

SOUTHERN STATES ACADEMY HORSE SHOW

RULES

(as of 04/02/24)

Show Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries of any exhibitor at its discretion and require horses and entrants to vacate the premises at its discretion and without liability.

Academy entries are to follow all horse show entry rules, i.e., they are due at the same time as performance entries.

The following rules **MUST** be followed. If violations are determined by Show Management, **ALL ENTRIES** from the offending barn will be disqualified and asked to leave the showgrounds.

Safety is of the utmost importance! Unruly, out of control or disruptive horses will be excused.

It is strongly suggested that handlers/headers are sixteen (16) years of age or older.

Trainers, with multiple riders in a class that competes collectively who require/need a header, must provide multiple leaders/headers.

Horses are NOT to be led into the show ring with a lead shank attached to the bit.

Riders

- Riders are to be enrolled in a professionally run lesson program.
- Once riders show in regular performance classes, they are no longer eligible to show in Academy classes. However, returning riders are eligible for WTC Academy classes after a 10-year absence from the show ring.
- Riders who have shown in a regular division, or in a suit/coat, are no longer eligible to show in Academy classes, with the exception of Show Rider classes.
- Riders who have shown/been judged in WTC classes are no longer eligible to return to WT classes.
- Riders who have shown/been judged in WT classes are no longer eligible to show in Lead Line.
- Riders may not show in any performance division at the same show (except driving or in hand classes), with the exception of Show Riders.
- Age of the rider is determined by their age as of December 1 of the previous year.
- NO earpieces allowed on riders in the show ring. If rider is hearing impaired, medical documentation must be produced for Show Management.
- Riders who show in "elite" classes at other shows must enter the Show Rider classes since they are considered advanced riders.

Horses

- Horses must be regularly used as lesson horses.
- While it is preferred that horses are owned by instructors, horses may be owned or leased by riders **IF** they are used regularly by others as a lesson/school horse.
- Horses shown in Academy classes cannot be in show training with a professional. This includes horses on consignment. Horses should not have been professionally trained within 60 days of show.
- Horses should be plain shod. (Exception may be made if corrective shoeing is needed, one pad and/or wedge is allowed for the comfort of the horse.) The definition of "show package" will be determined by Show Management, with help from Show Farrier if needed.
- Hoof blacking is optional; no ribbon braiding allowed.
- School horses may cross enter into regular show classes at the same show.
- Academy classes are open to mares and geldings of any breed.

Tack

- Horses are to be tacked with saddle consistent with style of riding (saddle seat, hunt seat, western).
- Full or Pelham bridles or snaffle bridle with martingale. A martingale on a leverage bit is prohibited.
- Wraps, splint boots, bell boots are permitted if needed for the safety of the horse and in driving classes. No blinkers allowed in under saddle classes.

Attire

- To be appropriate for the style of riding/driving.
- Jodhpurs, breeches, dark pants, long sleeve shirt, with collar, tie, gloves, vest (sweater permissible in very cold weather) Riding suits and jackets are prohibited. Chaps and western hats are prohibited.
- Roweled spurs are not permitted.
- All riders 17 years of age & under MUST wear protective headgear that meets or exceeds ASTM/SEI standards. However, all riders are encouraged to wear protective headgear.

Judging

- Exhibitors are to be judged on their skill to effectively control the horse and to show the horse to its best advantage.
- Horsemanship/Showmanship classes are judged on the rider's performance ability – how well they show the horse and utilize the ring including correct diagonals and leads. Diagonals will count, no backing. Rider's ability to show is paramount.
- Equitation classes are to be judged on a rider's basic equitation skills – riding on correct leads and diagonals, conveying the impression of effective and easy control.
- Horses are not to back, perform an extended trot, or a hand gallop.
- Headers are permitted in the line-up for the 10 & under riders; no towels or whips allowed.
- The horse IS NOT to be judged.

