

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION
AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS & RULES
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THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION 2010

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: The Northwest Arkansas Horse Show Association. Hereinafter called the Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Northwest Arkansas Horse Show Association is to promote better horse shows, better horsemanship, better sportsmanship in the Northwest Arkansas area and to encourage more family participation in horse-oriented activities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Any person interested in promoting better horsemanship, better horse shows, and better sportsmanship in the Northwest Arkansas area among exhibitors, judges, and show committees, may join the Association. Any person who joins shall thereby become subject to the By-Laws and Rules then in force or later adopted by the Association, and shall be subject to expulsion from the Association as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Dues

The annual dues shall be \$35.00 for a family and \$20.00 for an individual. Membership for each year will begin January 1 and end December 31. A family shall mean married persons or grandparents and any unmarried children living in the same household. No dues will be returned for any reason.

Section 3. Expulsion

The following acts, when proof of their commission shall be established, by evidence satisfactorily to the executive board of the Association, shall in themselves be full and sufficient grounds for expelling any person from membership.

- a#. Any person, or persons, displaying poor sportsmanship at a show or conducting themselves in such a manner to reflect a bad impression upon the NWAHSA. This includes using profane and abusive language at an approved show to a judge or other

- person.
- b. Failure to pay, when due, an obligation owing to NWAHSA.
 - c. For giving a worthless check for entry fees, or other fees, connected with the Association, or with the exhibition of horses.

Section 4. Voting Privileges

Any person age 19 and over who is a paid member, of good standing, of the Association shall have one (1) vote. The membership and voting year will be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Composition

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, whom shall be the President, Vice President, Point Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary. There will be eight (8) Directors, with one (1) Board Member-Emeritus position, plus the retiring President, if one. By majority vote of the members a person who has consistently supported the Northwest Arkansas Horse Show Association with their time and service may be elected to the position of "Board Member-Emeritus". The nomination for the Emeritus status shall be at the sole discretion of the then current Board of Directors. In the event an individual shall be elected to the position of Board Member-Emeritus, they shall hold that position for life or until they resign. The membership may, by majority vote, remove an individual from the Emeritus position only in the event that individual performs such acts that negatively affect the Northwest Arkansas Horse Show Association or its members.

Section 2. Election

A. Officers

The Officers of the Association shall be nominated either by the Nominating Committee and/or the membership at large and elected by plurality vote at the Annual Election of Officers Meeting. It is recommended that the President be nominated from the Executive Board.

B. Directors

The Directors of the Association shall be nominated either by the Nominating Committee and/or the membership at large and elected by plurality vote at the Annual Election of Officers Meeting. The retiring President shall automatically become a Director for one year.

Section 3. Term of Office

A. Officers

The officers of the Association shall be elected for a one year term. Terms to begin in

October to the next year in October.

B. Directors

The Directors on the board shall be elected for a one year term. Term to begin at the elections in October to the next year in October.

Section 4. Vacancies, Resignations, and Suspensions

All vacancies in the elective officers of the Association shall be filled by appointment by the President with board approval for the unexpired term and those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors. All resignations shall be submitted to the board by means of a written statement. Any board member who voluntarily misses three consecutive board meetings could be subject for suspension from the board upon the situation not being resolved.

Section 5. Power and Duties

A. President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all regular, special, and regular board meetings. The President shall see that the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association are enforced, and shall perform all other duties as required from time to time by the Association's members and Executive Board. He shall be Ex-Efficio member of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee. He shall be a member of, and the Association's representative to, The Arkansas State Horse Show Board of Directors.

B. Vice President

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as required by the Association's members and Board of Directors.

C. Secretaries

1. Corresponding Secretary: This secretary shall handle all correspondence, including the newsletter, meeting notifications, and other written communications.

2. Recording Secretary: This secretary shall record all meeting minutes, prepare the minutes for the official records of NWAHSA, and read the minutes of the previous meetings.

