



ARKANSAS
Arabian Horse Club

**ALL BREED SHOW
RULE BOOK**

Arkansas Arabian Horse Club All Breed Shows

The Arkansas Arabian Horse Club has designed the All Breed Show format primarily to offer our horses and riders a showing experience as close as possible to Class A specifications without the pressure or expense of the same.

We hold these shows for the fun and fellowship of AAHC members, their guests and friends, and the casual observer or participant. We also hold these shows to promote our club and the Arabian Breed by providing a learning environment for others to be exposed to our club and the versatility of the Arabian Horse.

The shows are meant for schooling purposes, camaraderie and promotion of the Arabian Breed. The judge will be encouraged to address riders concerning their performances in an effort to encourage, educate and improve the horses' performance.

General Rules:

- ◆ **ALL HORSES:** 12 Month Negative Coggins Required!!!
- ◆ All shows begin promptly at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Class entry fee will be \$5 per class.
- ◆ Stalls available at \$15 per stall. (You may tie to your trailer, but **NO TIEING TO ARENA OR STOCK PENS ALLOWED** for safety reasons.
- ◆ A youth is anyone under 18 years of age as of December 1 of the previous year. An adult is anyone over 18 years of age as of December 1 of the previous year.
- ◆ There is a two (2) minute gate call. If you have a tack change, please notify the announcer during the class before the tack change. There will be no tack holds after any breaks.
- ◆ You may audit any class and not be judged; however, a class fee will still be charged. It is preferred that the rider wear an orange armband that the show provides at the front desk. You must notify the announcer that you are not being judged. No adult may audit a youth class.
- ◆ It is **STRONGLY SUGGESTED** that all junior riders wear a helmet in under saddle classes. The judges will be informed that no rider will be penalized for wearing a helmet.
- ◆ All exhibitors must wear long pants, a shirt with a collar, and shoes with a riding heel. (No shorts in any class. In Hand classes may wear a shoe without a riding heel)
- ◆ All show bills must be paid by the end of the day. If bills are not paid you will not be able to show at the next show until unpaid bill is paid.
- ◆ If a show bill is not paid, the rider and/or owner will forfeit any and all points/awards for that show.

Class Rules:

- ◆ **Halter:** to enter the arena at a walk, pick up the trot, and line up head to tail along the rail or at the ring master's directions. To walk on a loose rein both directions of the arena. Then each horse will be presented individually to the judge by walking to and trotting away at the judges direction.
 - ◇ Arabian: To be judged on Type, Conformation, Suitability as a breeding animal, Quality, Movement, Substance, Manners and Presence in that order.
 - ◇ Half-Arabian: To be judged on Conformation, Quality, Substance and Arabian type in that order.
 - ◇ All Breed: To be judged on Conformation, Quality, Substance, and Individual breed type in that order.
- ◆ **Leadline:** (age 6 & under) to be shown at a walk both directions of the arena. Must be lead by a person at least 12 years old. Lead line must be attached to halter or cavesson. This is not a point class.
- ◆ **Showmanship:** is an in-hand class with a pattern. The pattern will be posted prior to each show. To be judged on 60% Showmanship (leading, showing and poise, alertness and attitude) and 40% presentation (conditioning, grooming and appointments)
 - ◇ Handlers shall enter the arena in a counter clockwise direction on the rail , unless otherwise specified by the judge. To enter at the walk or trot at judge's instruction. The judge may use the following examples for questions and /or patterns:
 - Parts of the horse, grooming and basics of horse care.
 - Walk or trot to or from judge
 - Set horse up
 - Back horse
 - Turn horse (90, 180, 360 degrees, etc)
 - Pick up horse's hoof
 - Trot down the rail or around the ring
 - Move horse to a different spot in the line up
 - ◇ Movement of the handler so as not to obstruct judge's view of the horse.

- ◆ Sport Horse In Hand: if offered is to be judged in a triangle pattern. Small triangle to be walked, larger triangle trotted. This class is judged on suitability as a Sport Horse, correctness of conformation, stride as according to the discipline told to the judge. Also, judged on willingness and overall breed characteristics. This is judged according to AHA Sport Horse specifications.
- ◆ Trail: patterns will be posted prior to each show. Executions may be walk, trot, canter, crossing a bridge, looking in a mailbox, carrying objects, trotting or cantering over poles, backing through cones, going through a gate or side passing, etc. Handlers will be permitted to walk the course with the judge or course designer. For Trail In Hand classes, horses may be saddled or unsaddled.
- ◆ Hunter Pleasure: to be shown at the walk, trot and canter. (Hand gallop in Adult and Championship classes) both directions of the arena. May be asked to back at the judge's discretion. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability as a hunter, quality, and conformation in that order.
- ◆ Western Pleasure: to be shown at the walk/jog/lope both directions of the arena. May be asked to back at judge's discretion. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality and conformation in that order.
- ◆ Gaited Horses: only allowed in classes designated for gaited horses. They will not be allowed to cross enter into a walk/trot/canter class.
- ◆ Horsemanship/Equitation: if offered, are Under Saddle classes. Equitation classes may or may not have a pattern at judge's discretion. A pattern is required in Horsemanship. Patterns will be posted prior to each show. To be judged at the walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope and where appropriate, hand gallop. Two tests from the following list MAY be used either on the rail or in a pattern format. While primarily a Western division class, Horsemanship classes in AAHC shows are open to any horse or rider in any discipline. Judges emphasis will be on the rider.

