

# 2010 WESTARK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

## **NAME:**

THE OFFICIAL NAME SHALL BE WESTARK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC. A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, IT SHALL BE OPERATED AND CONDUCTED AS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS PROVIDING FOR SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AND BY WHICH IT SHALL REQUIRE ALL SUCH RIGHTS AS GRANTED TO ASSOCIATIONS OF THIS KIND.

## **PURPOSE:**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE A FAMILY AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO STAGE QUALITY HORSE SHOWS FOR THIS AREA AND TO QUALIFY ENTRIES FOR THE ANNUAL ARKANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW. SHOWS ARE OPEN TO HORSES OF ANY BREED.

## **MEMBERSHIPS:**

MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONSIST OF PERSONS WHO PAY YEARLY DUES AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH WESTARK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC. THE MEMBERSHIP DUES SHALL BE TEN DOLLARS (\$10) FOR A SINGLE MEMBERSHIP AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20) FOR A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS WILL INCLUDE PERSONS

LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD. SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE ALLOWED (1) VOTE, FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE ALLOWED (2) VOTES. ONLY PAID MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND THOSE SHOWING AT LEAST FIFTY (50%) OF THE QUALIFYING SHOWS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR-END AWARDS AND STATE PARTICIPATION. POINTS WILL BEGIN ONLY AFTER MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN PAID. MEMBERSHIPS WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 30TH. WESTARK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OR ANY OTHER PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH ANY EVENT SPONSORED BY WESTARK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC. WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT, INJURY, THEFT, OR LOSS OF PROPERTY OCCURING BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE EVENT.

## **OFFICERS:**

OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL YEAR-END AWARDS BANQUET. ONLY JUNIOR AND SENIOR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE OR BE ELECTED TO AN OFFICE.

THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DULY ELECTED OFFICERS. A MAJORITY OF THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. THE PRESIDENT WILL VOTE ONLY IN THE EVENT THAT A VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDS IN A TIE, AND THEN ONLY IN ORDER TO BREAK THAT TIE.

**PRESIDENT** - SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS, APPOINT COMMITTEES, AND SEE THAT ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCED. HE/SHE SHALL REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION AT ALL NECESSARY STATE HORSE SHOW MEETINGS.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** - SHALL PRESIDE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND ASSIST HIM/HER IN PERFORMING HIS/HER DUTIES.

**SECRETARY** - SHALL KEEP ALL MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND OTHER RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE ASSOCIATION; SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING BOARD MEMBERS OF MEETINGS AND ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR THE SHOWS, AND SHALL TURN OVER ALL MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE ASSOCIATION TO THE NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY AT THE END OF THE YEAR, INCLUDING, SHOW POINT BOOK, ENTRY FORMS, AND SUPPLIES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

**TREASURER** - SHALL DISBURSE MONEY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND FURNISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT THE MEETINGS AND SHALL PREPARE A SUITABLE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT YEAR END AND TURN OVER ALL FINANCIAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE ASSOCIATION TO THE NEWLY ELECTED TREASURER, TO INCLUDE CHECK BOOKS, BANK STATEMENTS, RECEIPTS FOR PURCHASES MADE, AND SPONSORSHIP RECORDS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - SHALL ATTEND MEETINGS AND HORSE SHOWS AND ASSIST OTHER OFFICERS IN THEIR DUTIES; SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

THERE SHALL BE FIVE (5) MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE BOARD. ONE (1) SHALL SERVE A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR; TWO (2) SHALL SERVE A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, AND TWO (2) SHALL SERVE A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.

IN CASE OF A RESIGNATION OF ANY OFFICE THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION HELD AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO ELECT A PERSON TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.

IF ANY BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER FAILS TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS, THEY CAN BE REMOVED FROM THEIR POSITION. THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION HELD AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO ELECT A PERSON TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.

### **JUDGES:**

JUDGES WILL BE HIRED BY A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT. JUDGES WILL NOT JUDGE MORE THAN ONE (1) SHOW DURING ANY GIVEN SHOW SEASON.

JUDGES WILL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY IN THE ARENA. A RING STEWARD WILL BE ALLOWED.

JUDGES WILL NOT CONVERSE WITH ANYONE BEFORE OR DURING THE SHOW, EXCEPT MEMBERS OF THE JUDGES COMMITTEE OR OFFICERS. THE JUDGES COMMITTEE SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE JUDGE. A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION AND SIGNED JUDGES CONTRACT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ASSOCIATION BY THE JUDGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HE/SHE RECEIVES THE CONTRACT. A PACKET WILL BE MAILED PRIOR TO THE SHOW TO INCLUDE SHOW BILL, AND RULES AND DIRECTIONS TO THE ARENA.

### **ANNOUNCER:**

THE ANNOUNCER SHALL KEEP A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS BEFORE HIM/HER AT ALL TIMES. HE/SHE SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITE THE SHOW IN EVERY WAY. HE/SHE SHOULD HAVE ENTRANTS READY TO GO THREE DEEP IN THE TIMED EVENTS AND GIVE FIRST, SECOND, AND LAST CALL ON ALL ENTRANTS AND EVENTS. HE/SHE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH AND ANNOUNCE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF EACH CLASS BEFORE ENTRANTS ENTER THE ARENA. IN THE CASE OF DISPUTE ON ENTRIES, WORK OFF OF CONTESTANTS, ETC., THE ANNOUNCER SHALL REFER IT TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD, RATHER THAN MAKE A DECISION HIM/HERSELF. THE ANNOUNCER SHALL ENCOURAGE SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP RULES:**

ANY CONTESTANT OR MEMBER OF HIS/HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY DEEMED GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT IN THE OPINION OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD SHALL BE PENALIZED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) CONTESTANT AND/OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WILL BE WARNED AND REMINDED OF SPORTSMANSHIP RULES IN VERBAL OR WRITTEN FORM; (2) CONTESTANT AND/OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WILL BE ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER; (3) CONTESTANT AND/OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN WHSA, INC. SHOWS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; (4) CONTESTANT AND/OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WILL FORFEIT ANY POINTS EARNED AND WILL FORFEIT ALL ENTRY FEES; (5) CONTESTANT AND/OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE NEXT STATE HORSE SHOW.

ANY MISCONDUCT OR UNSPORTSMANSHIP AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**NOTE:** FAILURE OF AN ASSOCIATION TO ENFORCE THIS DECISION MAY RESULT IN SAID ASSOCIATION BEING SUSPENDED FROM THE NEXT STATE SHOW.

## AGE DIVISION

LEAD LINE --- 5 YEARS AND UNDER  
 PONY CLASS AND WALK-TROT --- 10 YEARS AND UNDER  
 BUCKAROO --- 13 YEARS AND UNDER  
 JUNIOR --- 14 YEARS TO 18 YEARS  
 SENIOR --- 19 YEARS AND OVER

AGE IS DETERMINED BY THE PERSON'S AGE AS OF JANUARY 1ST OF THAT SHOW YEAR.

IN THE EVENT A QUESTION ARISES ON THE AGE OF A RIDER ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR THE ASSOCIATION CAN ASK THAT A BIRTH CERTIFICATE BE FURNISHED AND ALL AWARDS SHALL BE HELD UP UNTIL PROOF OF AGE IS ESTABLISHED.

NO CONTESTANT MAY MOVE OUT OF THEIR AGE GROUP, UP OR DOWN.

BUCKAROOS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNIOR CLASS EVENTS THAT DO NOT HAVE A BUCKAROO AGE CLASS (I.E. - FLAGS, REINING).

JUNIORS MAY NOT SHOW IN THE SENIOR DIVISION.

PONIES MAY NOT MOVE TO ANY OTHER WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS.

RIDERS OVER TEN (10) YEARS OLD MAY RIDE A PONY IN THEIR AGE DIVISION. RIDERS TEN (10) YEARS OLD AND UNDER THAT RIDE A PONY MUST RIDE IN THE PONY CLASS IF PROVIDED (I.E. - PONY POLES, PONY BARRELS).

PARTICIPANTS WHO RIDE IN PONY BARRELS AND PONY POLES CANNOT RIDE IN BUCKAROO BARRELS AND BUCKAROO POLES

### ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES:

**ALL HORSES MUST HAVE AN ORIGINAL NEGATIVE EIA (COGGINS) TEST WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE BEING ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS. NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

THE ENTRY FEE SHALL BE SET BY THE WESTARK MEMBERSHIP.

THE ENTRY FEE IS FOUR DOLLARS (\$4.00) FOR EACH EVENT EXCEPT FOR BARREL PICK-UP, WHICH IS EIGHT DOLLARS (\$8.00).

ALL STATE ENTRIES WILL BE PAID BY WESTARK FOR ALL QUALIFIED COMPETITORS AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. **RIDERS MUST WORK FIFTEEN (15) CLASSES IN EACH SHOW SEASON TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END AWARDS AND FOR THE STATE SHOW ENTRY FEES TO BE PAID BY WHSA.** THE NUMBER OF CLASSES REQUIRED MAY BE CHANGED LATER IN THE YEAR, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF RIDERS. THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE SECRETARY'S TABLE. RIDERS ARE ALLOWED TO USE A SUBSTITUTE WORKER. WHEN A SUBSTITUTE WORKER SIGNS UP, THEY MUST DECLARE ON THE WORKSHEET WHO THEY ARE WORKING FOR AT THAT SHOW. THE ANNOUNCER WILL BE GIVEN THE LIST OF WORKERS AND WHEN HE/SHE ANNOUNCES THE EVENT, HE/SHE WILL ANNOUNCE THE WORKERS FOR THAT CLASS. **IF A RIDER DOES NOT WORK THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF CLASSES, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR OWN ENTRY FEES TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW.**

EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS ON ENTRY BLANKS AND WILL FORFEIT ANY AWARDS OR POINTS IF AN ERROR IS FOUND. THERE WILL BE NO REFUND ON ENTRIES. **EXHIBITORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE THEIR ENTRY FORMS SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND A PARENTAL RELEASE FOR THE YEAR MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN BEFORE EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.**

EXHIBITION ENTRIES SHALL BE PERMITTED IF ENTRY FEES ARE PAID. NO POINTS OR AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR EXHIBITION ENTRIES.

WHEN SIGNING UP FOR A CLASS, EXHIBITORS MUST **PRINT** THEIR NAME ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE BLANK LINE. THERE WILL BE NO SKIPPING OF LINES. (I.E. THE FIRST PERSON TO SIGN UP MUST SIGN ON THE FIRST LINE, SECOND PERSON ON THE SECOND LINE, ETC.). IF A CONTESTANT IS CAUGHT SKIPPING LINES, HE/SHE WILL FORFEIT ANY POINTS FOR THAT CLASS.

IF A MEMBER IS COMPETING FOR ALTERNATIVE POINTS FROM ANY BREED REGISTRY, THE PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL BEFORE BEING PRESENTED BY THE MEMBER TO THE SECRETARY OR SHOW MANAGER FOR THEIR SIGNATURE. THERE SHALL BE 2 COMPLETED COPIES PRESENTED, ONE FOR THE MEMBER AND ONE FOR THE ASSOCIATION RECORDS.

**AWARDS:**

AWARDS SHALL BE SELECTED BY AN AWARD COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT. FIVE PLACES IN EACH CLASS WILL BE AWARDED. POINTS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1ST PLACE ..... 5 POINTS**
- 2ND PLACE..... 4 POINTS**
- 3RD PLACE..... 3 POINTS**
- 4TH PLACE..... 2 POINTS**
- 5TH PLACE..... 1 POINT**

IN THE EVENT A CLASS HAS LESS THAN FIVE (5) ENTRIES, THE POINT VALUE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS IN THE CLASS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A CLASS HAS ONLY THREE (3) ENTRIES, FIRST PLACE WOULD GET THREE (3) POINTS, SECOND PLACE TWO (2) POINTS, AND THIRD PLACE ONE (1) POINT.

POINTS WILL BE KEPT ON THE CONTESTANT, NOT ON THE HORSE.

A RIDER MAY COLLECT POINTS ON ONLY ONE HORSE IN ANY GIVEN CLASS.

POINTS FOR YEAR END AWARDS OR STATE QUALIFYING POSITION CAN BE EARNED BY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH WESTARK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERS MUST SHOW IN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE SHOWS OFFERED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE STATE SHOW AND TO RECEIVE YEAR-END AWARDS. TO RECEIVE A YEAR END AWARD A CONTESTANT MUST SHOW IN 50% OF THE SHOWS IN EACH CLASS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A YEAR-END AWARD IN THAT PARTICULAR CLASS. **ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND THAT HAS MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED ON PAGE THREE WILL RECEIVE A YEAR END AWARD OR RECOGNITION (IF FINANCES ARE AVAILABLE).**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE FINAL DECISION ON YEAR-END AWARDS.

A NON-MEMBER’S POINTS ARE NOT RECORDED IN THE POINTS BOOK UNTIL HE/SHE JOINS THE ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAID. MEMBERS PLACING LOWER THAN A NON-MEMBER IN A CLASS WILL HAVE THEIR POINTS BUMPED UP IN THE POINTS BOOK AND THE NON-MEMBER’S POINTS WILL BE DISREGARDED. THE NON-MEMBER WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD AND RECOGNITION AT THE SHOW IN WHICH HE/SHE PLACES. IN JUDGED EVENTS THE JUDGE WILL PLACE THE TOP SEVEN ENTRIES TO ENSURE KNOWLEDGE OF WHO SHOULD BE BUMPED UP IN THE PLACINGS SHOULD A NON-MEMBER PLACE. IN SPEED EVENTS THE TIMES LOWER THAN THE NON-MEMBER’S TIME WILL BE BUMPED UP IN THE PLACINGS SHOULD A NON-MEMBER PLACE.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR, HIGH POINT AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE PONY, BUCKAROO, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR AGE DIVISIONS.

ONLY POINTS EARNED IN PONY PLEASURE, PONY POLES, PONY BARRELS, AND ALL AGE PONY HALTER WILL COUNT TOWARD THE PONY HIGH POINT AWARD.

POINTS EARNED IN OPEN CLASSES WILL COUNT ONLY TOWARD THE BUCKAROO, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR HIGH POINT AWARDS.

QUEENS CLASS, WALK-TROT, AND ANY CLASS DESIGNATED "NOVICE" WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD ANY HIGH POINT AWARD.

IF A YOUTH (18 & UNDER) OR SENIOR (19 & OVER) ALL AROUND HIGH POINT SADDLE OR HALTER IS AWARDED IN A GIVEN YEAR, THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ALL AROUND SADDLES, CONTESTANTS MUST COMPETE A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) TIMES IN THREE (3) CATEGORIES-SHOWMANSHIP, PERFORMANCE AND SPEED. ONCE A MEMBER HAS WON THE HIGH POINT SADDLE, HE/SHE MAY NOT REPEAT AS A WINNER FOR THREE (3) YEARS, for example, if someone won the saddle (Junior or Senior) in 2000, they will not be eligible to win the saddle again until 2004. IF AN ALL AROUND HALTER/SHOWMANSHIP HIGH POINT HALTER IS AWARDED IT WILL BE TO THE YOUTH (18 AND UNDER) OR SENIOR (19 & OVER) WITH THE MOST COMBINED POINTS IN THE HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP EVENTS. ONCE A MEMBER HAS WON THE HIGH POINT HALTER, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HIGH POINT WINNERS WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AS WITH THE DIVISION HIGH POINT AWARDS, POINTS EARNED IN QUEENS, WALK TROT, AND ANY CLASS DESIGNATED "NOVICE" WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD THE HIGH POINT SADDLES. **HIGH POINT SADDLES WILL BE PURCHASED FROM ONE OF THE SADDLE SPONSORS OF THE BOARDS CHOOSING.**

**INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIES MUST BE WORKED OFF.** IN CASE OF A TIE, THE CONTESTANT THAT SHOWED IN THIS EVENT IN THE MOST SHOWS WILL RECEIVE THE HIGHER PLACING. IF BOTH CONTESTANTS SHOWED IN THE SAME NUMBER OF SHOWS, THEN THE CONTESTANT **WHO HAS RECEIVED THE MOST FIRST PLACES IN THE EVENT AND SO ON AND SO FORTH.**

### **GAITED HORSES**

**NO HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN ANY GAITED CLASS IF IT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "SCAR RULE" AS DEFINED BY THE HORSE PROTECTION ACT AND THE U.S.D.A. THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SHOW MANAGEMENT.**

**AT THE ARKANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW ALL HORSES WILL BE CHECKED BY A QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED DQP AND ANY HORSE NOT PASSING THE DQP'S INSPECTION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

**BEGINNING WITH THE 2005 ARKANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW A \$20.00 PER ENTRY SURCHARGE WILL BE ADDED IN ALL THE GAITED CLASSES TO HELP DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DQP. THIS SURCHARGE MUST BE PAID BY THE EXHIBITOR PRIOR TO THE STATE SHOW ENTRIES BEING SUBMITTED.**

### **SPONSORSHIPS:**

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING OR PAYING A \$75.00 SPONSORSHIP; A SINGLE MEMBERSHIP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING OR PAYING A \$50.00 SPONSORSHIP. SPONSORSHIPS MUST BE PAID BY THE LAST SHOW OF THE CURRENT YEAR FOR A COMPETITOR TO RECEIVE A YEAR-END AWARD. **NOTE: A MEMBER'S SPONSORSHIP MUST BE PAID BY THE DEADLINE FOR THE MEMBER TO QUALIFY FOR THE STATE SHOW.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS RULES:**

NOTE: IF A CONFLICT WITH ANY RULE ARISES, ARKANSAS STATE HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION RULE WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

**A TWO MINUTE GATE WILL BE ENFORCED.** AN EXHIBITOR WILL RECEIVE THREE (3) CALLS TO THE ARENA AND THEN WILL BE ALLOWED TWO (2) MINUTES TO BE IN THE PEN.

ALL PONIES WILL BE MEASURED BEFORE THE FIRST SHOW OF THE SEASON WITHOUT A SADDLE. PONIES WILL BE LOGGED AS TO NAME OF PONY, OWNERS NAME, AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION. AFTER FIRST SHOW, ANY NEW PONIES BROUGHT TO A SHOW WILL BE MEASURED UNTIL TIME FOR THE STATE SHOW.

A RIDER MAY RIDE ONLY ONE HORSE FOR POINTS IN EACH CLASS AND EACH HORSE MAY HAVE ONLY ONE RIDER IN EACH CLASS.

NUMBERS ARE TO BE WORN ON THE BACK OR SADDLE PADS OF ALL RIDERS IN JUDGED EVENTS. NUMBER MUST BE VISIBLE FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE HORSE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE RIDER.

PARENTS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN’S ACTIONS.

RIDERS IN THE BUCKAROO AND JUNIOR AGE GROUP, INCLUDING PONY CLASS, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW A STALLION IN ANY EVENT, AND MAY NOT MOVE UP INTO THE SENIOR AGE GROUP IN ORDER TO SHOW A STALLION.

THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHECK ANY HORSE IN ANY CLASS FOR FOREIGN SUBSTANCE(S). ANY IMPAIRMENT RESULTS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AND HANDLED UNDER UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT. ENTERING ANY CLASS WILL SERVE AS A RELEASE TO CHECK YOUR HORSE IF THE BOARD SEES FIT. ANY HORSE DEEMED UNSOUND BY THE JUDGE OR ANY SHOW OFFICIAL WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE RING.

EACH PERSON QUALIFYING FOR THE STATE HORSE SHOW MUST SIGN A CONSENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE FORM AT THE TIME HE/SHE SIGNS UP FOR THE STATE SHOW. THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE ENTRY PACKET SENT TO THE STATE SHOW SECRETARY.

WESTARK SHALL HAVE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT, SIGNED BY THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THAT ARENA, WITH EACH ARENA IT USES.

WESTARK SHALL PAY THE PRESIDENT’S EXPENSES TO ALL STATE MEETINGS AT FORTY CENTS (\$.40) A MILE AND SHALL PAY REASONABLE MOTEL EXPENSES FOR THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WHILE AT THE STATE SHOW.

WHEN THE FIRST HORSE ENTERS THE ARENA FOR THE CLASS, THE ENTRY BOOKS ARE CLOSED FOR THAT EVENT.

**CONTESTANTS MUST WEAR A SHIRT WITH A WELL-DEFINED ROLLED DOWN SLEEVE AND A TAIL THAT IS LONG ENOUGH TO BE TUCKED IN (I.E. - NO TANK TOPS, MIDRIFFS, OR MUSCLE SHIRTS ALLOWED). ALSO, ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR A SHOE/BOOT WITH A DEFINED HEEL - NOTE: “HEELS DOWN” TYPE SHOES ARE PERMITTED IN SPEED CLASSES - JUDGED EVENTS STILL REQUIRE A WESTERN STYLE BOOT. THE JUMPER IN BARREL PICKUP IS THE ONLY PERSON ALLOWED TO WEAR TENNIS SHOES WHILE COMPETING.**

NO LOUNGING HORSES IN THE ARENA AFTER 9:30 AM.

**PAYBACK CLASSES:**

THE BREAKDOWN FOR ALL PAYBACK CLASSES WILL BE:

- 1 TO 3 ENTRIES ..... ONE MONEY
- 4 TO 6 ENTRIES ..... TWO MONEYS (60/40)
- 7 TO 10 ENTRIES..... THREE MONEYS (50/30/20)
- 11 TO 19 ENTRIES..... FOUR MONEYS (40/30/20/10)
- 20+ ENTRIES..... SIX MONEYS (35/30/25/20/15/10)

**MANDATORY CLASSES:**

MANDATORY CLASSES WILL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE HORSE SHOW BOARD OF DIRECTORS. LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS MAY ADD OTHER CLASSES AS VOTED ON BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE MANDATORY FOR THE SHOW SEASON:

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| 1. BARREL PICK-UP           | 17. MEN'S GAITED PLEASURE             |
| 2. BOYS WESTERN PLEASURE    | 18. MEN'S WESTERN PLEASURE            |
| 3. BUCKAROO BARRELS         | 19. PONY BARRELS                      |
| 4. BUCKAROO HORSEMANSHIP    | 20. PONY POLE BENDING                 |
| 5. BUCKAROO POLE BENDING    | 21. PONY PLEASURE                     |
| 6. GIRLS WESTERN PLEASURE   | 22. QUEENS                            |
| 7. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE      | 23. SENIOR BARRELS                    |
| 8. JUNIOR BARRELS           | 24. SENIOR FLAG RACE                  |
| 9. JUNIOR FLAG RACE         | 25. SENIOR POLE BENDING               |
| 10. JUNIOR HORSE PLEASURE   | 26. SENIOR REINING                    |
| 11. JUNIOR POLE BENDING     | 27. SENIOR SPEED RACE                 |
| 12. JUNIOR REINING          | 28. SLOW GAITED PLEASURE              |
| 13. JUNIOR SPEED RACE       | 29. TWO YEAR OLD SNAFFLE BIT PLEASURE |
| 14. KEYHOLE RACE            | 30. WALK-TROT                         |
| 15. LADIES GAITED PLEASURE  | 31. YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP                |
| 16. LADIES WESTERN PLEASURE |                                       |

**NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, CURRENT ARKANSAS STATE HORSE SHOW RULES WILL APPLY TO ALL CLASSES.**

**JUDGED EVENTS****GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ALL RIDERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LADIES GAITED PLEASURE MUST WEAR HATS IN JUDGED EVENTS. THE WEARING OF HATS IN THIS CLASS IS OPTIONAL FOR LADIES. IT SHALL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT OF WHSA AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A CLASS SHALL BE SPLIT BECAUSE OF SIZE.**

**HALTER CLASSES**

- CURRENT AQHA RULES WILL APPLY WITH THE EXCEPTIONS THAT CONTESTANTS AGE 18 AND UNDER MAY NOT SHOW STALLIONS AND THAT CONTESTANTS MAY WEAR WESTERN OR ENGLISH ATTIRE.