3. Point Secretary: This secretary shall keep the points for Year-End Awards in each class and for All-Around Awards, and shall keep points for the State Show qualifications.

4. Secretary-Treasurer: This secretary shall keep all records of the Association, a simple set of books, financial statements, and records on any special projects.

D. Directors

The directors shall exercise all powers of the Association and do all such lawful acts and things as are provided by the By-Laws and Rules of this Association.

E. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three members whom shall present a slate of officers and directors to the membership at large at each annual election meeting. In order to be nominated for elected position, nominee must be paid member for at least three (3) months prior. They may also appoint other special committees to perform such duties and to have such powers as shall be prescribed by the resolutions of the Executive Board. They shall have the power to approve show dates and locations. All committee members must be a member in good standing of the Association.

Section 6. Voting

All members of the Executive Board, including the Vice President and Secretaries, are allowed to vote at board meetings, with the exception of the President, who only votes in case of a tie.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings

Each year an Annual Meeting will be held in October to elect the officers and board of the Association. The election of the Executive Board will be held at this meeting. Any amendment of the By-Laws and/or Rule changes will be voted upon before February. Ten days prior written notice must be given to all members of the Association.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President, Executive Board, or upon written request of 25% of the voting membership. Ten days prior written notice should be given to all members of the Association.

Section 3. Executive Board Meetings

The President, as deemed necessary in order to conduct the business and affairs of the Association, shall call Executive Board meetings. A majority of members of the board may also call a board meeting.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws and Rules, excluding Article XII, may be amended or altered only by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Rule and By-Law meeting. All members

must be a paid member in good standing of the Association. The board shall have the authority to amend or alter Article XII Show Rules with a 75% approval of the current seated board members.

ARTICLE VII - QUORUM

At any regular, special, or board meeting, the majority present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this Association

ARTICLE IX - NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Association does not have capital stock or shares and shall never be privately owned. The Association shall never pay any individual or profits to any individual, and no part of the net earnings shall benefit any one individual. All funds acquired by the Association shall be used to pay expenses and for the extension and maintenance of its purposes and assets. In the event of any liquidation, dissolutions, or winding up of all obligations of the Association and in conformity with the status herein described, the Association shall adopt a plan of liquidation pursuant to the Arkansas Non-Profit Act as amended.

ARTICLE X - CONTRACTS

Any contracts, agreements, checks, notes, deposits, and funds executed by the Association shall be approved by the Executive Board, the Directors, and signed by the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE XI - ARKANSAS STATE HORSE SHOW

Section 1. Membership

The Association is a member of the Arkansas State Horse Show Association and shall pay its annual dues of \$100.00 when due. The Association mandatory classes will include 75% of the State Show Classes.

Section 2. State Show Director

The Association President will be a member of the Arkansas State Horse Show Directors and our representative. He/She shall attend the directors meetings, usually held in Little Rock, as necessary or required. The Association will reimburse him/her \$65.00 for expenses for each trip

to Little Rock to a meeting.

Section 3. State Show Entries

The Point Secretary will keep points on the riders in the classes that are State Show Classes to determine the top five in each class that will be eligible to compete in the Arkansas State Championship Horse Show. The Association Secretary will pay five place entries in each class to the State Show Secretary. NWAHSA will pay for the class entry expenses for each qualifying exhibitor to the Arkansas State Horse Show.

Section 4. Arkansas State Horse Show Meeting

All qualified exhibitors, or the parents of qualified minor exhibitors, must attend the State Show meeting in order to complete the required paperwork to compete at the Arkansas State Horse Show. Any exhibitor who fails to attend this meeting, or who fails to make arrangements with the President or the Points Secretary to complete the necessary paperwork prior to this meeting if you absolutely cannot attend, will be banned from competing at the Arkansas State Horse Show for that year. Any exhibitor who completes the paperwork but subsequently cancels their request to compete will be banned from competing that year. The President shall set the date of the State Show meeting, notify all club members in advance and allow sufficient time after the meeting to correlate the documents required by the Arkansas State Horse Show Association.

Section 5. Arkansas State Horse Show Scratches

Any Arkansas State Horse Show competitor who knows at least 24 hours in advance of their class that they will not be able to or willing to compete and who fails to notify the President that they will be scratching a class will be subject to sanctions. These sanctions may include but are not limited to forfeiture of any Year End Awards for that year and/or repayment of the Arkansas State Horse Show class fee(s). The extent and form of sanctions will be determined by the Executive Board. This 24-hour notice will allow another exhibitor to compete in that scratched class.

ARTICLE XII - SHOW RULES

Section 1. Entry Fees & Classes

A. Entry Fees

1. An individual can show in as many classes as they choose in any one show for a maximum of \$35.00 (excludes office charge). A family can show in as many classes as they choose in any one show for a maximum of \$55.00 (excludes office charge). All fees are double for double point shows except office charge.
2. Other individual show fees are:

- (a) All Youth Classes = \$3.00 each
- (b) All Senior, Open, and Halter Classes = \$4.00 each
- (c) Office Charge = \$5.00 per contestant
- (d) No entry fee or office charge for Lead Line Equitation.

3. These fees are also double for double point shows.

4. Contestants ages for all classes are as of January 1, 2010.

B. NWAHSA Show Classes for 2010:

- 1. 2 Year & Younger Mares
- 2. 3 Year & Older Mares
- 3. 2 Year & Younger Stallions
- 4. 3 Year & Older Stallions
- 5. 2 Year & Younger Geldings
- 6. 3 Year & Older Geldings
- 7. Halter Color Open
- 8. 10 x 13 Showmanship
- 9. 13 and Younger Showmanship
- 10. 14 to 18 Showmanship
- 11. 19 and Over Showmanship
- 12. Lead Line Equitation
- 13. Pony Western Pleasure*
- 14. Walk Trot Western Pleasure (10 and Younger)*
- 15. Walk Trot Western Pleasure 18 & Younger
- 16. Walk Trot Western Pleasure 19 & Over
- 17. Novice Rider Walk Trot Western Pleasure (All Ages)+
- 18. Queens Class Western Pleasure*
- 19. Junior Horse Western Pleasure (Horse 5 Years Old or Younger)*
- 20. Boys and Girls 18 and Younger Western Pleasure*
- 21. Senior Western Pleasure (Rider 19 and Over)*
- 22. Youth Western Pleasure 13 and Younger*
- 23. Youth Western Pleasure 14 to 18*
- 24. Horsemanship, Youth 13 and Younger*
- 25. Horsemanship, Youth 14 to 18*
- 26. Horsemanship, Senior 19 and Over
- 27. Open Western Pleasure
- 28. Open Trail Class
- 29. Open Reining (All Ages)*
- 30. English Walk Trot (All Ages)
- 31. Novice Rider Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle (All Ages)+
- 32. 13 and Younger Hunter Under Saddle
- 33. 14 and Over Hunter Under Saddle (Rider 14 and Over)

34. Open Hunter Under Saddle (All Ages)*
35. Open Hunt Seat Equitation (All Ages)
36. 10x13 Pole Bending*
37. 13 and Younger Pole Bending*
38. 14 to 18 Pole Bending*
39. 19 & Over Pole Bending*
40. 10x13 Barrel Race*
41. 13 and Younger Barrel Race*
42. 14 to 18 Barrel Race*
43. 19 & Over Barrel Race*
44. 18 & Under Flag Race*
45. 19 & Over Flag Race*
46. 18 & Under Speed Race*
47. 19 & Over Speed Race*
48. Open Barrel Pickup (All Ages)*
49. Open Keyhole (All Ages)*

*Classes in which the top 5 year end point earners will be eligible to compete in the Arkansas State Horse Show

+Exhibitor cannot have placed first in over 3 classes of this type one (1) year prior. Year end winner from previous year not eligible.

C. AQHA rules will apply where not otherwise specified in NWAHSA rule book.

D. Northwest Arkansas Horse Show Association rules apply. No Stallions permitted in any 18 & Younger classes. The Northwest Arkansas Horse Show Association, its members, or any persons associated with producing these shows are not responsible for injury, accident, or loss of any type occurring before, during, or after these shows.

E. NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED.

Section 2. Judges

NWAHSA has voted to limit the cost of fees paid to Judges. The maximum fee will be \$350.00 per Judge. A Judge for a NWAHSA approved show must be selected by the Executive Board. Designation as an Association approved Judge is a privilege, not a right bestowed by the Executive Board, according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. An individual's conduct, as a member, exhibitor, and Judge and his ability must be exemplary, and is subject to continual board review. Such designation is revocable by the Executive Board with or without notice or hearing.

A. A Judge shall not appear on the show or contestant grounds more than fifteen minutes before the judging. A Judge shall not visit the horse's stall area, nor visit with owners, trainers, exhibitors, or owner's representatives. The Judge shall not inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show or contest before the judging, nor shall he review the program until after the judging has been completed. The Judge shall be furnished a schedule of

- events by the show management prior to the judging.
- B.** The Judge, at his discretion, may refuse an entry into the arena or remove an entry from a class for improper attire and/or equipment. Only one Judge may be used for any one halter class (Except for Double Point Shows). All halter classes, of one sex division, must be judged by the same Judge.
 - C.** In performance classes, the use of more than one Judge is optional. The Judge shall have the authority to place a horse in whatever position in a class he/she thinks the merit of the horse justifies. His/her decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the horse. Each Judge is responsible for tallying the correct number of entries actually exhibited in each class he/she judges, and marking the correct figure on the form for this purpose supplied by the NWAHSA. When an exhibitor makes a request, through the Ring Steward, or other show official, for the Judge's opinion concerning that exhibitor's horse, it is urged that the Judge will give his/her opinion courteously and sincerely in the presence of the Ring Steward, or other show official. There will be no fraternization between the exhibitor and the Judge during the show.
 - D.** The Judge may order any person or horse from competition for bad conduct of one or both, or may disqualify any contestant for excessive abuse of the horse.

Section 3. Show Manager

Any reputable person may act in the capacity of Show Manager who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience.

- E.** The Show Manager shall be the person in charge of the NWAHSA show.
- F.** The Show Manager shall have the sole authority to enforce all rules referring to the show.
- G.** The Show Manager may excuse any horse or exhibitor from the show prior to or during the judging.
- H.** The Show Manager, at the close of the show, will receive from the Ring Steward a marked copy to the judging program, signed by the Judge, or Judges, and Ring Steward. (The show management for at least one year will retain this copy so that they will be available upon request by the NWAHSA).

Section 4. Ring Steward

- I.** A competent Ring Steward will be required at all approved shows. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of Ring Steward who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience, and is familiar with NWAHSA rules. A good Ring Steward makes the work of the Judge easier by relieving the Judge of unnecessary details. By assembling the class promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate long delay between classes.
- J.** The Ring Steward will notify the Judge when all the horses are present for each class and call his attention to those horses which are absent. This information will be placed on the record, which the steward marks after each class has been judged.
- K.** The Ring Steward must have in mind that he has been selected to help the Judge, not advise him. He shall carefully refrain from discussing the horses or the exhibitors with the Judge. Ring Stewards shall not take part, or seem to take part, in any of the judging. When he is

not actively engaged in his duties, he shall place himself in such a position so as not to interfere with the Judging and the view of the spectators. He must not allow the exhibitors to crowd up in the ring or arena and should at all times endeavor to keep the possibilities of an accident at a minimum.

