



CHEROKEE COUNTY SADDLE CLUB, INC.

REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE

These Regulations have been written in order to provide a series of common sense guidelines describing our behavior at all Cherokee County Saddle Club, Inc. (referred to as **Club**) related and sponsored events. Some of these regulations are being used by similar area riding clubs; other sources may include the National Racking Horse Association Rule Book, the Paso Fino Horse Association Rule Book, the AQHA Rule Book, the National Barrel Horse Association, the American Paint Horse Association Trail Class Rules, the United States Equestrian Federation Rule Book, and the United States Dressage Federation Member Guide.

ARTICLE I – GENERAL

1. This **Club** shall render the best service possible to all participants, especially to our young participants.
2. There shall be no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on the arena grounds or during any/all **Club** sponsored event(s).
3. There shall be no firearms carried at any **Club** show, clinic, meeting, or social event, except by on duty law enforcement or Club-authorized security personnel.
4. Under North Carolina 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 exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes. The **Club** shall not be responsible for any accidents on the arena grounds or during **Club** sponsored events, including injury by animals, vehicles or by other means; nor shall the **Club** be responsible for loss or theft during **Club** sponsored events.
5. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to handle or show a stallion in any judged event and they may not handle a stallion on the grounds outside the arena. However, they may show a stallion in a timed event within the arena.
6. The minimum age for a participant in any horse event is five (5) years.
7. ASTM/SEI approved equestrian helmets, properly fitted, with chin strap fastened, are required in all hunter seat horse show classes, in all horse show classes that include jumping, and in all classical dressage horse show classes. ASTM/SEI approved equestrian helmets, properly fitted, with chin strap fastened, must be worn at all times when mounted on the competition grounds when competing in these classes. ASTM/SEI approved equestrian helmets, properly fitted, with chin strap fastened, are allowed and are recommended in all other horse show classes and in all other mounted activities for children and adults.
8. Inhumane treatment of animals at any **Club** event will not be tolerated. See definition of inhumane treatment in Appendix 1.

9. All horses present at any **Club** event shall have a current (within one year) negative Coggins test/certificate available for inspection. The same requirement applies when using the Nora Starks Arena and surrounding grounds for practice.

ARTICLE II - SHOWS

SECTION 1. – GENERAL:

- a. The Judge is the final authority within the show ring, and the Show Manager is the final authority in all other areas of the grounds where the show is held. Any complaints at any show will be heard the day of the show by the President or the Show Manager. Any pending complaint will be given in writing to the President. These pending complaints will be brought before the Board of Directors for discussion and disposition.
- b. The decision of the Judge at any show is final.
- c. A Judge may not judge any horse in which he/she has money, interest, or partnership, or that he/she has trained, boarded or sold within the past (90) days.
- d. A Judge may not judge any rider or horse that he/she has had any relationship with, either through boarding, pasturing, or farrier work, during the past (90) days.
- e. A Judge may not judge any horse with which he/she shares a barn or boarding relationship (stud services are exempt).
- f. A Judge may not engage in conversation with exhibitors while the show is in progress. However, dressage competitors may scribe for the judge after all their rides in the show are complete.
- g. The Ringmaster shall be an adult who will assist the Judge and control all phases of the show within the ring.
- h. The Ringmaster may not officiate in any division of a show in which a member of his/her family or any of his/her clients is an exhibitor.
- i. The Show Manager shall call or postpone a show due to inclement weather if the grounds are unsafe to use or if travel is dangerous.
- j. All shows will start promptly at the set/advertised time.
- k. All non-**Club** members shall pay extra for each class which they enter except for dressage and combined training shows. Non-**Club** members at dressage and combined training shows shall pay a non-member fee for the show. The amount of additional fees shall be advertised in advance. The non-member extra fee may be waived if the entrant joins the club at the same time as class sign-up.
- l. **For Open shows and speed events**, entry money may/will be refunded to any contestant(s) upon request before the class enters the ring.
- m. Once a class has been announced as being “closed”, there will be no more entries taken in that particular class.
- n. A pony must be 58 inches or less to show in a pony class.
- o. The rider/handler’s name and the horse’s name will be announced or posted for the winners in each class.
- p. Three or more entries are required to constitute an “added” class. Seven or more entries are required for a paying class.
- q. The Show Manager may add, combine or delete classes.
- r. Four-wheelers, three-wheelers and loud motorcycles and vehicles shall not be allowed on the grounds during a show.
- s. All dogs must be on a leash which is no more than six feet long at all times during a show.
- t. **Club** members should be alert at all times for the safety of the crowd and possible

interference with exhibitors around the immediate ring area, such as those leaning on or sitting directly on the arena fence or any nearby barriers or attachments.

