

# NBARH RIDING CLUB

## GENERAL SHOW AND FACILITIES RULES

All participants, including riders, handlers, and spectators, are responsible for a thorough knowledge of and compliance with these rules and policies, as well as those stated elsewhere in the show book and in the constitution and by-laws of the club. In the event of a problem of any kind, please notify the show manager immediately. The show manager will make a ruling for that show only and bring it to the next meeting for a permanent decision. If you are not satisfied with the ruling, you may contact any of the Board of Directors. NBARH is an open breed club and therefore specific breed club rules may not apply at our shows.

### SHOWGROUND RULES

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS AT ANY TIME!**
2. Manure and hay scraps must be picked up from around your trailer and taken home with you. Containers may be provided for use in cleaning up the common areas only. Anyone caught throwing manure into our adjoining properties/into the woods will be penalized with loss of show points for the season. Trash is also carry in-carry out.
3. We **REQUIRE ALL** riders and drivers to wear ASTM-SEI approved headgear at all times, with the harness fastened, while mounted or in carriage on the showgrounds, regardless of age or discipline. A rider or handler will not be marked down in any class for wearing a helmet regardless of age of rider or style of helmet. Any rider violating this rule will be prohibited from riding until the appropriate headgear is in place, properly adjusted, and fastened.
4. An adult must accompany small children at all times and is responsible for not just the child's safety, but also that of the horses and handlers a child may frighten or disturb.
5. All dogs must be tied, in a car with the windows down, or on a leash at all times for the safety of the dog, horses, handlers, and the general public.
6. No rider/handler shall do more than a brisk walk on the grounds except in the warm-up area.
7. The show ring is closed to schooling except at the lunch break. Riders may use the back ring to warm up at any time.
8. Riders/handlers aged 16 years and older may handle a stallion in individual classes in a closed ring. The stallion must be under the exclusive control of an adult 18 years or older at all times outside the ring and before and after the gate is closed. Any rider/handler showing a stallion in a group class must be 18 years or older. The first violation of this rule as determined by the show management will result in immediate expulsion of the stallion from the show grounds for the rest of the year. **STALLIONS MUST WEAR A VISIBLE YELLOW RIBBON IN THEIR TAIL WHILE ANYWHERE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS.** Weanlings are not considered stallions; only intact horses one year or older (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>) are considered stallions.

9. Any horse known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail at all times while on show grounds. Please use caution when approaching a horse with a red ribbon.
10. NBARH encourages the humane treatment of all equines and assumes that you will not use any severe equipment. Show management and judges reserve the right to determine if equipment is severe and what penalty will be imposed should it be found so.
11. All shows are held rain or shine. In the case of heavy rain (causing unsafe footing) and/or lightning, the show may be stopped temporarily or for the remainder of the show. In the case of a show being cancelled prior to start time be sure to check our facebook pages for updates.
12. Non-members are not allowed to ride on show grounds on non-show days.

## **REGISTRATION**

1. A negative Coggins report is required at registration for ALL horses. No horse should be unloaded on club grounds before the negative Coggins report has been checked by show management. Reports for horses stabled in NH are valid for one year. Federal law dictates that all horses crossing a state line must have a negative Coggins report within six months. Please present a clear copy of your Coggins report for every horse at the time of your first registration and we will keep copies on file. No horse will be allowed to show and will be asked to leave if the paperwork is not available or if it does not match the horse. A rabies vaccination is not required, but is highly recommended.
2. You may join and pay for membership the day of a show and receive membership rates for that show and future shows in the calendar year. New members are eligible for benefit's the day they become members, including reduced class fees and accumulated year-end points. However, membership is not retroactive and all points earned before becoming a member will not count towards year-end awards or eligibility. Active members who do not complete their volunteer hours prior to the banquet will lose their privilege for active membership the following year (will be required to pay inactive price). Volunteer hours will need to be done by the member or an immediate family member only (no "sharing" friend's hours).
3. Pre-entries must be received by 8pm the Wednesday before the scheduled show. Please feel free to enter for all four shows at the beginning of the year-you do not have to pay at the time of pre-registration and there is no penalty for scratching. Phone entries will not be accepted. Any entries received after this deadline or on the day of the show will be subject to the post-entry fee of \$10 per horse/handler team.
4. Classes, including any add-ons, must be paid for before the class begins. Pre-entries do not have to be paid at the time of registration, but do need to be settled before the first entered class begins. An open check may be left at the secretary's booth and

settled at the end of the day. Refunds may be given for any class scratched at least three (3) classes in advance.

5. All additions must be made at least three (3) classes in advance. Any rider/handler in a class who is not registered may be asked to exit the ring and will not be judged in that class. Please plan accordingly to ensure you have time to come to the booth and make the addition appropriately—simply yelling your change into the secretary's booth is not acceptable.
6. In the event a check is returned for insufficient funds, NBARH will charge \$20 fee and the privilege of paying by check may be revoked and points accrued may be rescinded.
7. Entry forms must have the complete name, address, and phone number of the rider/handler.
8. Any rider who wishes to be considered for a breed, color, barn, or age-specific award must put the required information on their entry forms. The show staff cannot guess and will not research this information.
9. Age of rider is that as of January 1st of the show year. Exhibitor MUST enter age division accordingly. Extenuating circumstances may be discussed with the show management.
10. Please be considerate of those working in the secretary's booth. It isn't always the same person and they don't always know you or your horse. Be consistent with your horse's name (i.e., if your horse is named Giant Gentle Ben, do not enter him in one show as Giant, one as Ben and one as Gentle Ben). In order to ensure that you receive all the appropriate year-end points, you must be consistent. Mind you, it is fine to use a shortened name or nickname/barn name as long as you use it consistently.
11. Each entry is based on one rider/horse combination. That is, if members are lucky enough to have two horses or a few kids showing, one needs to fill out entirely separate entry forms, pay separate office fees (\$3 per combination) and get unique numbers if applicable.

## **YEAR-END POINTS/ MEMBERSHIP**

++ Joining NBARH Riding Club each spring will give you access to lower class fees (and all-day fees for gymkhana) and allow you to earn points towards our fabulous banquet awards each fall!

1. Year-end points will be determined using the following system regardless of the number of entries in the class:  
1st place = 6 points    2nd place = 5 points    3rd place = 4 points  
4th place = 3 points    5th place = 2 points    6th place = 1 point

2. Only members are eligible for year-end points and a horse/rider or horse/handler must enter in at least three out of four shows and must compete in each class three of four times to qualify for points in a particular class.
3. To qualify for points, a horse, pony, or miniature horse must be handled or ridden by the same person and that team must remain in the same division for three of the four shows.
4. Year-end points accumulate over all four shows, so it is in the best interest of the horse/rider or horse/handler team to come to all four shows and show in the same classes.
5. A member is allowed one horse substitution under the unfortunate circumstances that their current show horse should pass away during the current show year. The team must compete in the same division as the prior horse did to qualify for year end points. This does NOT count for any illness, lameness, or sale of horse during the season.

### **SHOW MANAGEMENT & JUDGING (Mini & Pleasure Shows only)**

1. No person shall approach the judge regarding a decision or other matter unless they first obtain permission from the show management. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be asked to leave and will forfeit all fees. Judges will be asked to respect competitors by not approaching them except for brief schooling comments immediately at the end of a class.
2. Show management reserves the right to change judges, decline an entry, or vary or cancel any class.
3. Any class may be divided at the judge's discretion; very small classes may be combined, but each competitor will be asked and allowed to veto the combination. Year-end awards will be maintained for the separate classes.

### **APPROPRIATE DRESS**

1. All riders/handlers are to dress according to the class in which they are entered and the style in which they show. That is, English attire with English tack and English way of moving; Western attire with Western Tack and Western way of moving.  
\*\* A judge may ask Western riders to do a posting trot and English riders to sit the trot.
2. NBARH welcome all disciplines that show on the flat and over fences, including hunt seat, dressage, saddle seat and western. We ask that you understand that we get a variety of judges, and a particular judge may not be expert in your style of showing. Should that be the case, please be open and use it as a great learning experience.
3. Rider's footgear must have at least a 1" heel. Show management reserves the right to question appropriateness of footwear for safety purposes.

4. Handlers in leadline classes must be a minimum of 16 years of age. All handlers must wear appropriate safe footwear (no sandals, flip flops, etc). Show management reserves the right to question appropriateness of footwear for safety purposes.

## **CLASS RULES**

1. The gate will close two minutes after the class is called to the ring. To hold the gate for a tack change, you must request a gate hold from the secretary's booth TWO CLASSES BEFORE the one you want held. The gate WILL NOT be held except in an emergency unless the request is made in advance. Feel free to let the secretary know all needed gate holds at the beginning of the day. The gate will be held for an additional two minutes only. If you are not in the arena by the time the gate closes, you will forfeit your class fee for that class.
2. Children riding leadline must show reasonable control of the horse at all times, both in and out of the show ring, while being led at the walk and trot/jog. Leaders must remain at the shoulder of the horse, may not speak except in an emergency, and must be at least 18 years old.
3. Each class will be run and pointed as long as there is at least one entrant.
4. The show rules, as written, will remain in effect for the entire show season. Any change will take effect the following year's show season.

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