

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The annual fee for a member organization shall be \$65.00 for each show. **These fees are payable, and a completed show information form submitted, by the show date confirmation meeting, as determined by the Board of Directors, of the current year.**

A. All Show Directors and Show Managers **MUST** be members of Pony Express Horse Show Circuit, (PEHSC). Membership for one director/show manager is included in the \$65.00 annual show membership fee (one vote).

B. New Shows may not be accepted as member shows for that year, unless accepted as a member show at least 90 days before their show date.

C. Annual membership fee must be paid with an organization or club check. All fees are non-refundable.

2. The Pony Express Horse Show Circuit reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor from any and/or all of the member shows for the following reasons:

A. Cruelty to or the abuse of an equidae by any person at a member show is forbidden, constitutes a violation, and renders the offender subject to penalty. Anyone witnessing "Cruelty" **MUST** inform the Show Committee. The Show Committee must bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show. It shall be the duty of the show officials and any properly constituted humane organization to report to the association any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate. For further explanation of cruelty see USEF rule book, Sub chapter 7-A, GR702.1.f, Violations and Penalties, GR839, Cruelty to a horse. The Pony Express Horse Show Circuit fully abides with this rule.

B. Refusing to accept an award.

C. Owner, exhibitor, or his employee, whose conduct is unbecoming to a lady or gentleman.

D. Further, we reserve the right to prohibit any person from showing or attending any horse shown in the ring, and remove any groom or horse from the grounds without being liable for compensation.

E. Any act of discourtesy, disrespect, bullying, social media posts, or disobedience to a judge, or to an official of this Association, or of a Member Show, by any owner, exhibitor, his agent, employee, rider, driver, stable manager, or groom, by husband or wife or other close relative of such competitor, or exhibitor, shall be deemed to constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of this Association.

Upon request to the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit Board of Directors by the Secretary or any member of a Horse Show Committee, the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit Board of Directors shall have the power to bar from showing at any Member Show, any or all horses from the stable concerned, for such period of time as they determine the offense warrants. All Member Shows will be immediately notified of any such action taken by the Pony Express Horse Show Board of Directors.

F. Failing to display an entrant number of which the judge may readily see.

G. Conversation with the judge by an exhibitor prior to the completion of the show should be discouraged.

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H. Any horse or rider placed on a USDA, AQHA, USEF, or any HIO suspension/violation list will lose all year-end points in P.E.H.S.C.

3. Any violations of the Pony Express Rules may void Points for Pony Express, at the discretion of the Pony Express Executive Board.

4. **Protests.** A protest must be in writing, and addressed to the Show Chairman and accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00. It must be postmarked and addressed to the Show Chairman within 96 hours of the conclusion of the show. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. If the protest is, the entry standing next in award will be moved up. All protest fee shall be made payable to the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit, who will then bear all expenses pertaining to the protest up to the amount of protest fee. Expenses over and above this amount, shall be borne equally by the Member Show and the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit. All protests must be immediately referred to the Executive Committee of the Circuit by the Show Chairman. Pony Express should keep the person initiating the protest and the Show Chairman informed of progress in resolving the protest and it should be resolved in an expeditious manner.

5. All entries shall be made by the exhibitor, owner, or his authorized agent, and no animal will be admitted for exhibit unless the entry blank be duly signed by the exhibitor, or authorized agent. Proof of current health statement and/or negative Coggins test as required by state law, must be submitted at time of entry. Juvenile entries are to be signed by parent or guardian, or authorized agent.

6. A copy of the registration papers showing proof of ownership must be available upon request for all divisions requiring registration papers. Registration numbers must be recorded on entry forms and class sheets.

7. A Member Show reserves the right to postpone the show for any cause if found advisable, or to cancel any class not properly filled. A work off may be required if any class has excessive entries, but must be tied as one class.

8. Rain Date reschedules shall conform with Rule 20 and the reschedule date be confirmed by the Secretary of the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit.