u. If a horse and rider separate during a class, they are disqualified.

v. A horse and rider/handler must have participated in at least one class other than halter and lead line to enter Championship classes.

w. The age of exhibitors as of January 1 of each year is maintained for the entire competition year as far as eligibility for classes or races that have age restrictions.

x. A rider may not be lead in any open show class unless he/she is 12 years of age or younger and the class is a lead line class. Leading is allowed in Fun Show classes and jackpot barrel races. The restrictions on leading do not apply to classes specifically for adults and children with disabilities who may need assistance from ground persons.

y. All horses shall have a current (within one year) negative Coggins test/certificate at the time of class sign-up or by the time of arrival on the show grounds.

z. The owner, operator, or person in charge of the facility must require that Coggins tests accompany entry forms for all horse events before or at the time of entrance to the facility. It is also the responsibility of the person in charge of the facility to ensure that the horse entering the facility is the same horse described on the Coggins test. If the certificate is not available but current test results are available and the veterinary clinic can send a picture of the chart electronically, the chart will be accepted in lieu of the certificate. No verbal verifications will be accepted.

Aa. Rules concerning the requirement of a negative Coggins, no alcohol or illegal drugs allowed, and age requirement for handling stallions will be prominently displayed on all show sheets and at the sign-up area.

Ab. Paid-up **Club** members and show participants shall not have to pay an admission fee to any regular **Club** sponsored shows

Ac. All money collected at shows shall be turned in to the Treasurer no later than the day/night of the show.

Ad. The Show Manager shall have the authority to appoint members to various responsibilities at shows, as he/she deems necessary.

SECTION 2. – YEARLY POINTS:

a. Points shall be awarded to the rider in judged events at **Club** open shows except for halter classes. Points shall be awarded to each horse in halter classes.

b. Points shall be awarded to the horse-rider combination only for the highest scoring horse ridden by that rider for each timed event at **Club** open shows.

c. Points shall be awarded to each horse-rider combination at jackpot barrel races. The rider shall only be eligible for one award in each class at year end. The highest scoring horse shall be used for year end awards.

d. Points shall be accumulated for the year for **Club** members from the date dues are paid.

e. The awards year shall begin January 1st and run through the following December 31st.

f. Points shall be awarded to the top five finishers in each class as follows:

(1) Five points for first place

(2) Four points for second place

(3) Three points for third place

(4) Two points for fourth place

- (5) One point for fifth place
- g. Points shall not be awarded for Fun Show classes or championship classes

SECTION 3. – ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR-END AWARDS:

- a. To be eligible for year-end awards, horse-rider combinations (or horses in the halter division) must have participated in at least 50% of the open horse shows for open show awards, or in at least 50% of the jackpot barrel races for jackpot barrel race awards.
- b. Competitors must be members of **Club**.

SECTION 4. – AWARDS DIVISIONS:

Awards will be given for the following thirteen categories:

- a. Halter: One category – all classes will be combined.
- b. Western: Five classes – Walk Trot, Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship, and trail. Three categories: 12 & under, 13-18, and Open.
- c. Western walk: One class – 10 & under; one category.
- d. English hunt seat: Three performance divisions: Walk-Trot Division, Walk-Trot-Canter Division, and Hunter Division. Two categories: 18 & under and Open.
- e. Open show speed events: Four classes – Pole bending, Flag race, Arena race, and Cloverleaf barrels. Three categories: 12 & under, 13-18, and Open.
- f. Jackpot barrel races: Four age- based barrels categories: Peewee (12 & under), Youth (18 & under), Adult (19 and over), and Open. There is one awards division for Peewee barrels, and there are four awards divisions for Youth, Adult, and Open barrels. There are two awards divisions for poles. There are also high point awards for the combined Open and Adult categories and for the combined Open and Youth categories.
- g. Note: Even if classes are combined, points will still be awarded in the age divisions described here.

