

WEST VOLUSIA SADDLE CLUB
SHOW RULES
REVISED JANUARY 2012

1. Registration for any class or event or presence on the show grounds is considered acceptance of these rules. A current membership card must be presented at time of registration to receive discounted class fees. No exceptions. Replacement cards can be purchased for \$5.00.
2. All registrations forms for pleasure classes must be completed one (1) class prior to the class you are entering, with the exception of class #1 which you must be registered by start of show and trail and jump classes described under pleasure show specifications below. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to fill out all forms completely and correctly. Failure to do so will result in a loss of highpoint awards, non-placement in the class or no entry to class. If you enter the arena and are not registered for that class, you may add at the gate.
3. Neither WVSC, it's members, officers, show grounds, their designated representative, agents, staff, guests, or sponsors will be responsible for any accident, injury or loss which may occur to exhibitors, spectators, horses, or any other animals, vehicles, equipment or property at any show, event and/or activity.
4. All entrants must show a current Coggins test (1 year) for each horse exhibited, and any other horse brought to the show grounds. Coggins will be checked at your trailer immediately upon arrival and/or upon your entrance to the grounds. Do not bring your Coggins to the registration booth to be checked. No exceptions. It is not necessary to have an original as long as the copy you present is legible. Baby horses can show under their mare's Coggins papers if the mare is on the property and the baby is still nursing. If the mare is not present, then the babies must have their own Coggins papers.
5. In all situations, Judge's decision is final
6. Appropriate attire and tack is required for all classes and/or events. If you ride English, then helmets are required whenever you are in the ring. In pleasure, all exhibitors must wear boots, hats and proper attire. Boots are mandatory in all arena events. Lead line class in pleasure does not require proper attire with the exception of boots. Depending on the Judge, there may be modifications to this rule due to weather, etc.
7. If contestant is a minor an adult shall accompany them. Should this adult not be the legal guardian of the minor, a notarized statement shall be executed by the legal guardian for the minor and submitted to registration granting the minor permission to participate in the show with an adult other than the legal guardian and further, grant that adult permission to make any medical decision deemed necessary regarding the minor in the absence of a legal guardian.
8. No horses permitted in designated spectator areas. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs permitted. These rules are City Ordinances and will be enforced. If you violate this rule, you will be asked to leave. Dogs should be under the supervision of an adult.
9. Cruel or inhumane treatment of any horse on our grounds will not be tolerated. Participants must exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Excessive hitting of a horse in a performance class or timed events is an automatic disqualification. The Judge and/or Arena Manager and/or Show Committee will approve the decision. Failure to abide by the any of the above will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will be handled accordingly. At the discretion of the above-mentioned person and/or people, any member, spectator, participant who is abusive to any individual or animal, which shows unsportsmanlike conduct or demonstrates any behavior that is disruptive to the show, will be asked to leave the show grounds for the remainder of the show. No refunds will be made.
10. All horses must be kept under control at all times.
11. Age attained as of January 1, will determine the age group of the rider for the entire year. If a rider decides to go up an age division, he/she must remain in that age division and if this changes your division level, i.e. junior to intermediate, etc.; you may take your points with you so long as you make the change by June of that year. If you move up after June, you cannot take your points with you. Once you move up, you cannot go back.
12. In Pleasure, the highest score in equitation class will break Highpoint and Reserve ties. Ties at timed events will be broken by slingshot or other tiebreaker as determined by the Arena Manager.

13. In case of rain, the Judge and/or Show Committee will decide if the show is to be continued or canceled. If the show continues, no refunds will be given. If the show is canceled, a rain check will be given for the remaining classes. Rain checks are valid until the end of the year. If you scratch from a class, there is no refund. Refunds are only allowed if the horse and/or rider become visibly injured or ill and are approved by the show committee. In timed events, three (3) events may constitute a show; in pleasure 1/2 of classes completed may constitute a show.
14. In Pleasure, all lead line participants will receive an award. In timed events, lead liners will place and will be awarded according to place. Lead Line participants cannot enter any other classes, but lead line. An adult must accompany riders in lead line class. Lead liners must be at least 2 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Adult is defined as eighteen (18) years or older.
15. Non-Blue Western Pleasure Walk/Trot: Any horse/rider combination can compete in this class if they have not won a blue ribbon in any riding class for that show day. Class is an open class and any Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot/Canter may enter with no cost to them.
16. In Pleasure, Novice Horse division may not enter any cantering classes, except schooling. Novice Horse is defined as horse in training and cannot have been shown for more than two (2) years here or any judged show and has never cantered in a judged class (except schooling). Novice Horse is not a division designed for novice riders. However, you may show in Novice Horse if you are a beginner, but you will be competing against experienced persons. You may show in various combinations. Each combination will be issued a separate number.
 - A. Show two different horses by the same person in different division as long as it is either Walk/Trot Junior or Walk/Trot Senior and Novice Horse or Novice Horse and Junior or Senior
 - B. Show the same horse with different riders in Walk/Trot Junior or Walk/Trot Senior and Novice Horse. Each person will be eligible for highpoint in the above instance because these are all Walk/Trot with different riders.
 - C. Show the same horse with different riders in Junior and Senior. Each will be eligible for highpoint