- L. The Ring Steward has charge of the activity in the ring or the arena. He should act as mediator between the Judge and the exhibitor. The Judge should request the Ring Steward to move and place horses as he advises. When the ring or arena is small in size and the class entries are large, he should survey the situation and take every precaution to keep the horses moving until the Judge is ready for them to be judged. He has the authority to ask an exhibitor to remove his horse for the safety of other horses or the spectators. It is necessary that a competent Ring Steward be used; one who can control the conduct of the horses and exhibitors in the ring, and one who can competently keep the classes progressing and who is familiar with the rules and regulations of the NWAHSA.
- M. The Ring Steward has the authority to remove unsportsmanlike exhibitors from the arena.

Section 5. Secretary

Any reputable person may act in the capacity of Secretary who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through experience. The Secretary is in charge of the entry desk at an approved NWAHSA show.

Section 6. Announcer

Any reputable person may act in the capacity of announcer who has the ability and experience. This person must be familiar with the NWAHSA rules and horse show terms used in announcing the show. This person is responsible for announcing the correct placing of each class.

Section 7. Challenges

In the event any contestant of a show desire to lodge a complaint in connection with the show, he/she shall make that complaint to the Ring Steward who shall resolve that matter by referring to the rules and/or members of the Executive Board present at that time.

Section 8. Point Distribution For NWAHSA Classes

One set of points is kept for NWAHSA Classes for Year End Awards and for State Show qualifying. (The points will be kept on the exhibitor.)

A. All Around Awards

For Exhibitors in each of the Applicable Age Divisions for Performance and Speed.

1. 10x13 Age Classes
2. 13 & Younger Classes
3. 14 to 18 Classes

4. 19 & Over Classes

Points must be awarded in at least two classes to be eligible for an All-Around Award. Points for the following Classes will not count towards All Around Awards: Queens Class Western Pleasure, Walk Trot Western Pleasure 10 & Under, Novice Rider Walk Trot Western Pleasure and Novice Rider Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle. A 50% class attendance is required to be eligible for year end awards in that class.

B. State Horse Show

The top five exhibitors in each qualifying class will qualify for the State Horse Show.

1. Membership Points: Both the owner and the exhibitor must be members of NWAHSA regardless of leases or any other agreements, written or verbal, to earn any points for Year End Awards or State Show qualifications. Note: any horse, regardless of ownership, may show at the State Horse Show.

2. Work Requirement: Each member family will be responsible for working 5 hours per member family and show in 50% of the shows each year to be eligible for points to count toward Year End Awards or State Show qualifying. Each member must be in good standing with the NWAHSA.

3. Tie Breaker: In the event of a tie for an All Around, the contestant will be declared the winner who, 1) earned the most points in the greatest number of events on one horse, 2) earned the most points in the riding (Performance) events, and 3) winning over the greatest number of horses (or contestants) in that order.

4. In case of a tie for State Show qualifications, the contestant winning over the greatest number of exhibitors will be declared the winner of the tie. If contestants are still tied, the final decision will be referred to the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Points

Points for Year End Awards and State Show qualifying will be for the first through sixth place as follows:

1 st	6 Points
2 nd	5 Points
3 rd	4 Points
4 th	3 Points
5 th	2 Points
6 th	1 Point

Provided there are six horses in the class. If there are not six, one point shall be awarded for each entry in the class. Entries are those who enter the arena. For example: 4 entries: 1st - 4 Points, 2nd - 3 Points, 3rd - 2 Points, 4th - 1 Point. If only two horses enter arena, points shall be:

1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 Points. If only one horse enters arena, points shall be 1st - 3 Points. Points are awarded only if both the exhibitor and the owner are members of NWAHSA.