Descriptions

- Pattern Classes – No rail work, entries to work the pattern individually.
- Novice Rider Classes – open to Academy riders who have not won 3 classes in their respective divisions (WT & WTC). This will be on the "Honor System" as winter tournaments/barn show results are not recorded.
- Green Rider Classes – open to Academy riders in their 1st year of *cantering*.
- Show Rider Classes – for advanced Academy riders or amateur/junior exhibitor riders with prior show ring experience. A Show Rider may not return to regular Academy classes.
- Academy Driving Showmanship/Reinsmanship Classes – Open to any amateur or junior exhibitor. Drivers may not cross enter into other driving classes at the same show but may cross enter into under saddle performance classes or other Academy classes. Academy driver may be accompanied in the cart by an experienced adult who is not allowed to coach. Only a 2-wheel cart/buggy is permitted in driving classes.
- WT Lead Line (8 & Under) – Riders will be led in at the walk and worked each way of the ring. They will trot individually past the judge. Riders are expected to post but correct diagonals are not required. Class will be judged.

Academy riders may earn high points in only one (1) Academy category per show (2 classes - equitation and showmanship). If a first year rider shows in beginner/green and age group classes at the same show, only the beginner/green classes will count for ASAC high points. For all others showing in multiple categories at the same show, such as novice and age group, the age group classes will count for ASAC high points. This does not pertain to anyone who enters Academy Driving classes.

Class Splits

Should class splits be necessary, the rider's age and classification (A-Advanced, B-Beginner, C-Intermediate) **must** be listed on the entry form. Entries made without split information will automatically be entered into the Advanced sections.

- Classes should have no more than 15 entries.
- 10 & Under WT/8 & Under WT will split at 10 entries.
- 6 & Under WT will split at 6 entries.

Class List

- 200 Academy Showmanship Driving
- 201 Academy Reinsmanship Driving (*Figure 8 to be performed after rail work*)
- 202 Show Rider Showmanship WTC
- 203 Show Rider Equitation WTC
- 204 Academy Equitation WTC, 18 & Over
- 205 Academy Showmanship WTC, 18 & Over
- 206 Academy Equitation WTC, 14-17
- 207 Academy Showmanship WTC, 14-17
- 208 Academy Equitation WTC, 13 & Under
- 209 Academy Showmanship WTC, 13 & Under
- 210 Green Rider Academy Equitation WTC, All Ages
- 211 Rider Academy Showmanship WTC, All Ages
- 212 Novice Rider Academy Equitation WTC, All Ages
- 213 Novice Rider Academy Showmanship WTC, All Ages
- 214 Academy Hunt Seat Equitation WTC
- 215 Academy Hunt Seat Showmanship WTC
- 216 Academy Hunt Seat Equitation WT
- 217 Academy Hunt Seat Showmanship WT
- 218 Lead Line – 8 & Under WT Equitation
- 219 Lead Line – 8 & Under WT Showmanship
- 220 Show Rider Showmanship WT
- 221 Show Rider Equitation WT
- 221.1 Academy Equitation WT, 30 & Over
- 221.2 Academy Showmanship WT, 30 & Over
- 222 Academy Equitation WT, 14 & Over
- 223 Academy Showmanship WT, 14 & Over
- 224 Academy Equitation WT, 11-13
- 225 Academy Showmanship WT, 11-13
- 226 Academy Equitation WT, 9 & 10
- 227 Academy Showmanship WT, 9 & 10
- 228 Academy Equitation WT, 7 & 8
- 229 Academy Showmanship WT, 7 & 8
- 230 Academy Equitation WT, 6 & Under
- 231 Academy Showmanship WT, 6 & Under
- 232 Green Rider Academy Equitation WT, All Ages
- 233 Green Rider Academy Showmanship WT, All Ages
- 234 Novice Rider Academy Equitation WT, All Ages
- 235 Novice Rider Academy Showmanship WT, All Ages
- 236 Pattern Class WTC, All Ages (*no rail work*)
- 237 Pattern Class, WT, All Ages (*no rail work*)

Academy WTC Pattern Options

WTC PATTERN #1

- Trot down the rail to the center of the turn. Halt.
- Canter one (1) circle on the correct lead. Halt. Reverse.
- Trot one (1) circle on the correct diagonal.
- Continue trotting down the rail, showing one (1) change of diagonal at the midpoint of the rail.
- Exit the arena at a trot.

