



Performance Division Rules & Regulations
2009-2010 Circuit
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Changes for 2009-2010 season are noted in bold

1. All exhibitors are to abide by USEF and AQHA rules, unless otherwise stated below, the show manager and/or judge's discretion will prevail.
2. Current coggins (within 12 months) must be available on all horses when entering the show grounds and when registering in office. State law requires that a current coggins accompany any horse present at the competition. If each horse present does not have a current coggins competitor will be asked to remove the horse from the grounds.
3. Riders ride at their own risk. Florida Statutes 357.251 states equine activity sponsors and professionals are not liable for any injury or death to participants.
4. Entry fees for classed and jackpot classes will be posted on all show bills and website.
5. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card. There will be a \$35.00 charge for any returned check. Any outstanding financial obligations will cause the member to no longer be in good standing, and therefore, ineligible for any subsequent show until obligations are taken care of.
6. Age of horse & rider are as of September 1st, 2009.
7. Stalls are available at the Civic Center facility through the entry booth for a fee of \$20.00/day.
8. A protest may be made for a \$25.00 fee to the Grievance Committee immediately after class, in writing and signed by the protester.
9. No dogs allowed at any LCHA show, a \$100.00 fine will be charged and dog must be removed immediately.
10. LCHA, Inc. will not be responsible for any articles of any kind that may be lost, stolen, or destroyed or otherwise damaged. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person whomsoever, by any horse exhibited, and its exhibitor shall indemnify LCHA against all claims or demands of any kind or nature that may grow out of an injury occasioned by any horse exhibited or arises from the negligence of the person in charge of such horse.
11. Conduct of LCHA members as well as all other persons present on the show grounds shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and humane in the treatment of horses, such as to promote the implementation of the show and promote fair competition. Unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct or the inhumane treatment of horses shall be grounds for disqualification from events. Show Management may immediately expel offenders from the grounds in order to preserve the decorum of the show and shall report the transaction as soon as reasonable possible to the LCHA Board of Directors.
12. Judges and show management decisions are final.
13. Coolers are allowed on show grounds.
14. All riders have a 3 minute gate call limit to enter the show area from the time their name is called. Riders shall be available when called.
15. Official LCHA Performance entry numbers must be worn in a visible manner or entrant shall be disqualified.
16. No free exhibition rides will be allowed at any show. No awards will be given for any exhibition rides. Riders must fill out entry and pay fee before entering class.
17. There must be an adult working the date at all times.
18. Only Board Members and approved volunteers/committee members shall be allowed in the sign-up booth.

Membership:

19. Membership dues are \$25.00 (Single) & \$35.00 (Family). Family memberships are limited to immediate family only or custodial guardianship of 17 & under living in the same household. Membership must be paid prior to first class to be eligible for member discount class fee or for points to count toward end of year awards.
20. Member qualifies for voting rights, reduced class fees and eligible for year-end awards (voting age is 13 & over; for 13 & under – 1 parent may vote per single membership).
21. Voting rights are given to a member in good standing with a membership paid on or before end of January of a show season.

Definitions:

22. Leadline riders are to be 6 years and under or special conditions may be granted by the show manager. They may not ride in any other class. No stallions are allowed in the class. This is a judged class.
23. Walk/Trot riders may not ride in any canter/lope class. Riders may only ride in walk/trot classes and is for “learning” riders only. Once a rider participates in a canter/lope class they are not eligible for walk/trot.
- 24. A NOVICE HORSE IS A HORSE 3 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER.**
25. Practicing the trail course is allowed for a \$5.00 schooling fee.
26. Halter Classes: Horse is judged on its confirmation.
27. Showmanship: Shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor’s ability to fit and show a horse at halter. The horse is merely a prop to demonstrate the ability and preparation of the exhibitor. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor leading a well rounded and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision. The showmanship class is not another halter class and should not be judged as such. The pattern to be used must be posted prior to the class.
28. Horsemanship/Equitation: These classes are designed to evaluate the rider’s ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. The ideal horsemanship/equitation pattern is extremely precise with the rider and horse working in complete unison, executing each maneuver with subtle aids and cues. The pattern to be used must be posted prior to class.
29. Trail: This class is judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement. Credit will be given to the horse’s negotiation with the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing correctness is not sacrificed. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to the obstacles and the capability of picking their own way through the course when obstacles warrant it, and willingly responding to the rider’s cues on more difficult obstacles. The course to be used must be posted prior to the class.

Attire:

30. Performance: Proper Western attire is required and is as follows: boots, hat, long sleeve collared shirt, belt, and long pants. Chaps, spurs, and tie are optional. In Lead line classes rider and handler must also be in proper attire.
31. English: Proper English attire is required and is as follows: Helmets, boots and breeches or jodhpurs are mandatory. Shirts with choker or tie are recommended. Jackets are required unless the Judge has made an alternative decision. ASTM/SEI helmets are strongly recommended for all English riders. Gloves, spurs and crops are optional.

Equipment:

32. Halter: Show halter and lead chain (preferable leather).
33. Conventional Snaffles, Pelham's and full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands and brow bands are recommended. Flash and drop nosebands are not allowed. Saddles must be traditional hunting or forward seat type. The judge may penalize an exhibitor who does not conform.
34. In Hunter Under Saddle, Pleasure and flat equitation classes, martingales are prohibited. Breast plates without martingales are allowed in all classes.
35. AQHA rules will be applied for bit regulations. Any horse five (5) years old and younger can ride with bosal or snaffle bit but once ridden with a shank bit or curb chain cannot go back to a bosal or snaffle bit.
36. Prohibited Equipment: Western: Protective boots, leg wraps, wire chain strap, any chin strap narrower than one ½ inch, martingales and draw reins, nose bands and tie downs. English: Draw reins, rowled spurs, standing or running martingales, figure eight or flash cavessons, rubber reins, slip on spurs, leg wraps, bell boots.

Points & Awards:

37. Only club members in good standing will be eligible for end of the year awards. Points of year end awards will count from the date membership fees are paid in full.
38. You must participate in the same class in five (5) shows to qualify for end of the year awards. This is for the same horse & rider combination.
39. **HOURS: 8 WORKING HOURS ARE REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR YEAR END AWARDS. ½ THE HOURS (4) ARE REQUIRED BY THE END OF THE JANUARY SHOW TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR END OF THE YEAR AWARDS. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST SIGN IN AND OUT WITH THE SHOW MANAGER.**
40. **POINTS ARE TO BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS: 1ST=7 POINTS, 2ND=5 POINTS, 3RD=4 POINTS, 4TH=3 POINTS; 5TH=2 POINTS; 6TH=1 POINT.**
41. Daily High Point: Competitor must show in a minimum of 3 classes per division.
42. Ribbons: The following ribbons will be issued: 1st=blue, 2nd=red, 3rd=yellow, 4th=white; 5th=pink and 6th= green.
43. All ribbons must be claimed day of showing or will be forfeited.

Penalties:

44. Horses may not be struck in the head at any time during the show. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualifications for the remainder of the show.

THESE RULES ARE NOT MEANT TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE. PLEASE LET COURTESY AND COMMON SENSE PREVAIL SO THAT A GOOD TIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL.