

## RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ALL SHOWS

1. This Horse Show is conducted in accordance with the Rules of the USEF, Arabian Horse Division, and the Official Rule Book of the USEF shall prevail. The Prize List is based on rules of the current USEF Rule Book; any changes or corrections of rules will automatically become a part of the Prize List. Each participant in the Show is responsible for knowledge of and is subject to the USEF Rules. Questions not covered by USEF Rules shall be decided by the Show Committee and its decision shall be final.
2. **USEF Amateur Certification** must be renewed annually and every rider in Amateur to Ride classes who has reached age 18 must have a valid **2010 USEF AMATEUR CERTIFICATION** or make application for one. Applications are available in the show office.
3. Horses entered in Amateur Owner and Junior Owner classes must be registered in the name of the competitor or a member of the competitor's family, as defined by USEF Art. 132. Horses registered in Farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation name may be shown in Amateur Owner classes provided the family is the sole owner of the farm or entity as defined by USEF Art. 132. The sale of a horse does not eliminate this registration requirement. Contracts of sale and/or bill of sale will not be accepted. Papers will be checked.
4. **Purebred Arabians:** Horses to be shown in this division must have been issued a Certificate of Registration from the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc. and/or the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry or if under one year of age, be eligible for registry, and registry applied for and must be entered under their full registered name.
5. **Half Arabians/Anglo Arabians:** Horses shown in this division must have been issued a Certificate of Registration from the International Arabian Horse Association in the Half-Arabian or the Anglo-Arabian Registry, or have been issued an International Arabian Horse Association (Canadian Partbred Arabian Register) CPAR Permit, or if under one year of age, be eligible for registry and registration applied for and must be entered under their full registered name.
6. **Half-Arabian Stallion Rule:** Half Arabian Stallions (weanling and yearlings only) must show in the Half-Arabian gelding class, however, Anglo-Arabian stallions of any age may compete in Anglo-Arabian Stallion Sport Horse only classes.
7. **Protests:** Must be made in accordance with USEF rules and accompanied by a deposit of \$200 (\$300 for non-members) which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Questions not covered by the rules shall be decided by the show committee and its decision shall be final.
8. Children eligible for Junior Exhibitor Classes shall not have reached their 18th birthday by December 1, **2009**.
9. Classes with age splits will be combined if either age division has 3 or less entries.
10. Purebred Arabian Stallions may be shown by ladies and children except in specified classes.
11. The assigned number of each entry shall be prominently displayed by rider, driver, or handler, whenever the horse is exhibited.
12. **Entries:** All entries **MUST** include a copy of the following: USEF, Amateur, and AHA membership cards, registration papers for each horse, and a current Coggins (within 12 months) for each horse. No entry will be processed without the foregoing copies unless application for membership is made at the show. Show packets cannot be picked up unless **all** of the foregoing have been given to the Show Secretary. Both owner and trainer must sign the entry form in the spaces provided. If owner and trainer are the same, owner must sign both spaces (trainer is "an adult who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody, or performance of a horse") (Rule IV, Art. 403). All entry forms must be accompanied by check or money order to cover original entries and stalls.
13. **Classes:** Three entries will be required to fill a class. No prize money will be paid in performance championship classes with less than 5 entries. Prize money will be paid through show account. No horse may enter more than one performance championship class based on only one qualifying entry. Entries being added must be made by the end of the session prior to the session being entered, not during breaks.
14. **Stalls:** Stalls will be assigned by paid stall fees on a first come, first served basis. Permanent stalls with full, sliding doors 12 x 12 will be available at noon on **June 3, 2010**.
15. **Shavings for bedding WILL NOT be furnished, unless ordered in advance. Shavings will be available on the grounds from Queen Woods. Their contact is Rob Robbins. He may be contacted at 770-860-9111 or cell, 678-416-1424. A minimum of 2 bags shavings per stall is required by GIHP.**
16. All horses must be clear of the grounds by 12:00 noon Monday, **June 7, 2010**, or incur additional charge from the Georgia International Horse Park.

Stalls required prior to 12:00 noon **June 3, 2010**, will be available for \$15 per stall per day. If early arrival is required, please advise the Show Secretary with an arrival date and time.