**ALL AGE PONY/MINIATURE HORSE HALTER**

- PONIES AND MINIATURE HORSES MAY BE SHOWN BY EXHIBITORS OF ANY AGE. STALLIONS MAY NOT BE SHOWN BY EXHIBITORS 18 AND UNDER. PONIES 52 INCHES AND UNDER SHOWN BY EXHIBITORS 10 YEARS OLD AND UNDER WILL ACCUMULATE POINTS FOR THE PONY HIGH POINT AWARD. ANY ENTRY IN THIS CLASS MUST BE 52 INCHES OR UNDER

**LEAD LINE**

- THE CLASS SHALL BE JUDGED AS A PERFORMANCE CLASS - 50% ON APPEARANCE AND 50% ON RIDER AND HORSEMANSHIP.
- ♦ RIDERS IN THIS CLASS MAY NOT RIDE IN ANY OTHER RIDING CLASS (PERFORMANCE OR SPEED).

**QUEENS**

- CONTESTANTS MUST BE FEMALE BY BIRTH ,21 YEARS AND UNDER, AND HAVE NEVER GIVEN BIRTH; MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED CONTESTANTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. THE JUDGE SHALL JUDGE AS FOLLOWS: 50% ON APPEARANCE, 30% ON RIDER AND HORSEMANSHIP, AND 20% ON THE HORSE.

**PONY WESTERN PLEASURE**

- PONIES ARE TO BE 52" AND UNDER; THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT WILL ENSURE EACH PONY IS WITHIN THE SIZE LIMIT. THE WESTERN PLEASURE PONY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BACK.

**BUCKAROO, YOUTH, AND SENIOR HORSEMANSHIP**

- EXHIBITOR WILL WORK A PATTERN AND RAIL WORK WILL BE AT THE JUDGES DISCRETION. PATTERN MUST BE POSTED AT LEAST THIRTY (30) MINUTES PRIOR TO THE CLASS.

**JUNIOR (RIDER 18-) AND SENIOR (RIDER 19+) REINING**

- CURRENT AQHA RULES WILL APPLY. ALL TEN PATTERNS WILL BE RUN DURING THE SHOW SEASON. PATTERNS WILL BE SELECTED BY WHSA, INC. THE PATTERN NUMBER WILL CORRESPOND WITH THE SHOW NUMBER (I.E. - SHOW #1 WILL RUN PATTERN #1, SHOW #2 - PATTERN #2, AND SO FORTH). A JUNIOR HORSE MAY BE SHOWN TWO-HANDED IN REINING.

**WESTERN PLEASURE**

- CURRENT AQHA RULES WILL APPLY.  
**EXCEPTION:** A) WHSA WILL PERMIT A JUNIOR OR SNAFFLE BIT HORSE (SHOWN IN A SNAFFLE BIT OR BOSAL) TO BE "TWO-HANDED" IN MEN'S AND LADIES WESTERN PLEASURE, KNOWING THAT THEY MUST COMPETE AT STATE "ONE" HANDED. B) HORSES SHOWN IN 2 YR. OLD SNAFFLE BIT MAY BE SHOWN IN JR. HORSE PLEASURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RIDER AT THE SAME SHOW.

**NOVICE WESTERN PLEASURE**

- WILL BE JUDGED AS A WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS. CONTESTANTS MUST NOT HAVE WON MORE THAN ONE FIRST PLACE IN ANY WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS (EXCLUDING PONY WESTERN PLEASURE AND WALK TROT) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS A CONTESTANT. FIRST PLACE WINS ACQUIRED IN WESTERN PLEASURE DURING THIS SHOW SEASON WILL NOT DISQUALIFY CONTESTANT IN THIS CLASS FOR THIS SHOW YEAR.

**JUNIOR HORSE PLEASURE**

- NO HORSE THAT IS OR WILL BE OLDER THAN FIVE YEARS OF AGE DURING THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.
- AGE OF HORSES ENTERED WILL BE CHECKED BY THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ONLY ON PROTEST.
- TWO HANDS MAY BE USED IF THE HORSE IS BEING SHOWN IN A SNAFFLE BIT OR A BOSAL.

**TWO-YEAR OLD SNAFFLE BIT PLEASURE**

- HORSES THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY SHOWN IN ANYTHING OTHER THAN A SNAFFLE BIT OR BOSAL ARE INELIGIBLE.
- HORSES ARE TO BE SHOWN IN STANDARD, PLAIN, OR SILVER HEADSTALLS (BROWBAND, SHAPED EAR, OR SPLIT EAR), AND A SMOOTH SNAFFLE BIT WITH A BROKEN MOUTHPIECE (CONVENTIONAL O-RING, D-RING, OR EGGBUT, WITH RING NO LARGER THAN 4" AND NO SMALLER THAN 2", FROM THE CHEEK TO 1" IN FROM THE CHEEK MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 3/8" DIAMETER WITH A GRADUAL DECREASE TO THE CENTER OF THE SNAFFLE). A LOOSE CURB STRAP (LEATHER OR NYLON ONLY) IS OPTIONAL AND MUST BE ATTACHED BELOW THE REINS.
- STANDARD, LEATHER, OR WOVEN SPLIT REINS ARE MANDATORY. HAIR REINS ARE NOT PERMITTED WITH SNAFFLE BITS.
- A BRAIDED RAWHIDE OR LEATHER BOSAL MAY BE USED IN LIEU OF A SNAFFLE BIT, NO LARGER THAN 3/4" DIAMETER AT THE CHEEK; THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF APPROX. 3/4" OF SPACE BETWEEN THE BOSAL AND THE NOSE; ABSOLUTELY NO METAL CAN BE UNDER THE JAW OR ON THE NOSEBAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOSAL. THE BOSAL SHOULD BE PROPERLY FITTED RELATED TO THE HORSE'S SIZE AND CONFORMATION.
- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SHOWN WITH BOTH HANDS ON THE REINS, MAINTAINING LIGHT CONTACT WITH THE HORSE'S MOUTH. THE RIDER'S HANDS SHOULD BE VISIBLE TO THE JUDGE(S) AT ALL TIMES. REINS MUST BE CROSSED WITH THE TAILS OF THE REINS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE NECK. THE RIDER'S HANDS SHOULD BE CARRIED NEAR THE POMMEL AND NOT FURTHER THAN FOUR INCHES OUT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE SADDLE HORN. RIDER'S HANDS MUST BE STEADY WITH VERY LIMITED MOVEMENT.

