

Winter Tournament Rules

Horses: Academy horses must be school horses regularly used in a program. An owner may show his or her own horse in an academy class if said horse is used in a lesson program. **Show horses may show in the Show Practice Classes ONLY.**

Equipment: Horses must have a flat English type saddle, but may use any type of bridle. Forward seat or Western saddle prohibited. **Anyone 10 yrs. Old and under must wear protective head gear.** No braiding of manes or blacking of feet.

Riders: No riding suits. Jods and jod boots recommended but not required. Riders age of December 1st of tournament start, will be the age group said rider will compete with throughout shows for that season. Once a rider has cantered, the rider will not be allowed to return to walk/trot classes. Riders can not show walk/trot only and walk/trot/canter at the same show.

Class Specifications: Classifications are up to the discretion of each instructor. Holding a rider back in a lower class when said rider is ready to advance is discouraged.

Advanced Classes: Open to all academy and show riders. **NO SHOW HORSES.** Figure work may be called for. Once a rider has entered the advanced division, a return to the intermediate division is prohibited.

Beginner Classes: Academy riders only. Instructors may enter the ring in 6 & under classes.

Walk/Trot Only Classes: Academy riders only. Anyone with regular show experience is prohibited. Open to riders who have never cantered at a show.

Show Practice Classes: Open to show horses and academy horses. Judged on the ability to present horse to the best advantage. Good class for show riders needing ring experience between show seasons.

Academy Pleasure and Showmanship Classes: No show horses. Academy riders only. Judged 50% on basic riding skills and 50% on basic showmanship skills. Rider's ability to show horse is paramount.

Open Pattern Classes: Open to all age riders and types of horses. The judge will specify the pattern workout in accordance with intermediate and advanced riders subject to tests 1-16 and beginner riders subject to test 1-8.

Command Class: Academy horses and riders only. Rider is judged on ability to follow instructions that are requested by the judge. Maybe asked for stops, circles, back, drop stirrups, change diagonals, etc.
Walk/Trot Only.

Classes will be divided with no more than 6 exhibitors per division. Horses are not to be judged. All classes are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show their horse to the best advantage, even though some classes are not judged as equitation only. **Correct Leads and Diagonals Are Important.**

Negative Coggins Within 1 Year Required