

## Speed Night Rules and Regulations

### General WCHC Event Rules

The following rules apply to all shows and other events. Each event has additional rules, which can be found in this booklet or on our website.

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.

### **Event Specific Rules**

1. Short stirrup/Novice classes are limited to beginning riders and must be ridden at a walk or trot. Canter is not allowed. In the event that a horse breaks into a canter, the rider will be disqualified if the horse is not brought **immediately** back to a trot or walk.
2. Youth classes are limited to individuals ages 13 and under (walk/trot/canter).
3. Adult classes open to individuals ages 14 and over.
4. Classes will be placed according to the official time.
5. Breaking the pattern or recrossing the starting line after the timer has started before the pattern is complete will result in disqualification.
6. Penalties of 5 seconds are added for tipping over a pole or barrel
7. For the flag race, a 15 second penalty is added if the rider does not attempt to put the flag in the container, a 5 second penalty is added if the flag does not remain upright in the container after the rider leaves it.
8. Reckless riding, in the opinion of the event management, may be grounds for disqualification from a class. Keep in mind that the purpose of our speed nights is to provide a fun venue to showcase your horsemanship skills. We care about you and your horse's safety and hope that you do too.
9. Rough handling of the horse, use of a bat, crop, spur, whip or rope in front of the cinch, excessive use of the above, and jerking of the horse's head will result in being disqualified.

Check our Facebook page for updates and last minute changes.