Section 10. Miscellaneous Show Rules - All Approved Classes

- A.** Unless otherwise stated, AQHA rules will be used to govern our classes and the current AQHA handbook used for reference. Changes adopted each year by the AQHA will also be adopted by NWAHSA.
- B.** Exhibitors Numbers: All contestants in performance classes must prominently display the number assigned to them by the Association. Speed class contestants will not be required to display an exhibitors number.
- C.** Any contestant withdrawing from a class after entering shall forfeit his entry fee.
- D.** Classes are open to any "Stock" type horse. No registration with any breed is required. Proof of age will be required if formally questioned.
- E.** Negative Coggins - The Arkansas State Law required every horse to have proof of negative coggins test (EIA). The original test must accompany every horse. A copy of the test can be kept in the NWAHSA coggins notebook for proof of negative coggins.
- F.** Exhibition rides will be allowed. A \$3.00 fee will be charged. No exhibitor who exhibitions will be issued an exhibitor number nor shall any points for Year End Awards be counted. All exhibition riders will be run in the timed events at the end of the class. If there are any exhibition rides in any other classes, the Judge is to be made aware of the exhibition contestant and they are not to be judged.
- G.** Challenges: In the event any contestant of a show desire to lodge a complaint in connection with the show, he/she shall make that complaint to the Ring Steward who shall resolve the matter by referring to the rules and/or members of the Executive Board who are present at that time.
- H.** Age Requirements: Refer to the AQHA rulebook.
- I.** Youth Age: Stated as of January 1st of the current year.
- J.** Youth Rules: AQHA rules, except a horse may be shown in two age divisions.
- K.** Irregularities: AQHA rules.
- L.** Equipment and Attire: AQHA rules.
- M.** Speed Events: The hat rule, along with the long sleeve rule, has been waived. If you choose to wear a hat or cap and you lose it, you will receive a five (5) second penalty.
- N.** Any exhibitor disqualified from a class for any reason will not receive a placing for that class and no points shall be awarded to that exhibitor.

Section 11. Halter Classes

- 1.** 2 Year & Younger Mares
- 2.** 3 Year & Older Mares
- 3.** 2 Year & Younger Stallions
- 4.** 3 Year & Older Stallions
- 5.** 2 Year & Younger Geldings
- 6.** 3 Year & Other Geldings
- 7.** Color Halter Class - Open (Any color & breed to be judged on 80% color and 20% conformation)

Section 12. Showmanship At Halter

8. 10x13 Showmanship: Exhibitors 10 years old and younger with horse 13 hands and under.
9. 13 & Younger Showmanship: Exhibitors 13 years and younger.
10. 14 to 18 Showmanship: Exhibitors 14 through 18 years old.
11. 19 & Over Showmanship: Exhibitors 19 years old and over.

Section 13. Performance Classes

12. Lead Line Equitation:
 - a. Exhibitor to be age 7 or younger.
 - b. A person, called the "Handler" will lead exhibitor. This person is not being judged but should be neat and suitable for showing in the ring.
 - c. Exhibitors are asked to walk only in both directions of the ring and may not be asked to back.
 - d. Western or English attire.
13. Pony Western Pleasure - 10x 13: Exhibitor to be age 10 & younger. Horses 13 hands and under.
14. Walk Trot Western Pleasure (10 & Younger):
 - a. Exhibitors to be age 10 & Younger.
 - b. Exhibitors are asked to walk and trot both directions of the ring and may be asked to back. No canter.
 - c. Exhibitors may show any size horse. (Only horses over 52" may be shown at the State Horse Show)
 - d. Points will not count towards All Around.
15. Walk Trot Western Pleasure 18 & Younger - Rider 18 and under, walk and trot gaits, any size horse.
16. Walk Trot Western Pleasure 19 & Over - Rider 19 and over, walk and trot gaits.
17. Novice Rider Walk Trot Western Pleasure - Open: All ages, walk and trot gaits. Exhibitor cannot have placed first in over 3 classes of that type one (1) year prior. Year End winner from previous year not eligible. Points will not count towards All Around.
18. Queens Class (Western Equitation)
 - a. Exhibitor must be female at birth, never given birth to a child and be 21 years or younger.
 - b. Married, widowed, or divorced contestants are not eligible.
 - c. Exhibitors will be asked to walk, trot, canter, and may be asked to back.
 - d. Judging to be: 50% on appearance, 30% on rider or horsemanship and 20% on the horse.
 - e. Points will not count towards All Around.
19. Junior Horse Western Pleasure: (Horse 5 years old and younger) Exhibitors of any age. Two hands may be used if the horse is being shown in a snaffle bit or bosal.
20. Boys and Girls 18 and Younger Western Pleasure: Exhibitors to be boys or girls 18 years old and younger.
21. Senior Western Pleasure: Exhibitors to be age 19 and older.