ARTICLE III – AMENDMENTS

1. Approved January 29, 2015 at the general membership meeting: addition of ARTICLE II, SECTION 2. – YEARLY POINTS, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3. – ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR-END AWARDS, and ARTICLE II, SECTION 4. –AWARDS DIVISIONS.

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- c. Points shall be awarded to each horse-rider combination at jackpot barrel races. The rider shall only be eligible for one award at year end. The highest scoring horse shall be used for year end awards.
- d. Points shall be accumulated for the year for **Club** members from the date dues are paid.
- e. The awards year shall begin December 1 and run through the following November 30.
- f. Points shall be awarded to the top five finishers in each class as follows:
 - (1) Five points for first place
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- b. Competitors must be members of **Club**.
- c. To be eligible for awards from open show classes, competitors must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at **Club** shows or barrel races during the awards year. Immediate family members (parents, siblings) can complete volunteer hours for juniors under the age of 15. Juniors age 13 and 14 have the option of earning some or all of their own volunteer hours.
- d. To be eligible for awards from jackpot barrel races, competitors must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at **Club** shows or barrel races OR pay a fee of \$20 for the awards year. Immediate family members (parents, siblings) can complete volunteer hours for juniors under the age of 15. Juniors age 13 and 14 have the option of earning some or all of their own volunteer hours. The \$20 fee shall be applied toward the purchase of jackpot barrel race year end awards.
- e. Competitors who are competing for awards in both the open show classes and the jackpot barrel races must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at **Club** shows or barrel races during the awards year.

- f. All competitors who are competing for awards may earn one half hour of volunteer credit for each **Club** general membership meeting attended during the awards year. Attendance at meetings shall count towards the 10 hour total requirement.

SECTION 4. – AWARDS DIVISIONS:

Awards will be given for the following fifteen divisions:

- a. Halter: One division – all classes will be combined.
- b. Western: Five classes – Walk Trot, Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship, and Western trail. Three divisions : 12 & under, 13-18, and Open.
- c. Western walk: One class – 10 & under; one division.
- d. Gaited: Five classes –Trail pleasure, Flat shod racking, Show pleasure, Gaited pleasure, Style Racking. Two divisions: 18 & under and Open.
- e. English hunt seat: Five Classes-Walk Trot, Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunters over fences 18”, and Hunters over fences 18’-2’. Two divisions: 18 & under and Open.
- f. Open show speed events: Four classes –Pole bending, Texas barrels, Arena race, and Cloverleaf barrels. Three divisions: 12 & under, 13-18, and Open.
- g. Jackpot barrel races: Three divisions: Peewee (12 & under), Youth (18 & under), and Open.
- h. Note: Even if classes are combined, points will still be awarded in the age divisions described here.

2. Approved February 19, 2015 by the board of directors: Article II - Shows, Section 1 - General, x, from “A rider may not be lead in any class except for a lead line class”, to “A rider may not be lead in any open show class unless he/she is 12 years of age or younger and the class is a lead line class. Leading is allowed in Fun Show classes and jackpot barrel races. The restrictions on leading do not apply to classes specifically for adults and children with disabilities who may need assistance from ground persons.”

3. Approved March, 2015 by the board of directors: Article II - Shows, Section 1 - General, I, from “For Western shows and speed events, entry money may/will be refunded to any contestant(s), upon request before the class enters the ring.”, to “For Open shows and speed events, entry money may/will be refunded to any contestant(s), upon request before the class enters the ring.”

Article II - Shows, Section 1 - General, h, from “A pony must be 52 inches or less to show in a pony class.”, to “A pony must be 58 inches or less to show in a pony class.”

Article II - Shows, Section 1 – General, w, from “Exhibitors must be 17 or under to participate in juvenile or junior classes.”, to “Exhibitors must be 18 or under to participate in juvenile or junior classes.”

