is required at each show.
2. P.A.S.C.,Inc. adopts the rules of the USEF, AQHA and NRHA as its own except when it conflicts with the rules enumerated within.
3. P.A.S.C.,Inc. is not responsible for any loss or damage to a person or property while on the show grounds.
4. Release.of.Liability The PASC and co-sponsoring organizations, if any, shall not be responsible for any personal injury, or for loss or damage to property, occurring at any PASC activity. Each owner, exhibitor, handler, or consignor shall indemnify and hold harmless the PASC, its officers, directors and employees from and against all claims, demands, causes of actions, and expenses of every kind, including attorney's fees, arising out of or related in any manner to the acts or omissions of an owner, exhibitor, handler, or consignor, or the actions of any animal under the care, custody, or control of the owner, exhibitor, handler or consignor. Presentation of signed entry or consignment forms shall be deemed acceptance of the conditions of this rule. In the event an entry of consignment form is not signed or presented, appearance on the grounds or at the sale ring of any PASC activity as an exhibitor, handler, owner or consignor shall be deemed to be acceptance of the conditions of this rule.
5. All entries and members agree to abide by the rules of P.A.S.C.,Inc. as a condition of entry. The show committee reserves the right to decline any entry or may return any fees without being held for compensation.
6. The judges' decision is final.
7. All exhibitors must be members to participate and be eligible for any award but the horse owner is not required to be a member. New memberships after the fifth show of the circuit will be discounted at 50% of the regular membership fee.
8. No exhibitor shall accumulate points if their fees are in arrears. Points shall accumulate from the date of payment of membership dues. Any prior financial obligations must be cleared through the horse show office prior to showing at any additional show. Thereafter, all entries must be paid in cash.
9. For a horse to be eligible for year end awards, the owner and exhibitor must comply with all rules and must abide by the bylaws of P.A.S.C.,Inc.
10. Same horse/rider combination for five shows is required for all classes and divisions in order to qualify for year end/overall awards. Single class year end awards may change rider when class is judged on the horse and when class is judged on the exhibitor, the rider may change horses. (Walk/Trot Hunters and Walk Trot 10 & under riders may change horse. Points stay with rider.)
11. Exhibitors may advance at any time during the circuit, except at the same show, to a higher level division and in that case, they forfeit any points earned in the lower division and may not regress. Number of qualifying shows may be transferred but the points will not.
12. It is the members' responsibility to properly complete all entry forms and to read and understand the rules and division/class specifications. The official point keeper will retain all entry forms for the entire year. All corrections and inquiries on points must be made in writing within one show date of the public posting.
13. All protests filed by any person must be accompanied by a \$50 fee. Such fee shall be returned only if the protest is upheld in the favor of the person submitting the protest. All protests must be submitted in writing, dated and signed.
14. Leadline riders may not enter any other classes at a given show except the fun classes. No jog or trot shall be requested with the exception of Leadline Walk-Trot. The handlers of leadline entries must be in proper attire.
15. Each member must work at P.A.S.C.,Inc. shows or an approved function for an equivalent of five (5) hours approved time per circuit year. The work hours must be recorded by a board member in a record book at the time the work was performed. All members who are not credited with the time at the end of the circuit will lose all points. \$100 may be paid in lieu of any hours not worked (\$30 per hour).
16. All pets must be kept on a leash, in hand and under control at all times. P.A.S.C.,Inc. will impose a \$10 fine for each violation for loose animals. All money collected will be donated to the Humane Society.

17. Proper attire (hats and boots) and equipment is required for ALL classes. Showmanship, Command and Trail classes may be shown in either english or western attire/tack.
18. In computing points for daily divisions and all year end awards, places will count as follows;
  - a. 1st place = 6 points
  - b. 2nd place = 5 points
  - c. 3rd place = 4 points
  - d. 4th place = 3 points
  - e. 5th place = 2 points
  - f. 6th place = 1 pointsIf there are less than 6 placings in the class, the winner will receive one point for each horse in the class. Lower placings will receive one point less than the horse above it. If there is only one horse in the class, it will receive 1 point.
19. All ties in daily Hunter/Jumper divisions will be broken down as follows:
  - a. Greatest number of points in over fences classes
  - b. Greatest number of first places
  - c. Greatest number of horses defeated
  - d. Highest placing in equitation
20. All ties in year-end Hunter/Jumper divisions will be broken down as follows:
  - a. Greatest number of points in over fences classes
  - b. Greatest number of first places
  - c. Greatest number of horses defeated
  - d. Highest placing in equitation
  - e. Greatest number of shows entered
21. All other daily division ties in will be broken down as follows:
  - a. Greatest number of classes entered
  - b. Greatest number of first places
  - c. Highest placing in equitation
  - d. Greatest number of horses defeated
22. All other year-end ties will be broken down as follows:
  - a. Greatest number of times in the class
  - b. Greatest number of first places
  - c. Highest placing in equitation
  - d. Greatest number of shows entered
  - e. Greatest number of horses defeated
23. Ribbons/prizes/awards must be picked up the same day as awarded with the exception of an insufficient supply. All ribbons, trophies and first place prizes will be located in the registration office.
24. PASC, Inc., will not tolerate under any circumstances, any unsportsmanlike conduct or cruel or inhumane treatment of any animal and reserves the right to expel any exhibitor, handler, trainer or spectator from the grounds. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane.
25. Challenge Class Rules
  - a. All Participants must be a PASC member
  - b. All Participants must have shown in five (5) shows prior to the challenge show. If you are entering a challenge class judged on equitation, then the rider must have shown in five shows. If you are entering a challenge class which is judged on the horse, then the horse must have been shown in five shows.
  - c. All cross-entering rules apply to all Challenge Classes.
  - d. All Challenge Trophies are perpetual.