9. A Member Show reserves the right:

A. Show Management may allow a period of not more than two (2) minutes during which horses are permitted to enter the ring. At the expiration of this period, the entry gate must be closed.

B. To measure any and all horses for any class. Ponies should be 14.2 hands (58") and under, unless otherwise specified.

10. All Member Shows are required to send a sample showbill/premium list a minimum of 30 days before their show date to the Pony Express Point Recorder. If the showbill is printed in the current PEHSC Directory, this requirement is fulfilled. Advertisements in the PEHSC Directory without Showbills **DO NOT MEET** this requirement. In order for a class to be a Point Class in PEHSC, it must be listed on the showbill the same as the PEHSC Approved Point Classes. Class additions made after the initial approval by the Point Recorder must be resubmitted to the Point Recorder 30 days prior to show date for points to count. The newly approved showbill/premium list must then be emailed, or postal mailed to, and received by, PEHSC membership two weeks prior to the show dates, and it shall be that showbill/premium list that is recognized for point tabulation. Classes added or changed on the show premium after this will NOT be a Point Class.

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11. Each show must have at least 5 of it's classes as point classes. In the case where several classes meet the requirement for one approved class (such as a breed halter class split by mares, geldings and stallions) those classes cumulatively will count as one approved class to meet this criteria.

12. All Member Shows must have a copy of the class sheets in the hands of the PEHSC Point Recorder within 10 working days after their show. The **class sheets must be accompanied by their showbill, and the Judges cards attached.** There will be a \$25 fine if the results are not received within the 10 working days. Arrangements can be made with the Point Recorder to download the results from a PDF or Web file, however a fee for printing will be charged to the member show.

13. All classes offered shall list AT LEAST FIVE (5) places. ***Judge should list (2) additional reserve placings on their Judges Card.***

14. All Member shows, it is "suggested" you provide a farrier. It is "suggested" that a Veterinarian be on call at all member shows. ***It is strongly suggested that qualified medical personnel (i.e. EMT or Paramedic, be present during all scheduled performances. (From the announced show time to the last class of the show). Check with your choice of Show facility for their requirements.***

15. An exhibitor is entitled to request a Timeout in order to repair broken equipment, replace a shoe, or rectify a similar condition for a period stipulated by current USEF or breed association rules, whichever apply.

16. A horse or pony may not compete as a horse in one class and a pony in another class at the same show. A Pony is 14.2 hands (58"), and a horse is over 14.2 hands.

17. No stallions may be shown in Junior Exhibitor Classes, or Beginner Rider classes.

18. No horse may be shown in Amateur Owned, Trained, and Shown Classes which has been ridden, or trained by a professional within the time period specified by breed association rules.

19. Each Pony Express Circuit horse show must be conducted in accordance with Horse Rule S-2543, Horse Protection Act of 1970, signed into law by the President of the United States.

20. The same type Member Shows (defined as 5 of same classes in the show) may be held on the same date if the show sites are at least 50 miles apart.

From year to year member organizations will have first priority for their regular weekend or days in the coming year provided dates are confirmed by the roll call at the Pony Express show date confirmation meeting. If confirmation is done prior to the show date meeting it shall be by written notification to the Pony Express President and Secretary.

The member organization relinquishes claim to those dates for the coming year by failure to use chosen show dates without due cause as accepted by the Pony Express Board of Directors. Written notification of cancellation shall be sent to the Pony Express President and Secretary.

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21. The Ringmaster and all show personnel in center ring should stay at least 10 feet from the judge - not talking except for instructions. The Ringmaster must be competent, experienced, and knowledgeable of Circuit rules and class specifications. The Ringmaster shall assist the judge by giving instructions to exhibitors directly and via the announcer, and will maintain order and safety within the arena. The Ringmaster shall not judge, or in any way, influence and judging situation. The judge must mark and sign their class cards.