WTC PATTERN #2

- Enter the arena and trot down the right straightaway, showing two (2) changes of diagonal. Begin on the right diagonal.
- Continue trotting to the center of the end of the ring. Halt.
- Canter a circle on the left lead. Halt.
- Trot from the center of the turn down the next straightaway on the right diagonal.

- Exit the arena without stopping.

Academy WT Pattern Options

WT PATTERN #1

- Enter the arena at a trot, beginning on the right diagonal. Trot three-fourths (3/4) of the way down the straightaway, showing one (1) change of diagonal. Halt.
- Trot a two (2) loop serpentine across the width of the arena and continue to trot around the end of the ring.
- Continue to trot the straightaway showing two (2) changes of diagonal.
- Exit the arena at a trot without stopping.

WT PATTERN #2

- Enter the arena and trot down the rail to the left showing two (2) changes of diagonal, beginning on the left diagonal.
- Continue trotting through the turn and execute a circle at the beginning of the next straightaway. Halt.
- Pick up a trot on the right diagonal. Change to the left diagonal at the halfway point of the straightaway.
- Continue trotting to the end of the straightaway and exit the arena.

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SHOW SAFETY AND SECURITY RULES

All persons on the competition grounds must comply with all safety rules and procedures. Failure to comply with the safety rules and procedures may result in suspension/halting of overall competition, fines, issuance of warning cards, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, and/or removal from the competition grounds.

Show Management reserves the right to remove anyone from the competition grounds for any unsafe actions, illegal behavior, or failure to comply with any safety rules/procedures at the Show Manager's, Steward's or Safety Coordinators Discretion.

- Anyone participating in the competition (rider, trainer, owner, volunteers, and officials) are required to complete a show specific general liability waiver form prior to participation.
- All dogs/pets must always remain on a leash anywhere on the competition grounds. Dogs/pets are not allowed in any foodservice or serving area. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds. All dogs/pets must have current inoculations for rabies as prescribed by the state of residency. Show management reserves the right to remove any dog/pet from the competition grounds at any time.
- Dogs/pets must not be left unattended in vehicles and/or trailers. Failure to comply will result in an issuance of warning cards, potential forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, fines, potential removal from the competition grounds, and reporting to local animal control/law enforcement.
- All local and state adopted fire safety codes and regulations must be followed. This includes ensuring adequate ingress/egress ability (minimum 5' path), exits are not blocked, use of flame-resistant draping, approved electrical cords and appliances are utilized appropriately, electrical circuits are not overloaded, utilization of fire watch, etc.
- No outdoor burning, fire pits, or campfires will be allowed on competition grounds.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited in the show arena, warm up arena, and inside the barns.
- Fireworks and/or explosives are not allowed on the competition grounds.
- Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles if they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Failure to comply will result in possible fines, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds
- The maximum number of passengers on a golf cart should not exceed the number of seats.
- Non powered/powerd scooters, bicycles, skateboards, in line skates, and heelers (skates in shoes) are not permitted in the show arena, warmup arena, or the interior of any barns.
- Anyone involved in damaging/destroying property, stealing property, communicating threats, conducting acts of violence, assault/abuse (physical, emotional, verbal, sexual), stalking, harassment, disorderly conduct, animal cruelty, or any other illegal activities will be removed from

the competition grounds and fully prosecuted of the law.