22. Youth Western Pleasure 13 and Under: Exhibitors to be 13 years old and younger. Any size horse.
23. Youth Western Pleasure 14 to 18: Exhibitors to be 14 to 18 years of age.

Section 14. Western Horsemanship

24. Horsemanship, Youth 13 and Younger: Exhibitors to be 13 years old and younger, any size horse.
25. Horsemanship, Youth 14 to 18: Exhibitors to be 14 to 18 years of age.
26. Horsemanship, Senior: Exhibitors to be age 19 and over.
27. Open Western Pleasure: Exhibitors to be any age, any size horse.
28. Open Trail Class: Exhibitor to be any age, any size horse
29. Open Reining:
 - a. Any age exhibitor, any size horse.
 - b. Patterns 1-10 will be used in rotation in numerical order. Each season will begin with the next pattern in line after the pattern used at the last show of the previous season.
30. English Walk Trot All Ages: Any age exhibitor, any size horse. Walk and trot gaits.
31. Novice Rider Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle - Open: All ages, walk and trot gaits. Exhibitor cannot have placed first in over three classes of that type (1) one year prior. Year end winner from previous year not eligible. Points do not count towards All Around.
32. 13 and Younger Hunter Under Saddle: Exhibitor age 18 and younger, any size horse.
33. 14 and Over Hunter Under Saddle: Exhibitor to be age 14 and over.
34. Open Hunter Under Saddle: Any age exhibitor, any size horse.
35. Open Hunt Seat Equitation: Any age exhibitor, any size horse.

Section 15. Pole Bending

36. 10x13 Pole Bending: Exhibitors age 10 and younger, horses 13 hands and under.
37. 13 & Younger Pole Bending: Exhibitor age 13 and younger, any size horse.
38. 14 to 18 Pole Bending: Exhibitor to be 14 to 18 years of age.
39. 19 & Over Pole Bending: Exhibitor age 19 and over.

Section 16. Barrel Racing

40. 10x13 Barrel Race: Exhibitors age 10 and younger, horse 13 hands and under.
41. 13 & Younger Barrel Race: Exhibitor age 13 and younger, any size horse.
42. 14 to 18 Barrel Race: Exhibitor to be 14 to 18 years of age.
43. 19 & Over Barrel Race: Exhibitor age 19 and over.

Section 17. Flag Race

44. 18 & Under Flag Race: Exhibitor age 18 and under, any size horse.
45. 19 & Over Flag Race: Exhibitor age 19 and over.
 - a. Flags will be 18" long with 8" by 9" cloth flag. Soft wood (broom handle) should be used. Flag is to be marked 3" from the bottom for guideline for placement in the bucket.

- b. Buckets will be plastic five (5) gallon size, filled to within three inches of the top with sand.
- c. Buckets will be placed to the inside of barrel. The flag shall be placed in the center of the bucket.
- d. Upon completion of ride, barrels and buckets must be standing upright. Flag must be stuck in the bucket.
- e. If any barrel or bucket is knocked over, rider will be disqualified.
- f. In the event of malfunction of the timer, the rider must run again, making a bonafide attempt in the re-ride and will receive a time even though 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.
- g. For re-ride time due to timer failure, see Timer Failure, State Rule Book.
- h. End barrel must be set in the same position as for barrel race.
- i. Barrels may be moved back or forth a certain distance to alleviate the area around the barrels becoming dug out and dangerous.
- j. One Judge will stick the flag in the pick up bucket.

