

Preparatory Schooling Show 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 any 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.

Event Specific Rules

1. While the judge will take the time to provide instruction following each class in keeping with the purpose of the show, as with all shows, decisions of the judge are final.
2. The aim of this show is to provide the atmosphere of a horse show with the support and instruction available in a clinic. Therefore, with the exception of the Green Horse Division, this

show is restricted to riders who are new to horse shows, have limited support and training, or need help figuring out how to be successful in the show ring.

3. As per popular request last year, we have added a Green Horse Division. **This division is limited to experienced riders on green horses. Any rider who has entered any other class in the show is not allowed to enter the Green Horse Division and vice versa.** In keeping with industry safety standards, the WHCH does not endorse or promote the showing of green horses by beginning riders.
4. Showmanship classes are open to both English and Western Attired individuals according to the age designations specified for each class.
5. Halter classes are open to horses with both English and Western tack. Horse class is for animals over 14.2. Pony class is for horses 14.2 hands and smaller.
6. Trail is open to all riders (English or Western) and will be held outside the ring. No practice of trail obstacles is allowed before judging the day of the show. Riders will be given three attempts at each obstacle. If unsuccessful on the third try, a ground person will be allowed to lead the horse through the obstacle and then the rider is free to try the next obstacle on the course. At the conclusion of the course, the judge will provide feedback to the rider.
7. Lead Line is open to both English and Western Riders who are unable to safely control a horse independently. Lead Line riders are not allowed to enter any other mounted class.
8. Challenged rider division is restricted to both English and Western riders with special needs who are unable to compete in regular walk/trot-jog or walk/trot-jog/canter-lope classes without accommodations. Accommodations required must be specified at registration.
9. Western classes are open to riders in western tack and attire.
10. English classes are open to riders in English tack and attire.
11. No cross entering of a rider between walk/jog or walk/trot classes and classes requiring a lope-canter.
12. Equitation over fences will consist of a course of 6 jumps set at 18" with one change of direction. It is permissible to either trot or canter the course. Warm-up fences will be available outside the ring.
13. As stated above, any rider who has entered any other class in the show, is not eligible to ride in the Green Horse Division. Likewise, Green Horses that cannot be ridden safety under control at the canter-lope should not be entered in class 20. Any green horse that poses a safety concern in the opinion of the judge will be excused from the ring.

Ribbons Will Be Awarded to 6th Place in Each Class