



## Rules & Regulations

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### **HORSE SHOWS**

#### General Rules

- 1) Tri-State Rodeo Association, Inc. rules take precedence for TSRA-approved shows.
- 2) Helmets are not required, but are strongly recommended.
- 3) Exhibitor age is determined as of January 1 of the current year; youth are 18 & under.
- 4) No stallions are to be shown by youth exhibitors in any class.
- 5) No horse may be shown by more than one (1) contestant in any one (1) class on the same day.
- 6) Any rule discrepancy must be brought to show management for clarification.
- 7) Anyone that violates the Ottawa County Horse Foundation rules will be subjected to a hearing by OCHF officers. Owner(s), exhibitor(s), and/or horse(s) found in violation of the rules by the show management will lose all points earned during the days of the show(s) involved. Consistent offenders may lose all points for the current show season and may be suspended from the Ottawa County Horse Foundation.
- 8) Any complaint must be officially registered in writing with the Ottawa County Horse Foundation along with twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. This money will be returned to the person or persons complaining only if the officers rule in their favor; otherwise, the money will go into the OCHF treasury. No complaints about a judge's decision will be considered. Protests must be filed the day of the show. All protests will be made in cash only.
- 9) All judges' decisions are final.
- 10) The judge, OCHF, and stewards may order any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct from one or both.
- 11) In the event of a weather delay, the entire show bill must be offered or no points will be counted for the day. No showing when lightning is present. Show will resume under the direction of the OCHF show management and judge. Any class interrupted by weather shall be re-judged in its entirety.
- 12) Exhibitors to be solely responsible for accuracy and completeness of class entry. Horse, rider and responsible party must be listed on entry form. Exhibitor not entered in a class is disqualified. Entry fees not paid day of show or checks not clearing bank will cause entrant to lose all points for the day.
- 13) Abuse of horses will not be tolerated inside or outside of the ring.

### Speed Shows

- 1) Exhibitors must wear a western or polo shirt that has a collar & at least four (4) inch sleeves.
  - a. Exceptions to this rule are the Spring and Fall Fuzzy shows.
- 2) Helmets are not required but are strongly recommended.
- 3) If the timer must be moved or adjusted for any reason during a class, that class must be re-run in its entirety.
  - a. If the exhibitor had a clean run before the timer was adjusted, but has a disqualifying run during their re-run, they will have the opportunity for a second re-run.
- 4) 3D speed classes are to be run on a one-second split format.
  - a. The third division will consist of all times one-second after the leading time in the second division.
  - b. 3D payout will be 70% of the entry fees and breakdown as follows:
    - i. 1D – 50%
    - ii. 2D – 30%
    - iii. 3D – 20%
  - c. There will be three places per division, and the percentage will be as follows:
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> place – 40%
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 35%
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 25%
  - d. If there are not three places per division, the payout will then be split 60%/40% if there are two places, or 100% if only one place.
  - e. If there is not a second division, the payout will be split 60%/40% between the first and third division.

### Performance Shows

- 1) All exhibitors must wear English or Western Boots, English or Western attire.
  - a. Exceptions to this rule are the Spring and Fall Fuzzy shows.
- 2) Helmets are not required, but are strongly recommended.
- 3) Junior horses are ages 5 and under; senior horses are ages 6 and over.
  - a. Junior horses may be shown under saddle with two hands, using a snaffle bit or bosal only.
  - b. Senior horses must be shown under saddle with one hand using a curb bit.
- 4) The judge shall have the authority to place a horse or contestant in whatever position in a class he thinks the merit of the horse or contestant justifies. This decision will be final in all classes affecting the merits of the horse. Once a class has been judged it will not be re-judged. In case of disqualification, all lower placing will move up.
- 5) Ponies will be measured by OCHF show management on the first showing of said pony if it's height of 58" or under is in question. Any animal over 59" is considered a horse by this association.
- 6) Exhibitors may not switch back and forth between the walk-trot division and showing in three-gaited classes with the same horse. They may start out the year in the walk-trot division, but once they are ready to move to three-gaited classes, they may not go back to the walk-trot division unless there is a safety concern and the switch has been approved by show management.

## YEAR-END AWARDS

- 1) Points will be awarded to the first five (5) horses placing in each class according to the point system below. Points will be awarded to only qualified runs in the timed events.

# IN CLASS	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	4 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE	5 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE
1	1 Point				
2	2 Points	1 Point			
3	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point		
4	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	
5 OR MORE	5 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point

- 2) Year-End High Point and Reserve High Point awards for the speed division will be given for the following categories:
- Open
  - Youth 8 & Under
  - Youth 9-13
  - Youth 14-18
  - Ottawa County 4-H Youth
- 3) Year-End High Point and Reserve High Point awards for the performance division will be given for the following categories:
- Open
  - Open Walk-Trot
  - Youth Walk-Trot 8 & Under
  - Youth 9-13
  - Youth 14-18
  - Adult
  - Ottawa County 4-H Youth
- 4) Exhibitors must be OCHF members and show in at least half of the shows in their respective division to be eligible for year-end awards.
- Points will begin accumulating after the membership fee has been received by OCHF.
  - Points accumulate with each horse/rider pair with the exception of the High Point Horse and High Point Ottawa County 4-H Youth awards.
    - High Point Horse consists of points accumulated by one horse and can include multiple exhibitors.
    - High Point Ottawa County 4-H Youth consists of points accumulated by one exhibitor that is a current member of the Ottawa County 4-H Program and can include multiple horses. The member must be currently enrolled in a horse project.
- 5) Tie-breakers will be determined by the most number of first places, then second places, and so on.
- 6) Awards will be presented at the OCHF Year-End Awards Banquet.