You may not:

- D. Show in Novice Horse in hand classes and then switch to Junior and Senior for riding classes with the same horse. You may never show the Novice Horse class again with that horse. You will not be eligible to highpoint in either division should you choose to do this.
 - E. The same person cannot show the same horse in Walk/Trot Junior/Junior and Walk/Trot Senior/Senior divisions.
17. The Pleasure Divisions are:
- A. Walk/Trot Junior: 15 and under Walk/Trot. This division is for beginners and persons showing and/or has not graduated up to canter classes.
 - B. Walk/Trot Senior: 16 and over Walk/Trot. This division is for beginners and persons who are new to showing and/or have not graduated up to canter classes.
 - C. Novice Horse: A green horse; a horse that is new to showing. Novice horse is a class designed for young and/or newly trained horses; older horses that have very limited show experience; for experienced persons whom may be Junior or Senior riders, but are showing an inexperienced horse. A person who is a beginner rider or new to showing should not show in Novice Horse. Beginners should show in Walk/Trot Junior or Walk/Trot Senior. If you and your horse are both beginners, you may show in both a Novice rider class and Novice Horse however, is aware that many persons who show in Novice horse are not beginners; you may be up against a trainer!
 - D. Junior: 15 and under Walk/Trot/Canter. This class is for experienced persons who show at the Walk/Trot/Canter level.
 - E. Senior: 16 and over Walk/Trot/Canter. This class is for experienced persons who show at the Walk/Trot/Canter level
 - F. Single class year end highpoint award will be given out for the following classes:
 - Junior Horse Western Pleasure Walk/Trot
 - Junior Horse Western Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter
 - Senior Horse Western Pleasure Walk/Trot

Senior Horse Western Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter
Junior Horse English Pleasure Walk/Trot
Junior Horse English Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter
Senior Horse English Pleasure Walk/Trot
Senior Horse English Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter

18. In pleasure, in order to compete for day end & year end highpoint awards you must show in no less than three (3) division classes, one of which must be Showmanship or Grooming and Conditioning.
19. In pleasure, there is no class/division size however, in a class with less than 3 entries, judge may combine classes.
20. If you are participating in a series in timed or pleasure events, it must be same horse, same rider combination for the series. There are exceptions such as death, illness, lameness, or sale of a horse. You must discuss this with the board of directors prior to the start of the next show you enter to see if you qualify.
21. A forty (\$40.00) dollar fee will be applied to all returned checks. A returned check fee plus the amount of the check must be paid in full by cash or money order. If you utilize an open check, please make sure it is closed prior to the end of the last class of the show. If you fail to close it out, WVSC will fill it out based on the classes entered and mandatory insurance of \$5.00 for each rider. When paying by check you must present a valid drivers license. If you bounce a check you have 30 days to pay or be sent to collections. If a person does not make good on a bounced check, they will not be allowed to show at WVSC until the balance is paid in full. Any checks by this person will no longer be accepted.
22. No unauthorized person shall be in the ring or office without permission
23. Pleasure contestants will be disqualified from their class for not being in the ring when time is called and gate is shut or not allowed to enter. Tack changes will be allowed but must be written on registration and class forms.
24. Divisions for Timed Events:
Lead Line: two (2) & older
Small Fry: twelve (12) & under
Intermediate: thirteen (13) - seventeen (17)
Senior: eighteen (18) - thirty nine (39)
Super Pro: forty (40) & over
25. In timed events, once your division begins, you cannot be added to the class. You must sign up for your class prior to or during the division before yours.
26. In timed events, you should be on time for your class. Your name will be called two (2) times. If you are not there to run, you will miss your class.
27. Tack and Equipment - No training gear is allowed in pleasure with the exception of the schooling classes. In any class the judge or show committee shall have the authority to require removal or alteration of any piece of equipment, which is illegal, unsafe or inhumane. Tack and equipment must be in good shape. In timed events, you will not be allowed a re-ride for faulty equipment or if your horse falls.
28. In timed events if the timer malfunctions, a re-ride is allowed. If the rider is penalized in the re-ride class, they are allowed to run again.
29. In timed events any horse having difficulty entering the arena through the in gate, may be allowed to use the out gate. At the discretion of the Arena Manager, the horse and rider may continue to use the out gate as an entrance. If you choose to utilize the out gate, you must start your pattern from in front of the in gate. If you fail to do this, you will be disqualified
30. In timed events if the timer is not working, two (2) stopwatches will be utilized and an average will be given accordingly. In the event the timer malfunctions or stops, the rider will be given a re-ride.
31. In timed events, a five (5) second penalty will be added to rider's time for knocking over any cone, barrel, pole or basket, etc., You are permitted to hold up a barrel, pole or basket. Hitting your horse with a flag or stick during an event that uses this prop, or if the flag is not placed in the bucket, or the barrel or bucket is not upright, will result in a DQ.
32. In timed events, the in gate will not be opened until the last rider has exited the arena.
33. In timed events, entries will not be accepted after the first rider in that age group in that event has been called.