Anyone using straw as bedding will be charged an additional \$10.00 cleaning fee. All stalls and tack rooms are furnished with doors.
15. **Entry Fees are not refundable.** Horses that are scratched from a class will be charged the appropriate entry fee. **HOWEVER**, if a horse is scratched from one class and simultaneously added to another class **ON THE SAME FORM**, there will be no additional charge for the added class.
16. **Refund Policy:** Refunds of all fees, except office fees, will be made with veterinary certificate received by the Show Secretary prior to **May 21, 2010**. After this date and until the start of the show, refunds will be made on Entry Fees only when request is accompanied by a certificate from the veterinarian. To refund AHA, USEF fees you must inform office at the time you take a horse out of the show. Positively no refunds on stall fees after **May 21, 2010**. No refunds of entry fees after the start of the show.
17. **Indebtedness to Show:** Any exhibitor who fails to settle his indebtedness to this show will automatically be barred from taking part whatsoever in any Recognized Shows until settlement is made (USEF Rule V, Sec.9.). In addition to the remedies available to the show under USEF rules for non-collectibility of checks, show management will assess a fee of **\$150.00** for each time a check is returned unpaid. If management must avail itself of the remedies under the USEF rules, an additional \$10.00 penalty will be assessed for a total of \$35.00 (maximum). All show fees and class fees must be paid for on entering a class and all other fees must be paid when incurred unless a signed check payable to "GAHA" is left with the Show Secretary. Unless prior arrangements are confirmed by the Show Secretary, each exhibitor who leaves the show grounds at the close of the show without settling any outstanding fees due to the show office, will be assessed a \$100.00 service fee for sending a bill.
18. **Veterinary Inspection:** All animals are subject to physical inspection, free of charge, by the Show Veterinarian as a safeguard against communicable equine diseases. All horses must be serviceably sound, except in Jumper and Equitation Divisions. In case of suspected unsoundness, the Judges may, if they so desire, have the animal examined by the Show Veterinarian and that decision shall be final. No exhibitor may use another veterinarian's statement to contradict the Judge's decision.
19. **Discipline:** Exhibitors are cautioned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the owner, groom, rider, or driver or their families will disqualify the horse from adjudication. The management reserves the right to remove the groom, horse, rider, or driver from the show without being liable for compensation or damages. Show management will be charged with the responsibility of enforcing all USEF and AHA rules. Special emphasis will be placed on the rules pertaining to the retention of natural action; expressly, hoof length, weighted shoes, pads or action brought about by these or similar artificial appliances. Leg chains, rattlers, or other artificial appliances on a horse's leg while on the show grounds will be cause for immediate removal from the show, and all monies, ribbons, and trophies shall be forfeited. The Show Committee also bears the responsibility to aid the Judges in avoiding contact with exhibitors or their agents before and during the show. Any offensive or abusive conduct toward the Judges by an exhibitor will be cause for immediate removal from the show.
20. No person will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging except exhibitors and those having official or requested duties to perform.

