



RIDING RULES

Please note: Eligibility for age applicable divisions is based on your age as of January 1st of the current year. Once you move up a division, you CANNOT move back to a lower division. You will forfeit any points in your current division if you move up during the show year.

1. The decisions of Club Officers are absolutely final. Any discourtesy of officials may result in disqualification from show.
2. Club Officers reserve the right to change, combine or cancel any event.
3. Riders may be disqualified from the next event for running horses behind cars.
4. No horses near the school grounds or fair grounds.
5. No horses tied to the chain link fence or the barns.
6. No inhumane treatment of horses.
7. No alcoholic beverages or foul language. The Village of Owego has an "Open Container Law" and you can be arrested if caught.
8. Entry forms and fees must be submitted prior to riding in an event.
ABSOLUTELY NO CREDIT!
9. The shows are run under AQHA/NBHA guidelines.
10. Entry form errors – when the entry forms are reviewed after the show, if an error was found in the Club's benefit and additional monies are due from the exhibitor, the Board will contact the exhibitor to get the money owed. If an error was found in the Exhibitor's benefit, a refund will be sent.
11. Entries for a class must be made 15 minutes prior to the start of the class.
12. If entry forms are paid by check and the check bounces, the exhibitor is required to make the check good and to pay any NSF (non-sufficient funds) fees. The member cannot show at any other shows and membership privileges will be suspended until the check is made good and any fees levied, paid.
13. Each person is responsible for damage or injury inflicted either to or by you and your horse. Ride at your own risk.

14. If a horse is known to kick, it must have a red ribbon in its tail.
15. Horses must be under control at all times. The Club Officers reserve the right to dismiss an unruly horse from the show.
16. All dogs must be kept on a leash and have rabies tag or certificate.
17. You must have a current Coggins and Rabies certificate within the past 12 months.
18. NYS requires all riders under the age of 18 years old to wear an approved helmet while on horseback on the show grounds.
19. All spectators and pedestrians must be aware and cautious of horses preparing to enter or exiting from the arena.
20. If a rider is not ready to ride after two (2) calls, they will be disqualified from the event unless a visible attempt is being made.
21. In classes other than lead line, you may direct, but not lead or run in front when helping small children. If they are lead, they will take last place.
22. Attire – Proper attire must be worn in all classes. Boots must be worn in all events. A work boot with a heel may be worn. Shirts must have sleeves or a collar.
23. Trail Class – A horse may only make three attempts at each obstacle and then must move on.
24. To qualify for yearend awards you must complete a nomination form for each horse/ride combination and division that you wish to compete in for yearend awards.
25. All classes must have a minimum of 5 entries to hold a class otherwise classes may be combined or canceled.

Riding Rules pertaining to Gymkhana Riders –

26. For safety purposes, when running through the chute, your horse must be committed to the chute before beginning to run. Your horses' shoulders must be in the chute before running.
27. If you come back across the finish line before the event is completed, you are disqualified.

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