- ALL HORSES WILL BE JUDGED AS A PLEASURE HORSE AT THE WALK, JOG, LOPE AND BACK (**EXCEPT THE LOPE WILL NOT BE CALLED FOR UNTIL AFTER JULY 1**) AS WELL AS ON ALL TRANSITIONS BETWEEN GAITS. HORSES MUST WORK BOTH WAYS OF THE RING AT THE REQUIRED GAITS. THE JUDGE MAY, AT HIS/HER DISCRETION, REQUIRE THE BACK OF ONLY THE FINALISTS IN THE CLASS. HORSES MUST REVERSE TO THE INSIDE (AWAY FROM THE RAIL). THEY MAY BE REQUIRED TO REVERSE AT THE WALK OR THE JOG, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE, BUT SHALL NOT BE ASKED TO REVERSE AT THE LOPE OR ASKED TO EXTEND THE JOG.
- HORSES ARE NOT TO BE CALLED TO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA FROM A JOG OR A LOPE.
- A TIGHT REIN OR EXCESSIVE SLACK IS AT NO TIME ACCEPTABLE. HEAD CARRIAGE SHOULD BE QUIET AND NATURAL.
- IF A HORSE'S MOUTH SHOWS SIGNS OF BROKEN SKIN, RAWNESS, OR BLEEDING, THE HORSE WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM COMPETITION. IF A HORSE'S NOSE OR ANY AREA TOUCHED BY THE BOSAL SHOWS SIGNS OF BROKEN SKIN, RAWNESS, OR BLEEDING, THE HORSE WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM COMPETITION.
- THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE USED AS MEASUREMENTS FOR GAITS:
  - THE **WALK** SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE, FLAT, AND GROUND COVERING.
  - THE **JOG** SHOULD BE SOFT, RELAXED, AND QUIET WITH A DEFINITE TWO BEAT. AT NO TIME SHOULD IT RESEMBLE A RUNNING WALK NOR SHOULD IT BE ROUGH AND STILTED.
  - THE **LOPE** SHOULD BE ROLLING AND COMFORTABLE WITH STRONG EMPHASIS ON A NATURAL THREE BEAT, SOFT LOPE.
- HORSES SHOULD BACK ON COMMAND QUIETLY, WILLINGLY, AND EASILY IN A STRAIGHT LINE WITHOUT RESISTANCE, JAWING, DELAY, AND TOSsing OF THE HEAD.
- ANY HORSE DEEMED BY THE JUDGE TO BE OUT OF CONTROL OR SHOWING EXCESSIVE SPEED WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE CLASS.

#### **SENIOR HORSE WESTERN PLEASURE**

- NO HORSE THAT IS YOUNGER THEN 6 YEARS OF AGE DURING THE CURRENT CALENDER YEAR SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.
- AGE OF HORSES ENTERED WILL BE CHECKED BY THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ONLY ON PROTEST.
- HORSES MAY ONLY BE SHOWN IN A CURB BIT, HALF-BREED, OR SPADE BIT AND MAY ONLY BE SHOWN ONE HANDED WITH BOTH REINS ON ONE SIDE AND HANDS CANNOT BE CHANGED.

#### **NOVICE WALK TROT WESTERN PLEASURE (LIMITED)**

- FOR EXHIBITORS 11 YEARS AND OLDER. CLASS WILL BE JUDGED AS PER CURRENT AQHA RULES WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT HORSES WILL NOT BE CALLED TO LOPE. **EXHIBITORS MAY NOT SHOW IN ANY RIDING CLASSES (INCLUDING SPEED CLASSES) OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED "NOVICE WALK TROT"** THIS CLASS WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD ANY HIGH POINT AWARD

#### **WALK-TROT WESTERN PLEASURE**

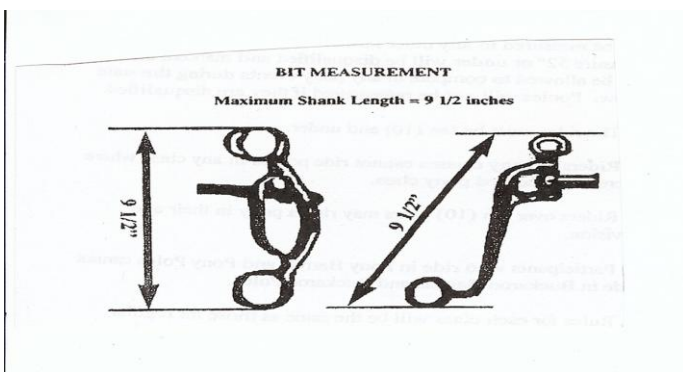
- FOR EXHIBITORS 11 YEARS AND OLDER MOUNT OVER 52 INCHES. CLASS WILL BE JUDGED AS PER CURRENT AQHA RULES.

#### **YOUTH (18-) AND ADULT (19+) RANCH HORSE WESTERN PLEASURE**

- HORSES WILL BE SHOWN AT THREE GAITS – WALK, TROT, AND LOPE – IN EACH DIRECTION OF THE ARENA. HORSES WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO REVERSE AWAY FROM THE RAIL, TO STOP, AND BACK. THE JUDGE MAY ASK FOR AN EXTENDED TROT AND EXTENDED LOPE. A HORSE WILL BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR TRAVELING WITH HIS HEAD HELD IN A NORMAL POSITION, EARS ALERT AND MOVING AT A NATURAL SPEED FOR THE GAIT REQUIRED. EXCESSIVE SPEED AT ANY GAIT WILL BE PENALIZED AS WELL AS EXTREME SLOWNESS AT ANY GAIT. CREDIT WILL ALSO BE GIVEN FOR MAKING A SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN GAITS, FOR KEEPING THE CORRECT LEAD, AND FOR MAINTAINING THE GAIT REQUESTED UNTIL THE JUDGE REQUESTS A CHANGE. A RIDER MUST SHOW HIS HORSE WITH ONLY ONE HAND ON THE REINS, UNLESS THE HORSE IS FIVE YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER AND IS BEING SHOWN IN A SNAFFLE BIT OR HACKAMORE (BOSAL). A GOOD WORKING OUTFIT OF TACK SHOULD COUNT OVER SILVER EQUIPMENT. SILVER ON BRIDLES AND SADDLES IS DISCOURAGED. NO BRAIDED OR BANDED MANES OR TAIL EXTENSIONS. GENERAL RULES FOR TACK AND EQUIPMENT ARE SAME AS FOR A WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS.

### GAITED PLEASURE

- HORSE IS TO BE SHOWN AT A WALK AND A FAVORITE GAIT. HORSES WILL ENTER THE ARENA AT A WALK.
- ENGLISH OR WESTERN EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED.
- THIS CLASS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE PERFORMANCE AND CONFORMATION OF THE HORSE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.
- OPEN SHOEING OF HORSE IS ALLOWED. A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR RESHOEING OR TACK REPAIR.
- A REST PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TEN (10) MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE LAST WORK OFF, IF NEEDED.
- THE WEARING OF HATS IS OPTIONAL FOR LADIES, MANDATORY FOR MEN.
- ONE OR BOTH HANDS MAY BE USED ON THE REINS.
- ACTION DEVICES EXCEPT FOR FOUR OUNCES (4 OZ.) OR LESS PROTECTIVE BOOTS WILL BE PROHIBITED.
- GAITED HORSES MAY TURN EITHER TO THE RAIL OR AWAY FROM THE RAIL.
- BITS WITH SHANKS IN EXCEE OF 9 1/2" IN LENGTH ARE PROHIBITED. SHANKS ARE MEASURED FROM THE VERY TOP OF THE METAL TO THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE MEDAL INCLUDING THE RINGS TO WHICH THE CHEEKS AND REINS ARE ATTACHED.