## **Safety**

26. The primary responsibility for the safety of the exhibitor rests with the exhibitor and with his or her parent or legal guardian. A judge may excuse any unsafe vehicle or equipment or any unruly horse from competition.
27. Protective headgear – All participants in hunter ring (both over fences and on the flat) classes are required to wear properly secured protective riding helmets whenever they are mounted. The helmets must meet the specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), must be manufactured and distributed by a participant in the certification program of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and must bear the SEI certification label (SEI F1163 or above). The exhibitor (or his or her parent or legal guardian if the exhibitor is a minor) – not the local show officials or judge – is solely responsible for complying with the headgear rule. Show officials reserve the right to spot-check helmets at any time to verify compliance with this rule.
28. It is highly recommended that all members participating in horse shows, practice events and any other riding activity wear protective headgear. There will be no discrimination against protective headgear, even if the style does not match the style of riding. Harnesses must be secured and must properly fit the head. A well-fitted helmet should stay on the rider's head when the rider bends over at the waist and shakes his or her head from side to side.
29. In all Western and English classes, tying or securing the rider or any part of the rider in the saddle or to any other equipment is unsafe. Such action will disqualify the rider.
30. The size of a horse should be suitable to the size of its exhibitor, and the temperament of the horse should be equal to its exhibitor's ability.

## **Age Policies**

31. "Member's age" will be determined by a young person's age as of the beginning of the circuit year (which runs from September 1 through August 31).
32. Stallions
33. Under NO circumstances will an exhibitor under the age of 18 be allowed to show a stallion that is over the age of one year. This includes the Leadline classes.

## **Performance Requirements**

34. It is strongly recommended that judges use pattern work to place at least the top individuals in horsemanship and equitation classes.
35. Horses may be worked both ways of the ring at the required gaits. If a pattern is used, the judge may opt to work horses on the rail in only one direction, provided all required gaits are performed. Judges may also only work finalists on the rail if a pattern is used.
36. In performance classes, judges should specify the gait to be used after calling for a reverse. If a judge does not specify a gait, riders must continue in the same gait used before the reverse. A reverse should not be called for at a canter or lope during rail work.
37. In all classes where backing is required, the judge may, at the judge's discretion, require only finalists in the class to back their horses.
38. Judges may require exhibitors (dismounted) to drop the bit for inspection before or at the conclusion of any class.

## **Equipment Breakdowns and Animal Lameness**

39. Judges will examine and check all horses brought into any class for lameness. This is essential. Obvious lameness shall be cause for disqualification. Obvious lameness is:
  - Consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances.
  - Marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride.
  - Minimal weight-bearing in motion or at rest; inability to move.
40. If tack or equipment breaks or a horse loses a shoe and the exhibitor cannot safely complete the class or course, he or she may be disqualified. However, if the exhibitor is able to continue the course despite the difficulty and without cruelty to the horse and without causing a safety hazard, the exhibitor may continue and complete the class or course.

### **Appointments of Horse and Rider**

41. Exhibitors and judges should remember at all times that entries are to be judged on ability rather than on personal attire.
42. Contestants must be penalized for incomplete appointments. The penalty will depend on the nature and extent of the omissions or the inappropriateness of the appointments.
43. Tack and equipment with silver ornaments is not preferred over good, solid, clean, properly fitted working equipment.
44. Protective headgear – See General Rules for complete information on protective headgear. It is highly recommended that all members participating in horse shows, practice events and any other riding activity wear protective headgear. There will be no discrimination against protective headgear, even if the style does not match the style of riding. Harnesses must be secured and must properly fit the head.
45. Footwear – Members should always wear boots designed for horseback riding when handling or riding horses at PASC events.
46. Numbers – Exhibitors must display a visible number or numbers in all classes. Any exhibitor failing to display a number or displaying the wrong number will be penalized at the judge's discretion.
47. Sportsmanship, Fair Play and Humane Treatment of Animals
48. If a situation arises that is not covered specifically by this rule book, United States Equestrian Federation (formerly known as American Horse Show Association or AHSA) rules may be used as a guideline. If USEF rules do not address the issue, AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) rules may be used as a guideline.
49. Overt coaching from outside the arena will be penalized at the judge's discretion.
50. No person on the show grounds may treat a horse in an inhumane manner. The show grounds include, but are not limited to, the barns, stalls, practice areas and show arenas. When a report or discovery of inhumane treatment is made, show management will investigate the incident and report it to the appropriate authorities. The standard for measuring conduct or treatment is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane.
51. A competitor is considered to have fallen when he or she is separated from the horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. A horse is considered to have fallen when, at the same time, its shoulder and hip on the same side have touched either the ground, or an obstacle and the ground.