4. Approved May 21, 2015 by the board of directors: Article II - Shows, Section 1 – General, k, from “All non-Club members must pay extra for each class in which they enter; the amount of additional fees shall be advertised in advance. The non-member extra fee may be waived if the entrant joins the club at the same time as class sign-up.”, to “All non-Club members must pay extra for each class in which they enter except for dressage and combined training shows. Non-Club members a dressage and combined training shows shall pay a non-member fee for the show. The amount of additional fees shall be advertised in advance”. The non-member extra fee may be waived if the entrant joins the club at the same time as class sign-up.”

Article II - Shows, Section 1 – General, p, from “Three or more entries are required to constitute an “added” class. Five or more entries are required for a paying class.”, to “Three or more entries are required to constitute an “added” class. Seven or more entries are required for a paying class.”

5. Approved June 18, 2015 by the board of directors: Article II - Shows, Section 1 – General, z., from “An authorized representative of the N.C. Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for verifying up-to-date, negative Coggins certificates.”, to “The owner, operator, or person in charge of the facility must require that Coggins tests accompany entry forms for all horse events before or at the time of entrance to the facility. It is also the responsibility of the person in charge of the facility to ensure that the horse entering the facility is the same horse described on the Coggins test. If the certificate is not available but current test results are available and the veterinary clinic can send a picture of the chart electronically, the chart will be accepted in lieu of the certificate. No verbal verifications will be accepted.”
6. Approved August 27, 2015, by the general membership: Article II – Shows, Section 3 - Eligibility for Year End Awards, f., from “All competitors who are competing for awards may earn one half hour of volunteer credit for each **Club** general membership meeting attended during the awards year. Attendance at meetings shall count towards the 10 hour total requirement.”, to “All competitors who are competing for awards may earn one hour of volunteer credit for each **Club** general membership meeting attended during the awards year. Attendance at meetings shall count towards the 10 hour total requirement.”,

7. Approved September 23, 2015 by the Show Committee and December 3, 2015 by the Board of Directors: Article II - Shows, Section 3 – Eligibility for Year End Awards, c., from “To be eligible for awards from open show classes, competitors must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at Club shows or barrel races during the awards year. Immediate family members (parents, siblings) can complete volunteer hours for juniors under the age of 15. Juniors age 13 and 14 have the option of earning some or all of their own volunteer hours.”, to “To be eligible for awards from open show classes, competitors must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at Club shows or barrel races OR pay a fee of \$20 during the awards year. Immediate family members (parents, siblings) can complete volunteer hours for juniors under the age of 15. Juniors age 13 and 14 have the option of earning some or all of their own volunteer hours.”
8. Approved December 3, 2015 by the Board of Directors: Article II - Shows, Section 2 – Yearly Points, c., from “Points shall be awarded to each horse-rider combination at jackpot barrel races. The rider shall only be eligible for one award at year end. The highest scoring horse shall be used for year end awards”, to “Points shall be awarded to each horse-rider combination at jackpot barrel races. The rider shall only be eligible for one award in each class at year end. Riders are not eligible for awards in more than one division of a single class. The highest scoring horse shall be used for year end awards.”
9. Approved January 21, 2016 by the Board of Directors: Article II – Shows, Section 1- General, w., from “w. Exhibitors must be 18 or under to compete in juvenile or junior classes.”, to “The age of exhibitors as of January 1 of each year is maintained for the entire competition year as far as eligibility for classes or races that have age restrictions.”
10. Approved January 21, 2016 by the Board of Directors: Article II – Shows, Section 2 – Yearly Points, e., from “e. The awards year shall begin December 1 and run through the following November 30.”, to “e. The awards year shall begin January 1 and run through the following December 31.”
11. Approved January 21, 2016 by the Board of Directors: Article II – Shows, Section 3- Eligibility for Year End Awards, a., from “a. To be eligible for year-end awards, horse-rider combinations (or horses in the halter division) must have participated in either at least two of the three open horse shows for open show awards, or in at least two of the four jackpot barrel races for jackpot barrel race awards.”, to “a. To be

eligible for year-end awards, horse-rider combinations (or horses in the halter division) must have participated in at least 50% of the open horse shows for open show awards, or in at least 50% of the jackpot barrel races for jackpot barrel race awards.”