### SLOW GAITED PLEASURE

- HORSES SHOULD BE SHOWN WITH A LIGHT REIN AT A FLAT TRAIL WALK (NO SHOW WALK) AND A MODERATE REIN AT A FAVORITE GAIT. HORSES WILL ENTER THE ARENA AT A WALK. THIS WILL BE STRESSED TO THE JUDGE PRIOR TO THE SHOW TIME.  
THE HORSE SHOULD GIVE THE RIDER A PLEASANT RIDE WITH TRUE ROAD AND TRAIL QUALITIES. IT SHOULD BE WELL MANNERED AND RESPONSIVE TO THE RIDER, DISPLAYING SOUNDNESS, QUALITY, AND THE ABILITY TO STAND QUIETLY.
- THE SLOW GAIT FAVORITE GAIT WILL BE COMFORTABLE, SMOOTH GAIT DISPLAYING NO STRESS ON THE HORSE OR RIDER.
- DRESS WILL BE WESTERN, WITH EXHIBITORS EXPECTED TO PRESENT THEMSELVES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER.
- SLOW GAITED RIDERS MUST USE WESTERN TACK ONLY WITH THE TPE OF BIT BEING OPTIONAL. HORSES WILL BE SHOWN WITH SPLIT REINS AND WITH ONE HAND ONLY. NO COLORED BROWBANDS OR RIBBONS ARE PERMITTED.
- CAVESONS AND NOSEBANDS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- SHOES WILL BE STEEL-TO-FOOT (FLAT SHOD). HORSES WILL BE SHOD WITH ONE STEEL SHOE WITH THE FROG EXPOSED.
- **EXCESSIVE SPEED IN THIS CLASS WILL BE PENALIZED.**
- HORSES IN SLOW GAITED WILL NOT BE ASKED TO BACK.

**WALK TROT**

- THE RIDER WILL BE TEN (10) YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER; THE HORSE MUST BE OVER 52" IN HEIGHT. THE HORSE WILL BE JUDGED AT A WALK AND TROT BUT WILL NOT BE ASKED TO BACK. EXCEPT FOR THESE CONSIDERATIONS, THE CLASS WILL BE JUDGED AS A WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS.

**HUNTER UNDER SADDLE**

- AQHA RULES WILL APPLY. THIS IS AN OPEN CLASS. POINTS IN THIS CLASS WILL APPLY TO THE RIDER'S AGE ACCORDING TO THE AGE DIVISIONS LISTED IN THIS RULEBOOK.
- HORSES ARE TO BE SHOWN UNDER SADDLE, NOT TO JUMP.
- HUNTERS UNDER SADDLE SHOULD BE SUITABLE TO PURPOSE. THEY SHOULD MOVE IN A LONG, LOW FRAME AND BE ABLE TO LENGTHEN THEIR STRIDE AND COVER GROUND, AS IN TRAVERSING HUNT COUNTRY FOLLOWING HOUNDS. THEY SHOULD BE OBEDIENT, ALERT, AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR RIDERS. QUICK, SHORT STRIDES SHOULD BE PENALIZED. HORSES WHICH MOVE IN AN ARTIFICIAL FRAME AND ARE OVER-FLEXED AND BEHIND THE BIT SHOULD ALSO BE PENALIZED. HORSES SHOULD BE SERVICEABLY SOUND. JUDGES SHOULD EMPHASIZE FREE MOVEMENT AND MANNERS. THIS CLASS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE PERFORMANCE, CONDITION, AND CONFORMATION OF THE HORSE; HOWEVER, A MINIMUM OF 20% OF THE JUDGING SHALL BE BASED ON CONDITION AND CONFORMATION.
- HORSES ARE TO BE SHOWN AT A WALK, TROT, AND CANTER BOTH WAYS OF THE RING. HORSES SHOULD BACK EASILY AND STAND QUIETLY.
- HORSES MAY CHANGE GAITS AT THE FLAT FOOT WALK OR THE TROT AT THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION. LIGHT CONTACT WITH THE HORSE'S MOUTH IS RECOMMENDED.
- IN ALL ENGLISH CLASSES, EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT, AT ALL TIMES, ENTRANTS ARE BEING JUDGED ON ABILITY RATHER THAN PERSONAL ATTIRE. HOWEVER, RIDERS SHOULD WEAR HUNT COATS OF TRADITIONAL HUNT SEAT STYLE AND CONSERVATIVE COLOR, BREECHES OF TRADITIONAL SHADES OF BUFF, GRAY, OR RUST (OR JODHPURS), HIGH ENGLISH BOOTS OR JODHPUR SHOES. BLACK, NAVY BLUE, OR BROWN HUNTING CAP IS MANDATORY. A TIE OR CHOKER IS REQUIRED. SPURS OF UNROWELLED TYPE, CROPS, OR BATS ARE OPTIONAL. HAIR MUST BE NEAT AND CONTAINED (AS IN A NET OR BRAID). JUDGES MUST PENALIZE CONTESTANTS WHO DO NOT CONFORM.

**HUNT SEAT EQUITATION**

- AQHA RULES WILL APPLY. THIS IS AN OPEN CLASS. EXHIBITOR WILL WORK A PATTERN AND RAIL WORK WILL BE AT THE JUDGES DISCRETION. PATTERN MUST BE POSTED AT LEAST (30) MINUTES IN ADVANCE.

**JUNIOR (RIDERS 18-) AND SENIOR (RIDERS 19+) TRAIL**

- CURRENT AQHA RULES WILL APPLY, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT RIDERS 18 AND UNDER MAY NOT SHOW STALLIONS.
- A CONTESTANT WILL BE GIVEN THREE (3) TRIES AT AN OBSTACLE BEFORE BEING ASKED TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT OBSTACLE.

**SPEED AND TIMED EVENTS****GENERAL INFORMATION**

- AN ELECTRIC TIMER WILL BE IN OPERATION AT ALL TIMES DURING SPEED EVENTS. IN THE EVENT OF A TIMER FAILURE, THE CONTESTANT MAY HAVE HIS/HER CHOICE OF RIDING IMMEDIATELY OR AT THE END OF THAT CLASS. IF A RIDER MAKES A QUALIFIED RUN IN ANY SPEED EVENT AND THE TIMER FAILS TO WORK PROPERLY, THE RIDER MUST MAKE A BONA FIDE ATTEMPT IN THE RERIDE AND WILL STILL RECEIVE A TIME EVEN THOUGH AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION WOULD NORMALLY APPLY. DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL DISQUALIFICATION TO ACHIEVE A FASTER TIME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.
- DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THE BEAM OF THE CLOCK IN ANY TIMED EVENT IN AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE MANNER WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY. USE OF TACK, EQUIPMENT, ETC. TO BREAK THE BEAM TO OBTAIN A FASTER TIME WILL BE CONSIDERED UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND WILL RESULT IN AN UNQUALIFIED RUN.
- IT SHALL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE ARENA CREW TO RAKE OR DRAG THE ARENA WHEN NEEDED.

- **BARRELS FOR BARREL RACES, FLAG RACES, AND SPEED RACE SHALL BE MOVED TO THE MOST SUITABLE PLACE TO BE DECIDED UPON BY THE ARENA CREW.**
- **RIDERS MAY BE ASSISTED INTO THE ARENA IN ALL SPEED EVENTS.**
- **TANK TOPS, MUSCLE SHIRTS, OR SHIRTS OPEN AT THE MIDRIF WILL BE CONSIDERED AS INAPPROPRIATE DRESS. CONTESTANTS WEARING THESE SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

### **BARREL RACE**

- HORSE AND RIDER MAY ENTER FROM EITHER SIDE AS LONG AS PATTERN IS NOT BROKEN, AND EXIT IS MADE BETWEEN THE TWO FRONT BARRELS.
- NO BARREL SHALL BE PLACED CLOSER THAN 15 FEET FROM THE FENCE.
- KNOCKING OVER A BARREL WILL RESULT IN A FIVE (5) SECOND PENALTY.
- TOUCHING OF THE BARREL BY THE RIDER IS PERMISSIBLE.
- IF A RIDER MAKES A QUALIFIED RUN IN THIS EVENT AND THE TIMER FAILS TO WORK PROPERLY, THE RIDER NEED ONLY TO MAKE A BONA FIDE ATTEMPT IN THE RERIDE AND WILL STILL RECEIVE A TIME, EVEN IF A BARREL IS KNOCKED OVER.

**NOTE:** DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL KNOCKING OVER OF A BARREL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A FASTER TIME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.

FOR RERIDE TIME DUE TO TIMER FAILURE, SEE **TIMER FAILURE**, UNDER GENERAL INFORMATION.

