

WCHC Jumper Schooling Night Rules and Regulations

General WCHC Event Rules

The following rules apply to all shows and other events.

1. The Washington County Horse Council and its officers, volunteers and other event staff are not responsible for any accident, damage, injury or loss that may occur to any person, animal or property at or in connection with any event.
2. Proof of current (within past 12 months) negative Coggins and "Self-Certification of Equine Health" form is required of all horses on the grounds, whether participating in the event or just on the grounds "for the experience."
3. All event participants must submit an entry form which includes a release of liability before participating. Participants under 18 years of age must have an adult sign.
4. No alcoholic drinks allowed.
5. All decisions of the judge and event management are final.
6. Classes may be split, combined, added or canceled at the discretion of event management. Similarly, management may cancel, add or modify any event, or change any obstacle, course or other pattern. Please see our website or Facebook page for updates and changes.
7. All mounted riders are required to wear ASTM/SEI riding helmet (properly secured at all times) and boots with a heel. Show attire is expected in all classes at shows unless excused by the judge or management.
8. No person is allowed in the ring, in the secretary's stand or near the judge's (or clinician's) stand unless invited by management or the judge/clinician.
9. Management or the judge (or clinician) may decline any entry (whether before or during the event) and otherwise excuse any rider, horse, trainer or other attendee from the grounds at its discretion, whether for soundness, safety, discourtesy or other reason. Participants and other attendees are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience or any harsh behavior (in management's or the judge's (or clinician's) sole discretion) on the part of any owner, rider, trainer or other attendee may be excused or disqualified, with entry or similar fees forfeited.
10. Well behaved, leashed dogs are permitted; however, dogs may be excused from an event at management's sole discretion.
11. Cash and personal checks (with proper identification) are the only forms of payment accepted. Checks should be made payable to Washington County Horse Council. There is a **\$25** fee for all returned checks. Management may refuse to accept a personal check for a previously unresolved issue.
12. Designated trailer and car parking areas must be used. You will be asked to move your vehicle if parked in an undesignated parking area. See grounds map for details.
13. Questions, comments and concerns should be brought to the attention of the event secretary.

Jumper Night Event Specific Rules

1. Due to the potential for injury in a jumping show, individuals under the age of 18 must have a responsible parent/guardian present during the show.
2. Any horse/rider team entered in the prepuddle Jumper division may not enter other divisions.
3. Schooling over jumps in the ring is allowed, but must take place before 5:00. Additional schooling over jumps set up outside the ring may take place at any point during the show.
4. A bell will be sounded to signal the beginning of a ride. Rider must begin the course within 45 seconds of the bell or be eliminated. **Once the bell has sounded, coaching from outside the ring is not allowed.**
5. Speed classes will be placed according to the official time.
6. Power and Speed classes will be placed according to the official time on the speed portion of the course.
7. A penalty of 4 seconds will be added for each knockdown or disobedience.
8. **Off course in any class or three disobediences will result in disqualification from the class.** In the event that a horse exhibits three disobediences, the rider will be asked to wait while the jump attempted is lowered. The trainer will then be asked to enter the ring to help the rider across that jump after which the horse and rider will be dismissed.
9. Please consider both horse and rider ability when determining appropriate classes. Likewise, please be considerate of the horse's stamina when determining the number of classes to be entered. No horse may be ridden by any combination of riders in more than 6 total classes.
10. Any horse or rider exhibiting dangerous behavior will be dismissed.
11. As a schooling show, good sportsmanship is of the utmost importance. Spectators and coaches should limit themselves to cheering and encouragement from the ring. Any unsportsmanship-like conduct will result in being asked to leave the show.
12. Rough handling of the horse and/or reckless riding may be grounds for disqualification from a class. Keep in mind that the most successful jumpers do well by planning their lines of approach to jumps rather than jumping at dangerous speeds. We care about you and your horse's safety and hope that you do too.
13. 4-H and USEF rules will be applied to any other situations.

In the event of questionable weather, please check our face book page for any last minute changes to this event.