22. No person can judge more than two (2) Pony Express Circuit Shows per season, **but may NOT judge the same show two (2) consecutive years.**

23. No person can DQP more than two (2) Pony Express Circuit shows per season.

24. Point System and Year-End Awards

A. Nominations must be made on the official PEHSC Nomination form and must be complete. Nominations not made at the Spring Kick-Off meeting **MUST BE MAILED** to the TREASURER, and must be **POSTMARKED BEFORE** the date of the first show for which points will count. Appropriate fees must be included. Copies of registration papers and amateur cards should accompany the nomination form. All forms and fees should be sent to the Treasurer.

Points will count at a show as long as nomination forms are filled out, paid, and given to a PEHSC Executive Committee member prior to the start of the show. They will date and time stamp the forms and give them to the Treasurer.

B. Nominator must indicate the division *and class as listed on the "Approved Class List" for which the nomination is being made. Each Exhibitor will pay nomination and membership fees as set per equidae (horse), or Equitation Rider/Rider. Riders showing nominated horses (in order for points to count for nominated horse), Horse Owners and ALL Riders of the nominated Horse must also be a Member. (Per class, per year, for points to count) toward Year-End Pony Express Horse Show Circuit Awards.*

C. Points will count forward from one day following the **POSTMARK DATE** of the nomination or from the Spring Kick-Off date.

D. Points will be given in approved classes (See Approved Class List) providing two (2) shows in the circuit hold the same class. To be eligible for annual awards, an equidae or Equitation Rider/Rider. To qualify for year-end awards must show in Two (2) Pony Express shows. Each Nominated Exhibitor or Equidae shall be awarded 1 point for being entered, shown, and judged in a class. This is a qualifying point. Refer to the Point System page 26 in the PEHSC directory for details on points given.

E. Junior Exhibitors are defined as those exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1st of the current year.

F. If the Point Recorder does not timely receive the completed Point Record form, the Circuit shall not be held responsible for incomplete point recording. Deadline for the complete Point Record formst to be in the hands of the Point Recorder is to be determined by the Executive Board and published on the Point Record form.

25. Rule or Class changes should be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the annual Rules and Class Change meeting. Notification can then be made to all directors before the meeting. Failure could result in tabling the vote until the next meeting.

26. Any rules not covered by the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit rules shall

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be governed by the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) rules, or the appropriate breed association rules.

27. The Pony Express Horse Show Circuit assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to persons, horses, or personal property from any cause. Only upon these conditions will entries be received at member shows. Shows to be affiliated with Pony Express Horse Show Circuit must provide a certificate of insurance at the time of application for membership.

28. Any Member Show that violates Pony Express Horse Show Circuit Rules or Standards, will be denied affiliation to Pony Express Horse Show Circuit subject to review by the Standards and Ethics Committee. Including, but not limited to:

A. KEEP SHOW GROUNDS AND ARENA area free of equipment. Baricade access to dangerous machinery, i.e., tractors, discs, harrows, tillers, extra jumps, anything that might pose a hazzard to prople or equine.

B. MOW the grassy areas you expect the exhibitors to occupy.

C. CLEAR AND CLEAN all old manure piles in the arena. This does not mean manure accumulated during the show. This refers to the build up of old manure left to pile up and rot from days or weeks before.

D. CLASSES THAT ARE ADDED OR TITLE CHANGED the day of the show will NOT be a point class.

E. DO NOT begin breaking down the show while your last class is still in the arena thereby creating a disturbance to the horses being exhibited.

F. RIBBONS AND TROPHIES may be reused if they are not dated, have not been altered, marked on or damaged.

29. *There will be a \$35.00 charge for all returned checks.* Until the returned check is made good, and the additional \$35.00 paid, points will not be counted.

The Pony Express Horse Show Circuit wishes to thank the show managers and show directors for their continued support.

It is because of their tireless efforts and volunteer of time that we have these shows which afford our exhibitors the chance to compete and enjoy the fellowship of like minded equestrians.