Class Rules (cont.):

◆ Horsemanship/Equitation (cont.):

Acceptable Tests:

- ◆ Back
 - ◆ Individual performance on the rail
 - ◆ Figure 8 at a canter/lope on the correct lead demonstrating simple lead changes
 - ◆ Group performance on the rail
 - ◆ Figure 8 at a jog/trot
 - ◆ Ride without stirrups
 - ◆ Serpentine at the lope/canter with simple lead changes
 - ◆ Change leads down the center of the arena or on the rail
 - ◆ Execute a quarter, half turn, or full turn on haunches in either direction.
- ◆ Jack Benny: a walk/trot class for riders 39 and over. May use Western, Hunt or English tack. This is not a point class.
 - ◆ A Limit Horse/Rider is one who has not won more than 6 blue ribbons in a given division. If a horse/rider is in the limit category at the beginning of the year, they may remain a Limit horse/rider for the entire Show Series.
 - ◆ If a class does not specify that it is a walk/trot or walk/jog class, then it is a walk/trot/canter or walk/jog/lope class.
 - ◆ You may go in a Hunter/English class with a Western saddle but you **MUST** post when asked to trot.
 - ◆ TBA Classes will be posted at every show. You may purchase a class for an additional \$5. Classes can be added throughout the year.

TBA Classes:

The following TBA classes may be purchased for an additional \$5 and added to the show schedule that day:

- ◆ Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Go As You Please
- ◆ PB/HA/AA Halter, Amateur Handler
- ◆ Youth Trail
- ◆ Youth Halter
- ◆ Youth Showmanship

- ◆ Country/English Pleasure, Walk/Trot
- ◆ Country/English Pleasure Open
- ◆ Western Pleasure, W/T Limit Youth
- ◆ Hunter Pleasure, W/T Limit Youth
- ◆ Open Slow Gaited, flat shod
- ◆ Liberty
- ◆ Reining
- ◆ Most Classic Head
- ◆ Hunter/Western Go As You Please
- ◆ Driving
- ◆ Horsemanship

Tack and Attire:

- ◆ It is STRONGLY SUGGESTED that junior riders wear helmets in under saddle classes. Head gear must fit properly and meet or exceed ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Judges will be informed that riders will not be penalized for wearing a helmet.
- ◆ You may use legal, but not necessarily show quality tack and attire in all shows.
- ◆ Training equipment is NOT allowed in Championship classes.
- ◆ Illegal, cruel or inhumane tack, appointments, or training methods/behavior are NOT allowed at any time.

Year End High Point All Breed Show Awards:

- ◆ All junior (youth) and adult exhibitors MUST be current AAHC members to be eligible for year end awards.
- ◆ Four (4) hours of volunteerism are required for Year End Awards. Any family member or friend can do this for you. These 4 hours may be split between/among any of the shows. Such tasks may include: keeping the gates, ring master, ribbon presenter, and other tasks that help keep our shows running smoothly.
- ◆ You must register for high points at the All Breed Shows on your entry form. Registration is FREE.
- ◆ Riders must declare if they want Year End Points to go towards Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot/Canter. You may not cross enter at the show(s). You may only compete for awards in the division originally signed up for. Auditing classes in a different division is allowed. Class fees are the same for audits as for regular entries.
- ◆ All points are tallied as One Horse/One Rider combination
- ◆ Horse and Rider must show in at least 3 shows in the same category during the calendar year.
- ◆ High Point Awards are awarded at the Year End Awards Party.

AAHC Year End High Point Divisions:

- ◆ Halter: Purebred Amateur Champion
- ◆ Half Arabian Amateur Champion
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- ◆ Hunter Pleasure: Adult Amateur Champion
- ◆ Youth (11-18) Champion & Reserve Champion
- ◆ Youth (10 & Under) Champion & Reserve CH
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- ◆ Western Pleasure: Adult Amateur Champion
- ◆ Youth (11-18) Champion & Reserve Champion
- ◆ Youth (10 & Under) Champion & Reserve CH
- ◆
- ◆ Overall High Point: Adult Amateur, Youth (11-18), Youth (10 & under), Non-Arab Adult Amateur (CH), Non-Arab Youth (CH)
- ◆ Points garnered in specialty classes (liberty, trail, costume, equitation, showmanship, etc.) will go towards overall high points for that exhibitor. All Non-Arab classes will be combined to count toward Overall Non-Arab Awards.
- ◆ The show committee reserves the right to revisit the class lists/award divisions as deemed necessary throughout the year.