Section 18. Speed Race

- 46.** 18 & Under Speed Race: Exhibitor age 18 and under, any size horse.
- 47.** 19 & Over Speed Race: Exhibitor age 19 and over.
 - a. Rider will be disqualified if barrel is knocked over during a run.
 - b. In the event of malfunction of the timer, the rider must run again, making a bonafide 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.
 - c. For re-ride time due to timer failure, see Timer Failure, State Rule Book.

Section 19. Open Barrel Pickup

- 48.** Open Barrel Pickup: Any age exhibitor, any size horse.
 - a. A contestant may enter only one time in the class, either as a rider or as a jump man but not as both.
 - b. This race is to be run with a barrel at the opposite end of the arena at least 20 feet from the fence, and the rider may ride to the right or left circling the barrel.
 - c. For safety of riders in this class, the barrel is to be moved 10 feet if necessary and is to be left to the discrimination of the Chairman.
 - d. The starting line should be at least 20 feet inside the arena.
 - e. The jump man must mount from the barrel and must be astraddle of the horse at the finish line.
 - f. Persons being picked up must mount unassisted. Use of rider's hands at any time during the ride is not allowed and will result in disqualification.
 - g. If the jump man touches the ground, it will be a disqualification.
 - h. In the event of malfunction of the timer, the rider must run again making a bonafide 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 is final.

Section 20. Keyhole

- 49. Open Keyhole:** Any age exhibitor, any size horse.
- a. Keyhole shall consist of a 12 foot circle with a 10 foot long by 5 foot wide throat.
 - b. Horse may enter pattern with a flying start. This is a timed event. Keyhole used will be outlined in white powder.
 - c. Horse must turn in circle - not in throat or approach to circle.
 - d. If a horse steps on or over a line, it will be disqualified, and no time will be given on the ride.
 - e. Judge must stand behind the keyhole or to the side at a safe distance.
 - f. In the event of malfunction of the timer, the rider must run again, making a bonafide 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.

Section 21. Timer Failure

In the event of time failure, a contestant may have his choice regarding time for his re-ride, he may run immediately or at the end of the class. At the State Show he may run immediately or following his Association line up, or following another complete Association line-up. Should he be the last rider in the event, when the timer fails, he will then be given five minutes to rest his/her horse.

If a rider makes a qualified run in any speed event and the timer fails to work properly, the rider must make a bonafide attempt, in the re-ride. NOTE: deliberate and intentional disqualifications to achieve a faster time will not be tolerated and the decision of the Judge will be final.

All penalties from the first run will be assessed on the second run.

Section 22. Show Locations

Members of the Executive Board and area riding clubs, individuals, and other organizations by verbal agreement shall negotiate the show location.

Section 23. Hot Checks/Unpaid Tabs

The secretary of the Association shall notify individuals who do not pay their tabs, or who have an insufficient check returned to the Association. If after seven (7) days from the date of notification, the account has not been satisfactorily settled, the individual could be suspended from membership in the Association if that person is a member and the person shall not be permitted to enter any NWAHSA approved shows until the debt has been settled. The individual who submits an insufficient funds check must pay any service charges that the club incurs.

Section 24. Exhibition Rides

Exhibition rides will be allowed. A \$3.00 fee will be charged. No exhibitor who exhibitions will be issued an exhibitor number nor shall any points for Year End awards be counted. All exhibition rides will be run in the timed events at the end of the class and if there are any exhibition rides in any other classes, the Judge is to be made aware of the exhibition contestants and they are not to be judged.