

## SMWRA SHOW RULES and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The show will be conducted under AQHA rules. The judge's decision is final.

The AQHA reserves the right to swab for drugs at random without prior notice.

Horses must be registered with their appropriate breed societies for AQHA, AAA and PHAA led events and proof of registration must be available upon request.

All Horses are eligible to compete in the Futurity/Maturity Halter classes, regardless of their breed or whether they are registered or not registered.

All Breeds Halter events are open to any other breed of horse that did not compete in the Quarter Horse, Appaloosa or Paint horse halter events. The All Breeds exhibit may or may not be registered with a relevant breed association.

All Stallion Handlers/Riders must be 18yrs of age or older.

Amateurs will be subject to AQHA rules and their current Amateur permit from their respective association must accompany their entry form.

Youth age to be taken from 1st August, of the current year.

Riders with Disabilities must produce their RDA card when submitting their entry form to the office in order to be eligible for the Riders with Disabilities events.

Riders with Disabilities events will be run in accordance with rule 474 of the AQHA Rule Book.

All riders are expected to dress in accordance to the AQHA rules. Any rider not dressed correctly will not be allowed through the gate to enter an event.

All Horses must be wearing the correct equipment in accordance with AQHA rules in order to compete in AQHA approved events. Entry to events may be denied if incorrect equipment is worn.

Classes may be run together if there are insufficient entries.

The SMWRA Show Committee reserves the right to change the order of events before or during the show.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to be aware of any program changes and also to notify the gate steward of any gear changes etc.. that leads to a competitor needing extra time to enter their event. **NOTE:** Classes will not be held up for any competitor that has not notified the gate steward of the time needed to prepare for an event.

The SMWRA Show Committee, its affiliates and sponsors will not be held responsible for any injury incurred, damage to or loss of goods. **All competitors compete at their own risk.**

There will be a disputes committee consisting of the SMWRA Show Manager, one SMWRA Show Committee Member and one Contestant. A \$50.00 fee is to be lodged with the dispute within 30 minutes of the event finishing.

The SMWRA Show Committee reserves the right to prohibit any person from showing or attending any horse in the show ring, and to remove any person or horse from the grounds without being liable for compensation. Persons who behave improperly or are under the influence of alcohol or drugs etc will not be tolerated.

All performance events are open to all horses regardless of their breed and whether they hold a registration certificate.

Two (2) year old horses may not compete in any ridden event until the January of their two (2) year old year.

A two (2) year old horse may only compete in a maximum of five (5) ridden classes at an approved show - restricted to western pleasure, hunter under saddle and trail. Two year olds in western may be shown in either a hackamore or snaffle bit, they are to be ridden two handed.

Junior horses are horses five (5) years and under. In western they can be shown in either a long shank bit with curb chain or leather strap, a hackamore or a snaffle bit. Junior horses are to be ridden one or two handed according to the bit they are wearing.

Senior Horses are horses six (6) years and over. In western they must be shown in a long shank bit with either a curb chain or leather strap. Senior Horses must be ridden one handed.

High Point Western Performance Horse Challenge is calculated from the following events, Trail (excluding, rider with disabilities and all led trail events.) Western Performance (excluding, lead line, all western horsemanship and all western riding events.) and Reining events (excluding, youth modified pattern.) To be eligible the same horse and rider must compete in a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) of each of the described events, at the one show. Points are awarded using the following tally table, 5pts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4pts for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3pts for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2pts for 4<sup>th</sup>, 1pt for 5<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Modified Pattern Reining event is for youth riders between the ages of 3 to 10yrs. Competitors may be led & can compete in any type of saddle, one or two handed and horses **DO NOT** have to be in proper western bits, but illegal bits according to AQHA rules will not be accepted. Youth Riders in this event are not eligible to compete in the Open Youth Reining event.

Open Walk & Trot and Walk & Jog competitors may ride two handed, however the horse must be wearing the correct bit according to the horses' age.

A Beginner Youth Rider and a Beginner Adult Rider is one that has not won a similar event in an Open, Amateur or Youth event where there were three or more entrants in the event or has not won three times in that particular Beginner Youth or Beginner Adult event at a SMWRA show where there were three or more entrants in the event. After a competitor has obtained these wins, they are no longer eligible to participate in the Beginner Youth or the Beginner Adult events in subsequent years. The competitor may continue to show in Beginner Youth or Beginner Adult events until the end of the point's year. Youth Riders and Adult Riders may return to Beginner events under special circumstances (after injury, riding new horse etc.) at the discretion of the SMWRA committee. Beginner Youth Riders and Beginner Adult Riders may ride two handed, however the horse must be wearing the correct bit according to its age.

Beginner Rider classes are a confidence building class and competitors are not expected to dress in full Western or English show attire. However they must dress according to the AQHA rules to the best of their abilities. For Western classes competitors should wear a pair of jeans, a long sleeve shirt, a belt, riding boots and either a Western style hat or a safety approved helmet, at a minimum. For English classes competitors should wear a pair of jodhpurs, a long sleeve shirt, tie or ratcatcher, riding boots, an English style jacket and either an English style helmet or a safety approved helmet, at a minimum.

In relation to Hacking events, a Novice Pony/Galloway/Hack is one that has not won a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon in a ridden event, at any Agricultural Society Show.

**GOOD LUCK & HAPPY SHOWING**