34. No cantering/loping or running except in the show arena, practice arena or round pen. No horseplay.
35. All protests regarding incidents and/or violations/concerns at a show and/or event must be presented to the board in writing via hand delivery or U.S. Mail to WVSC, P.O. Box 186, Lake Helen, Florida 32744, or emailed to westvolusiasaddleclub@yahoo.com, within sixty (60) days of the date of the incident to be reviewed and resolved by no less than three (3) board members.
36. Anyone who utilizes the use of the tractor or works the gates must be eighteen (18) years or older.

To qualify for end of the year awards in Gymkhana or Pleasure you must:

1. If you are eighteen (18) years or older on January 1 of this year, you must earn 12 points total. Six must be earned by attending meetings and the other six by attending work parties or working shows.
2. If you are thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) years old on January 1 of this year, you must have a total of 12 points which can be accrued either by attending meetings, work parties, working shows, or a combination of all three.
3. If you are twelve (12) years or under on January 1 of this year, you must have a total of 6 points which can be accrued either by attending meetings, work parties, working shows, or a combination of all three. You may have three (3) work points total designated to you by anyone (member or non-member) working in your place. This designation must be made on the workers' sheet by the designator prior to the start of the event. You may not receive more than three (3) designated points total for the year.
4. Must participate in a minimum of 50% of the shows of your selected discipline. Points from shows where you were eligible for daily highpoint in your selected division are the only points that will accumulate toward year end. One pleasure show constitutes competing in 3 out of 5 division classes. In pleasure, one class must be grooming & conditioning and/or Showmanship. One timed show constitutes competing in 3 out of 4 timed classes in your division.

PLEASURE SHOW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

HALTER CLASSES:

Western: Horses are to be shown in halter tack only

English: Horses may be shown in halter or hunt bridle

All breeds may be shown to breed standard.

Grooming and Conditioning: To be judged on overall condition, cleanliness and show of horse. You may position your horse.

Confirmation Halter Classes: To be judged on overall condition, conformation, manners, and quality of the horse. Horses will be judged while standing to breed standard. If you place 1st or 2nd in a confirmation class, then you are eligible for grand and reserve halter for the day. These points also count for end of the year halter awards for pleasure to members. You may position your horse.

All Breed Color Class: To be judged on horses of color (paints, pintos, Appaloosa, palomino, duns, buckskins, grays, gruellas, etc.) a bay, chestnut, sorrel, brown, black, and/or a solid colored horse is not considered a colored horse.

Showmanship Classes: to be judged on how well you present your horse and how well your horse responds to your handling. There is a pattern in this class, which will either be posted by the Judge or told to you when you enter the ring for the class. You may not touch your horse in this class.

RIDING CLASSES:

Pleasure Class: To be judged on horse's performance on the rail. To be judged 90% horses and 10% rider on manners, performance and suitability to give a pleasurable ride.

Non-Blue Western Walk/Trot: Any horse/rider combination can compete in this class if they have not won a blue ribbon in any riding class for that show day. Class is an open class and any Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot/Canter may enter with no cost to them.

Equitation Class: To be judged on rider's ability, workmanlike appearance, seat and the impression of control on the rail. To be judged 90% riders and 10% horse.

Horsemanship Class: To be judged on rider and horse's ability to perform a pattern, workmanship together, appearance and movement. Pattern will either be posted prior to class or announced by the Judge at start of class upon entering ring.

Trail: To be judged on how well you and your horse perform the maneuvers and obstacles within the designated pattern.

Jump: To be judged on overall performance of rider and horse. Judged on movement, ability, seat, and form. Must be in English tack. After three (3) refusals, you will be excused.

You may not substitute trail for jumping and jumping for trail for daily high point.

There is a three (3)-try limit for each obstacle. After three (3) tries, please be considerate and move on. You may pass on two (2) obstacles. If you must pass over more than (2) obstacles you are disqualified.

TIMED EVENT CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Timed Events: Horses run a prescribed pattern for best time. A five second penalty is added for knocking over any prop (i.e. barrel, pole, etc). An exhibitor is disqualified if you fail to perform the pattern correctly or step out of bounds or on the line (i.e. chalk key hole) or drop a prop, please refer to the rules. Divisions are on age. Bats, "over and under", whips, crops, and spurs are allowed in timed events. Please inquire of the show committee if you have any questions regarding rules or specifications.

In every discipline, we do recommend helmets for your safety.

WARNING: UNDER FLORIDA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

YOUR SIGNATURE ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IS YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RULES.
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