- Show management reserves the right to remove and ban any public spectators from the competition grounds for acts of disobedience, discourtesy, or causing a disruption to the competition/competitors.
- Any act of discourtesy, disobedience, bullying, harassment, retaliation, slander, or unsportsmanlike conduct to the judges, officials, show management, show staff, or other participants, on the part of an owner, rider/driver, trainer/agent, attendee, or groom will disqualify horse or rider/driver. Failure to comply will result in possible fines, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds.
- Unattended children, excessive noise, running, or other actions that may disrupt competitors are not allowed in the competition arena. Parents/guardians must always maintain supervision of their children while inside the arena and ensure they remain seated and are not disrupting the competition or competitors. Children under the age of 12 are not allowed along the rail.
- Individuals under the age of 21 are not allowed to possess and/or consume alcohol. Anyone under the age of 21 caught in possession will be immediately reported to law enforcement and removed permanently from the competition grounds. Any adult 21 or older caught providing alcohol to an individual under the age of 21 and/or knowingly allowing them to consume alcohol will result in forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, reporting to law enforcement, and removal from the competition grounds. Show management reserves the right to verify age by checking the identification of any individual in possession or believed to be in possession of alcohol on the competition grounds.
- Anyone who is under the influence of alcohol, or a controlled substance are prohibited from operating a motorized vehicle, riding/driving a horse, or participating in the competition while they are in an impaired state that may endanger themselves or others.
- Show management reserves the right to remove any individual from the competition grounds and involve law enforcement (as needed) who appear or are found to be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance at any time.
- Anyone entering the competition grounds must agree to following all COVID-19 safety policies. The competition will adhere to any local, state, and federal requirements related to COVID-19.
- No parking will be allowed in the barn area, in an area that impedes the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, in any area designated as a fire lane/no parking zone, and/or blocking a manure pit or trash receptacle. Motor vehicles must park in appropriate designated areas and follow all traffic safety laws on the competition grounds. Show management and the facility reserves the right to tow any vehicle improperly parked at the vehicle owner's expense.
- Sharp containers are provided in convenient locations throughout the barns for the disposal of needles, medical waste, and other disposable sharp instruments. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds.
- No one should purposely or intentionally damage or remove any signage, decorations, arena wrap/bunting, plants, hospitality items, safety items, or other show provided items. Failure to comply will result in possible fines, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds.
- Any loss, theft, accident, injury, damage to personal property, or illegal activity should be reported

to the show office/management immediately.

- Show management and officials reserves the right to suspend competition temporarily or permanently during any event that may impact the safety, security, health, and the general wellbeing of participants on the competition grounds.
- Lost and found will be in the show office.

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING: CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS RIDE/PARTICIPATE/ATTEND AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor, show manager and staff, and equine professionals is not liable for any injury to, illness from, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

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COVID-19 SAFETY POLICIES

By entering the competition grounds, I attest that:

1. I am **not** experiencing any possible COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea).
2. I have **not** tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days or tested positive outside of 10 days and still symptomatic.
3. I have **not** been in proximity (within 6ft of an infected individual for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more during a 24-hour period) to anyone who has tested positive within the last 10 days.
4. I **understand** that if I am experiencing any symptom, tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days (or outside of 10 days and still experiencing symptoms), or have been near someone who has tested positive within the last 10-days I will not be allowed to enter the competition grounds or participate in the competition.
5. I **agree** to **comply** with all organizer requirements, safety rules, and protocols for attendance/participation including but not limited to wearing a face mask/face covering (as situations/policy require), social distancing, temperature screening, and frequent handwashing.
 - a. Face masks/coverings are highly recommended, especially for those who are not fully vaccinated.
 - b. It is expected that everyone maintains adequate social distancing and washes/sanitizes hands regularly.
6. I **understand** that if I test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of competition, show management must be notified immediately.
7. I **understand** I can be **removed** from competition grounds for non-compliance of safety, security, and COVID-19 protocols/rules at any time.
 - a. **Failure to comply** will disqualify the horse or rider/driver and the owner shall forfeit his/her entry and other fees including prize money won, and immediate from the competition grounds.
8. **I acknowledge that the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this equestrian competition, I voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure and agree not to hold the competition, its organizers, or any of its directors, officers, staff, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.**