### **POLE BENDING**

- THE POLE BENDING PATTERN IS TO BE RUN AROUND SIX (6) POLES. EACH POLE IS TO BE 21 FEET AWAY FROM THE NEXT POLE. THE FIRST POLE IS TO BE AT LEAST 21 FEET AWAY FROM THE TIMER LINE: THE LAST POLE IS TO BE AT LEAST 21 FEET AWAY FROM THE FENCE.
- FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PATTERN SHALL CAUSE DISQUALIFICATION.
- KNOCKING OVER A POLE WILL RESULT IN A FIVE (5) SECOND PENALTY.
- TOUCHING OF THE POLE BY THE RIDER IS PERMISSIBLE.
- IF A RIDER MAKES A QUALIFIED RUN IN THIS EVENT AND THE TIMER FAILS TO WORK PROPERLY, THE RIDER MUST MAKE A BONA FIDE ATTEMPT IN THE RE-RIDE AND WILL STILL RECEIVE A TIME, EVEN IF A POLE IS KNOCKED OVER.

**NOTE:** DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL KNOCKING OVER OF A POLE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A FASTER TIME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL. FOR RERIDE TIME DUE TO TIMER FAILURE, SEE **TIMER FAILURE**, UNDER GENERAL INFORMATION.

### **FLAG RACE**

- FLAGS WILL BE 18 INCHES LONG WITH AN 8" X 9" CLOTH FLAG. SOFT WOOD (1" DOWEL HANDLE) SHOULD BE USED. FLAG MAY BE USED AS A QUIRT. FLAG IS TO BE MARKED 3" FROM THE BOTTOM AS A GUIDELINE FOR PLACEMENT IN THE BUCKET.
- BUCKETS WILL BE FIVE GALLON PLASTIC BUCKETS OF ANY COLOR, , FILLED TO WITHIN 3" FROM TOP WITH MASONRY SAND. THE BUCKETS WILL BE MARKED WITH A LINE AT 3 INCHES FROM THE TOP OF THE BUCKET
- BUCKETS SHALL BE PLACED TO THE INSIDE OF THE BARREL. THE FLAG FOR PICKUP SHALL BE PLACED IN THE CENTER OF THE BUCKET.
- UPON COMPLETION OF THE RIDE, BARRELS AND BUCKETS MUST BE STANDING UPRIGHT AND FLAG MUST BE STUCK IN BUCKET.
- IF ANY BARREL OR BUCKET IS KNOCKED OVER, RIDER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- IN THE EVENT OF A TIMER MALFUNCTION DURING A QUALIFIED RUN, THE RIDER MUST MAKE A BONA FIDE ATTEMPT IN THE RERIDE AND WILL RECEIVE A TIME EVEN IF THE RIDER FAILS TO STICK THE FLAG.

**NOTE:** DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL ILLEGAL PROCEDURES EXECUTED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A FASTER TIME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.

- END BARREL MUST BE SET IN THE SAME POSITION AS FOR THE BARREL RACE.
- BARRELS MAY BE MOVED BACK OR FORTH A CERTAIN DISTANCE BETWEEN CLASSES TO ALLEVIATE THE AREA AROUND BARRELS FROM BECOMING DUG OUT AND DANGEROUS.
- ARENA CREW WILL STICK THE FLAG IN THE PICKUP BUCKET.
- FOR A RE-RIDE DUE TO TIMER FAILURE, SEE **TIMER FAILURE**, UNDER GENERAL INFORMATION.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR SPEED RACE**

- RIDER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF BARREL IS KNOCKED OVER DURING THE RUN.
- IN THE EVENT OF A TIMER MALFUNCTIONING DURING A QUALIFIED RUN, THE RIDER MUST MAKE A BONA FIDE ATTEMPT IN THE RE-RIDE AND WILL RECEIVE A TIME EVEN IF THE BARREL IS KNOCKED OVER.  
**NOTE:** DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL KNOCKING OVER OF THE BARREL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A FASTER TIME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.  
 FOR RE-RIDE DUE TO TIMER FAILURE, SEE TIMER FAILURE, UNDER GENERAL INFORMATION.

**KEYHOLE RACE**

- KEYHOLE SHALL CONSIST OF A 12' CIRCLE WITH A 10' LONG X 5' WIDE THROAT.
- HORSE MAY ENTER PATTERN WITH A FLYING START. THIS IS A TIMED EVENT. KEYHOLE USED WILL BE OUTLINED IN WHITE. HORSE WILL FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS INDICATED IN PATTERN DIAGRAM.
- HORSE MUST TURN INSIDE THE CIRCLE, NOT IN THROAT OR APPROACH TO CIRCLE.
- IF A HORSE STEPS ON OR OVER THE LINE, IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND NO TIME WILL BE GIVEN.
- JUDGE MUST STAND BEHIND THE KEYHOLE OR TO THE SIDE AT A SAFE DISTANCE.
- IN THE EVENT OF A TIMER MALFUNCTION DURING A QUALIFIED RIDE, RIDER MUST MAKE A BONA FIDE ATTEMPT ON RE-RIDE AND WILL RECEIVE A TIME EVEN IF STEPPING ON OR OVER THE LINE.  
**NOTE:** DELIBERATELY AND INTENTIONALLY STEPPING ON THE LINE TO RECEIVE A FASTER TIME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.  
 FOR RE-RIDE DUE TO TIMER FAILURE, SEE TIMER FAILURE, UNDER GENERAL INFORMATION.

**BARREL PICK-UP**

- A CONTESTANT MAY ENTER ONLY ONE TIME IN THIS CLASS, EITHER AS A RIDER OR AS A JUMPER, BUT NOT AS BOTH.
- THIS RACE IS TO RUN WITH A BARREL AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE ARENA, AT LEAST 20 FEET FROM THE FENCE, AND THE RIDER RIDING TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT CIRCLING THE BARREL.
- FOR THE SAFETY OF THE RIDERS IN THIS CLASS, THE BARREL IS TO BE MOVED 10 FEET IF NECESSARY AND IS TO BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT.
- THE STARTING LINE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 20 FEET INSIDE THE ARENA.
- THE JUMPER MUST MOUNT FROM THE BARREL AND BE ASTRADDLE OF THE HORSE AT THE FINISH LINE
- THE JUMPER MUST MOUNT UNASSISTED. USE OF RIDER'S HANDS AT ANY TIME DURING THE RIDE IS NOT ALLOWED AND WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
- IF THE JUMPER TOUCHES THE GROUND IT WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION
- IN THE EVENT OF A TIMER MALFUNCTION DURING A QUALIFIED RIDE, THE TEAM MUST MAKE A BONA FIDE ATTEMPT IN THE RE-RIDE TO RECEIVE A TIME.  
**NOTE:** DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL ILLEGAL PROCEDURES EXECUTED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A FASTER TIME WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.
- THE JUMPER MAY WEAR TENNIS SHOES.
- BARREL PICK-UP TEAMS WILL BE LISTED AS HAVING A SPECIFIC RIDER AND A SPECIFIC JUMPER, ACCORDING TO THE SIGN-UP SHEET. IF THE RIDER AND JUMPER SWITCH PLACES DURING THE SHOW SEASON, THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED A NEW TEAM. THE POINTS FOR THE NEW TEAM WILL START AT THAT SHOW AND WILL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PAIR'S PREVIOUS TOTAL. THE SAME WILL BE TRUE IF EITHER THE RIDER OR JUMPER SWITCH PARTNERS DURING THE YEAR, FOR WHATEVER REASON (I.E. - INJURY, ETC.)
- A TEAM MUST COMPETE TOGETHER FIVE (5) TIMES IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE STATE HORSE SHOW AND FOR YEAR-END AWARDS.
- TEAM COMPETES TOGETHER FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON, BUT ONE OF THE MEMBERS - FOR WHATEVER REASON - CANNOT COMPETE AT THE STATE SHOW, THEN A SUBSTITUTE WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE STATE SHOW.
- FOR RE-RIDE DUE TO TIMER FAILURE, SEE TIMER FAILURE, UNDER GENERAL INFORMATION.

