

## The Horsin' Around Club - Rules and Definitions

**Membership:** Membership year is Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$15 for youth individual membership; \$20 for an adult individual; and \$25 for a family membership. A family membership is defined as member, partner, and dependent children. A \$50 class sponsorship will include individual membership. A \$55 class sponsorship will include a family membership. An announcement recognizing sponsorship will be made at shows and events.

**We require a signed liability waiver to compete.** It is an individual's responsibility to **COMPLETELY** fill out the liability waiver, and membership paperwork. Anyone competing without a signed liability waiver will be disqualified.

**Any** abuse of officers and/or show staff, or lack of good sportsmanship will not be tolerated, and will be grounds for disqualification from high point awards eligibility and/or expulsion from the show or club. The extent of the consequences will be determined by the Board of Officers.

**Disciplines are:** In-Hand Classes; English Pleasure; English Equitation; Hunter Pleasure; Hunt Seat Equitation; Western Pleasure; Stock Seat Equitation; Ranch Horse Pleasure; Reining; Trail; Driving

**Divisions are:** Green (Walk/Trot); Novice; Limit; Amateur; Open

### Class Eligibility:(Divisions)

**1. Walk/Trot:** If you ride canter/lope classes (or have ridden) at any show, including exhibition rides, you are NOT ELIGIBLE to ride walk/trot classes. If you advance out of a walk/trot division, to a canter class, you may NOT return to walk/trot classes. Walk/trot horses/riders may show in canter classes at the third Horsin' Around Show, without forfeiting year-end awards.

**1a. Green Horse:** Horses eligible for this division have never cantered/loped at any show.

**1b. Green Rider:** Riders eligible for this division have never cantered/loped at any show.

**Walk/Trot Waiver:** a Rider or Horse may return to Walk/Trot classes at HAC shows if it has been 4 years or more since they last cantered at a show or has been given approval from the HAC Officers/Board Members.

**2. Novice Horse:** This horse has never won **3 (three) or more 1<sup>st</sup> places in this discipline at any show.**

**3. Novice Rider:** This rider has never won **3 (three) or more 1<sup>st</sup> places in this discipline at any show.**

**4. Limit Horse:** This horse has never won **7 (seven) or more 1<sup>st</sup> places in this discipline at any show.**

**5. Limit Rider:** This rider has never won **7 (seven) or more 1<sup>st</sup> places in this discipline at any show.**

(1<sup>st</sup> place placing in one **or** two horse classes do NOT count towards your Division placing.)

**Club members**, in competition for High Point awards, may complete the year in the division they began in, regardless of wins during the year. For example, in the event a horse or rider starts the year in the Novice division, and wins three 1<sup>st</sup> places in the first one or two shows, that horse or rider **will** be allowed to complete the year in the Novice division, **if he/she is eligible for a High Point award**, in order to work towards that achievement. However, if that horse or rider is not eligible for a High Point award, three 1<sup>st</sup> place placings will advance them to the Limit division for the next show. This will also be the case for a horse or rider beginning the show series in the Limit division.

**We have tried as hard as we can with these rules to attempt to "level the playing field." There are probably exceptions and/or extenuating circumstances to most rules. Therefore, we ask that you carefully and ethically consider where you and your horse belong, and enter those divisions accordingly**

**Age:** Exhibitors age is considered to be his/her age as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Horse age: The age of the horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the year foaled. (For example, if your horse turns 1 anytime in 2011, he will show in yearling classes in 2011)

**Amateur Classes:** Open to any youth or adult who has not received money or barter for giving lessons, training or showing horses, in the last 4 years.

**Leadline (For riders age 7 & under):** We require that all Leadline handlers be an experienced adult handler, age 18 and over, and **must have completed a signed waiver**. All horses must be wearing a halter & leadrope under the bridle.

**Stallions:** Youth riders (18 and younger) are not allowed to ride, show or handle a stallion in any class.

**Dress/Gear:** Proper dress and equipment is required. Long sleeved shirt, Long pants/jeans, heeled boots. Helmets are strongly encouraged.

**Numbers:** If a rider is in a class with an incorrect number, no number, or multiple numbers after the gate is closed, that rider will be dismissed from the class.

**Payments and Fees:** We currently accept checks for the classes, memberships and show fees. In the event that a check is returned to us, that owner and his/her horses are no longer eligible to show until the payment and bank fees have been covered. The club also reserves the right to refuse further check payments.

**Cancelling a show:** In the event of inclement weather, the judge, and officers may announce a 30 minute delay within the class schedule. After 30 minutes, the situation will be re-evaluated. A show may only be cancelled by a majority decision by the officers present or a judge's request.

**High Point Awards:** For a horse to be eligible for a high point award, the handler/rider/showman must be a club member. You must be a member of the club, prior to any show, for the points earned at that show to count towards a High Point Award. To be eligible for a High Point award, horse/rider must have shown in at least 2 of the 3 shows of the season. High point awards will be figured by the Points Secretary, and verified by 2 additional club officers/members.

Points are figured as follows:

In classes with 6 or more horses, 1<sup>st</sup> – 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 3 points, 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 points, 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 point

In classes with 5 horses, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

In classes with 4 horses, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 4, 3, 2, 1 points

In classes with 3 horses, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3, 2, 1 points

In classes with 2 horses, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1 point

In classes with 1 horse – 1<sup>st</sup> – 1 point

If a rider DQ in a class it will still be considered as competing in that show for year end awards. If a horse/rider DQ they will not receive point for that class. A rider competing in a class where others DQ, will receive points for as many riders as were competing.