



Pine Tree Riding Club General Rule Book

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Safety & General Rules

ASTM approved riding helmets, securely fastened, MUST be worn by ALL riders 18 years and under while riding on the PTRC grounds. PTRC strongly encourages riders 19+ to set a good example by wearing a helmet as well.

Horses must be kept at a walk at all times when outside the show and warm-up arenas.

Do not leave horses unattended or tie your horse to the arena fences. There are proper hitching rails and day stalls for your use.

All accidents or injuries must be reported immediately to the Horse Show office.

Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

You will be given one competitor number per horse/rider combination for the horse show year. Competitor numbers must be worn at all times on an event day.

Participants only will be allowed in the arenas on event days.

Any participant demonstrating unsafe, unsportsmanlike behavior or using inappropriate language will be disqualified for the remainder of the event with no refund of entry fees.

Event management reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Participants must be checked in with the event entry person and have their horse show or event release form signed before they may enter any classes.

Riders must participate in 4 of the 6 horse shows (unless otherwise decided) to qualify for year end awards.

Jr. Riders must participate in showmanship, in each of the first 3 horse shows to be eligible for the Ernie Bourgeois showmanship class.

Stallions must be handled and ridden by riders 19 years and older. Stallions may be asked to leave the grounds if behavior issues arise.

Hors Concours (riding without being judged) Participants who wish to ride hors concours, upon payment for the division or class, will be given a separate rider number. The horse being ridden hors concours will be prohibited from collecting points or placing in any class, with any rider, for the remainder of the event.

LEADLINE

All lead line competitors must have 2 handlers per rider, no exceptions. Horse/Pony to be shown at a walk and trot. A properly secured ASTM approved helmet must be worn by riders. Rider's feet do not need to be in the stirrups. If a rider's feet are in stirrups, a heeled (western or English) type of boot is mandatory. The riders may be asked a question by the judge. Following lead line there will be a lead line fun game, so please stay in the arena if you wish to participate. No cross entries with any other classes.

SMALL FRY

Riders must wear a heeled (Western or English) type of boot, and an ASTM approved helmet. Riders will be asked to walk and trot their horses/ponies and must have a reasonable amount of control. This class will be judged as an equitation class. Entrants in the small fry classes may have a handler walk beside them in the show arena for safety reasons. No cross entries with any other classes.

TRAIL

There is a separate rule book for Trail.

SHOWMANSHIP

The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor, leading a well groomed and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision. Conformation of the horse is not to count. Horses coat should be clean and well brushed, mane and tail should be clean and free of tangles. Feet clean and properly trimmed or shod. Long hair on Jaw, bridle bath and pasterns should be clipped. Ears may be clipped. Questions may be asked at the judge's discretion.

- **Western Tack** - A leather or web halter (silver not to count) with lead rope to be kept safely coiled. Chains on lead ropes are permitted under the chin but not over the nose. Gloves are to be worn if lead rope has a chain. Cowboy hat or riding helmet required. Spurs are not permitted.
- **English Tack** - A bridle with reins split and safely held. Gloves and riding helmet required. All tack should be clean, well fitted and in good repair. Spurs are not permitted.

WESTERN CLASSES

Dress Code

Your appearance should be neat, clean and tidy. Long sleeved shirts and boots with heels are required. Spurs, gloves, show vests or jackets, and chaps are optional.

Tack

A western saddle of any type is required, silver not to count. Romal or split reins are allowed. Two hands on reins are permitted only if using a snaffle (O or D ring, eggbutt) or bosal. There is no age restriction for use of a snaffle bit. One hand only allowed on reins if using a shank bit. Curb strap (leather or chain) must lie flat, not twisted. Running or standing martingales or tie downs will not be permitted unless by prior approval from the horse show committee.

Western Pleasure:

Horses will be judged on smoothness of the gait, way of going and willingness to perform.

Riders will be asked to show their horses at a walk, jog, and lope on a reasonably loose rein, the rider should have light contact and control. Horses to be worked both ways of the ring. Horses are required to back easily and stand quietly.

Western Equitation:

Riders will be judged on seat, hands and ability to control their horse.

Riders may be asked to walk, jog, extend the jog, and lope both ways of the arena. The smoother the gait, the more credit given to the rider. The judge may ask for individual work from the rider. Individual work may consist of a figure 8 at a jog or lope with either a simple or flying lead change. The judge could also ask the rider to back up in a strait line, or execute a 360 turn on the haunches.

Western Command:

Entries are eliminated, one at a time at the discretion of the judge as commands are not executed correctly. i.e. wrong leads, breaking gait, moving when stopped, taking too long to execute a transition.

This is an event which exhibits the abilities of a responsive performance horse. Possible commands are: walk, jog, lope, counter lope, reverse direction at any gait, back, stand quietly, turn on forehand or haunches, side pass, flying or simple change.

Western Horsemanship:

Riders will be judged on seat, hands, and ability to show and control the horse. Riders will be required to individually perform a pattern.

ENGLISH CLASSES

Dress Code

Your appearance should be neat, clean and tidy. Jodhpurs or breeches, English boots or paddock boots with a half chap are required. Jackets of a conservative color may be worn. Judge may excuse jackets due to weather. Ties, stocks and pins may be worn. Spurs of the unroweled type, crop (not to exceed 30 inches in length) and gloves are optional.

Tack

An English saddle of any type is required. Snaffle, Kimberwick or Pelham bits are permitted. Flash or figure 8 nosebands are permitted if needed. Boots and/or bandages are not permitted. Running or Standing martingales are not permitted unless by prior approval from the horse show committee.

English Pleasure:

To be judged on smoothness of the gait, free flowing stride and the willingness to perform.

Horse to be shown at a flat footed walk, normal trot and easy canter. Not to Gallop. Horses are required to back easily and stand quietly.

English Equitation:

Riders to be judged on seat, hands and ability to control the horse.

The horse is to be shown at a flat footed walk, normal trot, easy canter and to back up. Horses will be worked both ways of the arena. The smoother and more even the gait, the more credit given to the rider. The judge may ask for individual work from the rider which may consist of: a figure 8 at the trot or canter with simple of flying lead changes.

Road Hack:

To be judged on performance, substance, conformation and manners.

This class is designed to show the natural action of the horse. Horse is shown at a flat footed walk (with a reasonably loose rein) trot, strong trot, easy canter and controlled hand gallop both ways around the arena.

Hunter Hack:

To be judged on style over fences, even hunting pace, flat work and way of going. This class requires a horse to move free and easy while jumping two fences, ranging in height from poles on the ground to 2'9". Two refusals will result in disqualification. Horses will be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the arena.