**STAKE RACE**

- CURRENT AQHA RULES WILL APPLY EXCEPT THOSE REGARDING ASSISTANCE INTO THE ARENA, DRESS CODE, AND COMPLETION OF THE PATTERN.

**PONY SPEED EVENTS**

- PONIES ARE TO BE 52" AND UNDER; THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT IS TO ENSURE THAT EACH PONY IS WITHIN THE SIZE LIMIT BEFORE SENDING ENTRIES TO THE STATE SHOW SECRETARY. THE RIDER MUST BE 10 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER. RULES FOR EACH CLASS WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR THE REGULAR SPEED EVENTS.

**ARKANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION**

*IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE WESTARK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC. IS A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADOPT AND FOLLOW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION. EACH YEAR THESE ARE REVIEWED AND AS THEY ARE REVISED OR ADDED TO BY THE STATE ASSOCIATION, WHSA, INC. WILL AUTOMATICALLY DO LIKEWISE. EACH TIME THE STATE ASSOCIATION DELETES OR ADDS NEW EVENTS TO ITS APPROVED LIST THIS ASSOCIATION WILL DELETE OR ADD THOSE EVENTS DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR OUR PARTICULAR ASSOCIATION.*

*EACH YEAR IN SEPTEMBER THE STATE ASSOCIATION HOLDS A CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW. THE TOP FIVE (5) RIDERS IN EACH STATE APPROVED EVENT FROM EACH MEMBER ASSOCIATION ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THIS SHOW. IN THE EVENT THAT ANY OF THE TOP FIVE (5) RIDERS CANNOT GO TO THE STATE SHOW, SUBSTITUTES MAY BE SENT.*

**AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

*THESE BY-LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS WERE ACCEPTED ORIGINALLY ON 11-6-79. THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMENDED, REPEALED, OR ALTERED AFTER BEING DISCUSSED, PROPOSED, AND VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH OF EACH YEAR AFTER THE STATE ASSOCIATION HAS HELD ITS YEARLY MEETING IN FEBRUARY. ANY CHANGES IN THESE BY-LAWS MAY OCCUR ONLY ONCE A YEAR.*

**MAINTAINANCE OF ASSOCIATION RECORDS**

*BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2001, AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR, ALL RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION INCLUDING CHECK STUBS, BANK STATEMENTS, FINANCIAL RECORDS, RECEIPTS FOR PURCHASES, MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS, POINT BOOK, ECT. SHALL BE KEPT FOR 5 PREVIOUS YEARS. THESE RECORDS WILL BE STORED IN LARGE ENVELOPES AND CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE YEAR AND TYPE OF RECORDS CONTAINED.*

**PROTESTS**

*IN THE EVENT ANY CONTESTANT WISHES TO FILE A FORMAL PROTEST DISPUTING ANY RULE OR DECISION AT A SHOW, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PUT UP A \$50.00 "PROTEST BOND" PENDING THE FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF THE PROTEST IS FOUND TO BE VALID, THE PROTEST BOND WILL BE REFUNDED. THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE FINAL.*

**CLASSES**

*THE WESTARK ASSOCIATION MUST OFFER AT LEAST 75% OF THE EVENTS OF THE STATE HORSE SHOW PROGRAM AND MUST AGREE TO HAVE AS MANY OF THE REMAINING STATE SHOW EVENTS AS POSSIBLE.*

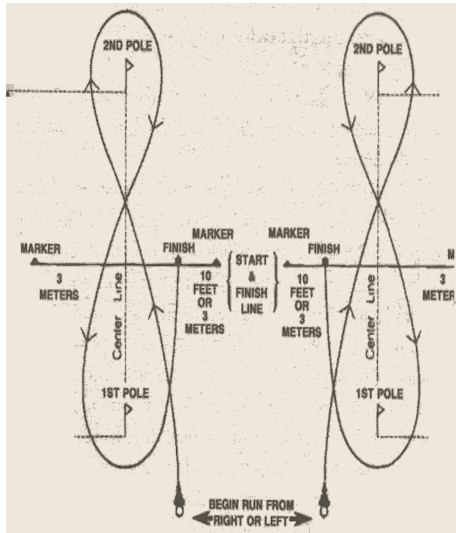
*THIS ASSOCIATION MAY ADD ANY EVENTS THAT THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEEM APPROPRIATE.*

**SCHOLARSHIP**

*WHSA SHALL AWARD AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP OF AT LEAST \$500 (AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL INCREASE) TO A MEMBER FOR AN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL OR TRADE COLLEGE) WHO IS PLANNING TO PURSUE AT LEAST A TWO YEAR COURSE OF STUDY. SEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPLICATION AND DETAILS.*

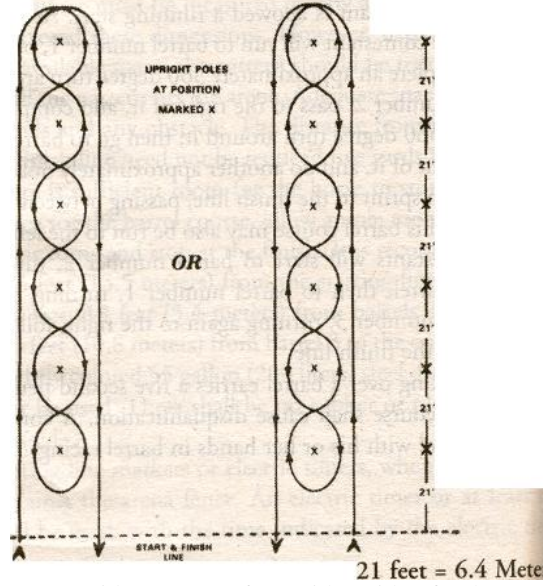
*BEGINNING IN 2007, WHSA WILL STRIVE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THIS ACCOUNT AND A PERCENTAGE OF SPONSORSHIP MONIES WILL BE PAID TO THIS ACCOUNT (PERCENTAGE TO BE DETERMINED EACH YEAR AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE). THIS FUND WILL SOLELY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR..*

### Stake Race Pattern



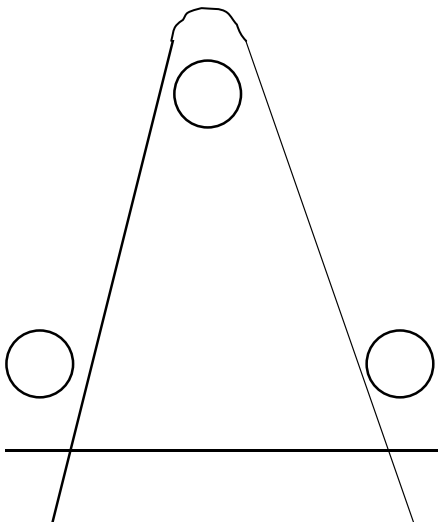
Rider may run from either side of cones.  
Failure to follow pattern as drawn will be disqualification.

### POLE BENDING PATTERN



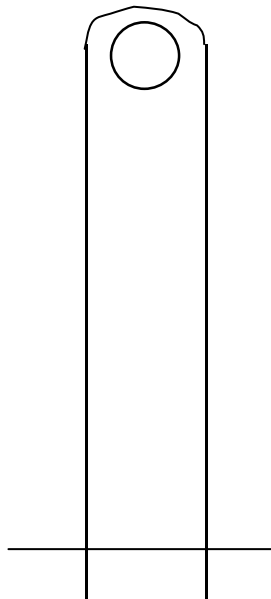
Rider may run from either side of poles.  
Failure to follow pattern as drawn will be disqualification.

### Flag Race Pattern



Rider may run from either side of arena, but  
Must designate before run if flag is wanted in  
Left bucket

### Speed Pattern



Rider may run from either  
side, making left or right turn

### Keyhole Pattern