12. Approved March 27, 2016 by the Board of Directors: Article II – Shows, Section 3 – Eligibility for Year End awards, to delete the following sections:

c. To be eligible for awards from open show classes, competitors must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at **Club** shows or barrel races OR pay a fee of \$20 during the awards year. Immediate family members (parents, siblings) can complete volunteer hours for juniors under the age of 15. Juniors age 13 and 14 have the option of earning some or all of their own volunteer hours.

d. To be eligible for awards from jackpot barrel races, competitors must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at **Club** shows or barrel races OR pay a fee of \$20 for the awards year. Immediate family members (parents, siblings) can complete volunteer hours for juniors under the age of 15. Juniors age 13 and 14 have the option of earning some or all of their own volunteer hours. The \$20 fee shall be applied toward the purchase of jackpot barrel race year end awards.

e. Competitors who are competing for awards in both the open show classes and the jackpot barrel races must accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours at **Club** shows or barrel races during the awards year.

f. All competitors who are competing for awards may earn one hour of volunteer credit for each **Club** general membership meeting attended during the awards year. Attendance at meetings shall count towards the 10 hour total requirement

13. Approved June 22, 2017 by the Board of Directors: Article II – Shows, Section 4 – Awards Divisions

from “Awards will be given for the following fifteen divisions:” to “Awards will be given for the following **thirteen categories:**”

a. From “Halter: One division-all classes will be combined”, to “Halter: One **category**-all classes will be combined”

b. From “Western: Five classes –Walk Trot, Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship and Western trail. Three divisions: 12 & under, 13-18, and Open”, to “Western: Five classes –Walk Trot, Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship and **(omit Western)** trail. Three **categories:** 12 & under, 13-18, and Open”.

c. From “Western walk: One class – 10 & under; one division”, to “Western walk: One class – 10 & under; one **category**”

d. Delete “**Gaited: Five classes –Trail pleasure, Flat shod racking, Show pleasure, Gaited pleasure, Style Racking. Two divisions: 18 & under and Open.**”

e. From “ e. English hunt seat: Five Classes-Walk Trot, Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunters over fences 18”, and Hunters over fences 18’-2’. Two divisions: 18 & under and Open”, to “**d. Three performance divisions: Walk-Trot Division, Walk-Trot-Canter Division, and Hunter Division. Two categories: 18 & under and Open**”

- f. From “f. Open show speed events: Four classes –Pole bending, Texas barrels, Arena race, and Cloverleaf barrels. Three divisions: 12 & under, 13-18, and Open”, to “e. Four classes –Pole bending, Flag race, Arena race, and Cloverleaf barrels. Three categories: 12 & under, 13-18, and Open.”
- g. From “g. Jackpot barrel races: Three divisions: Peewee (12 & under), Youth (18 & under), and Open”, to “f. Jackpot barrel races: Four age- based barrels categories : Peewee (12 & under), Youth (18 & under), Adult (19 and over), and Open. There is one awards division for Peewee barrels, and there are four awards divisions for Youth, Adult, and Open barrels. There are two awards divisions for poles. There are also high point awards for the combined Open and Adult categories and for the combined Open and Youth categories.”
- h. From “h. Note: Even if classes are combined, points will still be awarded in the age divisions described here”, to “g. Note: Even if classes are combined, points will still be awarded in the age divisions described here.”

Appendix 1.

Inhumane Treatment

Rules about inhumane treatment apply to the entire show grounds, including warm up areas, horse trailers, stalls, or during competition, for the entire day of the show.

Prohibited are:

Whipping a horse repeatedly

Hitting the legs with any hard object

Applying a heat-producing substance to the horse

(Jumpers only) During schooling, using anything other than a bamboo pole for poling; also, using wire or chains

Use of hock hobbles or shackles

Raw or bleeding sores around the feet or legs

Use of explosive devices except if required in a class

Failure to provide food and water for lengthy periods

Taking blood except for diagnostic procedures

Preventing the horse from closing its mouth

Soreing or use of an action device on any limb. An action device is defined by the USDA.

All horses must be serviceably sound.