- 21. ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT TIED OR ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES. ANIMAL CONTROL WILL PICK UP ANY WANDERING DOGS. DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SHOW OFFICE.**
- 22. Calls for Classes:** Classes will be called promptly. Two minutes will be allowed after the first horse in the class enters the ring, after which the gate will be closed. Exhibitors are cautioned that if entering the same horses in successive classes, tack changes should be arranged for with the paddock manager. In the interest of good sportsmanship, exhibitors are requested to always check in with the paddock manager. This courtesy will minimize delays between classes thereby showing consideration for fellow exhibitors and show workers. We appreciate your cooperation. Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical device, the PA system and paddock calls over that system must be considered a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his horse is at the gate at the prescribed time. And, while every effort will be made to maintain a working PA system to carry calls, no protest will be upheld nor will any section be changed on the basis of a PA malfunction alone.
- 23. Officials:** In the event of illness or failure of a Show Official to attend this show or perform his duties, the Show Committee reserves the right to substitute a Show Official.
- 24. Refusal of Entries:** The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse the entry of any person without liability or compensation (Rule XV, Art. 1509).
- 25. Professional Services** or consultations performed by the show veterinarian outside the show ring shall be on a private fee basis.
- 26. Damages:** Neither management, AHA, Georgia International Horse Park, nor any of the sponsors of the show will be responsible for any accidents or damages done to any owner, driver, groom, attendant or their equipment at this show.
- 27. Post Entries:** There will be a Post Entry Fee of \$30.00 for entries made (postmarked) after **May 20, 2010**. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NO ENTRIES SHOULD BE MAILED AFTER THIS DATE - ENTRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE SHOW OFFICE.
- 28. Horse Show Office:** The schedule for the Horse Show Office will be posted at the Horse Show Office door. On the days of the show, the Horse Show Office will be open one (1) hour before the first session of the show each day. The Horse Show Office will be open every day except during the last two classes of the Evening session and during regular scheduled class breaks.
- 29. Life, Senior, Active and Junior Active Members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at regular member competitions, combined training at the preliminary level or above and combined driving events at the intermediate level or above, dressage and vaulting competitions and endurance rides provided the respective breed/discipline dues or breed/discipline category fee has been paid. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent or trainer at regular member competitions, combined training events, dressage competitions and combined driving competitions upon payment of a \$30.00 non-member registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the requirements of this rule: 1) Leadline; 2) Exhibitions; 3) Games and races; 4) Classes for 4-H members; 5) Walk-Trot and Academy Classes (Academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program; and 6) USDF Introductory Level Tests, Pas de Deux and Quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions; 8) Opportunity classes. 9)citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.**
- 30. Motorized Vehicles – Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult**

**with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and /or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.**

## **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

**AHA Hunter Seat Equitation (Not to Jump) Medal Class –** Open to Juniors who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1, 2009. Following the rail work, all contestants are required to perform two or more individual test from AHA GR 1237.9. To fill a class, THREE competitors with proper appointments must compete

**AHA Saddle Seat Equitation Medal Class –** Open to Juniors who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1, 2009. A rider must win a class to earn the required number of points to qualify for Finals Competition. Following the rail work, all contestants are required to perform two or more individual tests, from USEF GR 2219, Tests 1-15 or CEF GR F410, Tests 1-15. Markers shall not be used. To fill a class, THREE competitors with proper appointments must compete.

**AHA Stock Seat Equitation Medal Class –** Open to Juniors who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1, 2009. All contestants are required to perform the rail work and a Reining Pattern, as outlined in USEF GR 1685 or USEF GR 3308 and CEF GR F1701, Patterns 1, 2, 3 and 7 or CEF GR F1501. Other tests may be included from USEF GR 2225 and CEF GR F512. Dropping of bits is optional with the judge, but if called for in the ring, assistance, if necessary, may be had from one of the ring officials. Reins shall not be removed from the horse's neck while inspecting bits. To fill a class, THREE competitors with proper appointments must compete. In an AHA Stock Seat Medal Class, an off Pattern rider is eliminated and is not eligible to win a medal or ribbon.

**Stick Horse Class:** 6 years and under. NO FEE. Does not require membership with USEF or AHA.

**Walk-Trot Classes:** To be judged on the rail at a walk and trot only. A rider must not have ever been judged in a class at a recognized or non-recognized show that required a canter. No test shall be called. Stallions are not allowed. One header per horse is allowed during line-up. A plain unmarked smock is required.

**Lead Line:** Open to Arabians and Half-Arabians. Riders to be 2 - 6 years of age and never to have shown alone in a show. A rider may not enter any other class in this show. Stallions are not allowed. Leaders must be at least 14 years of age. One rider per horse. AHA GR 1135.

**Maiden, Novice & Limit Horse** classes are open to horses which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons consecutively, at regular member competitions of the USEF in the particular performance division or level in which they are shown.

**Select Rider classes are** open to rider/driver/handlers who have not won any of the following:

1. AHA Regional Top Five or Higher in that particular performance section in which they are shown.
2. Two AHA Regional Top Five Awards or higher in a SELECT class in that particular performance section in which they are shown.

Riders in the Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian Divisions shall not be considered separately when competing in the same performance section. If a rider is eligible to compete as a SELECT rider in a performance section on December 1, said eligibility remains throughout the current competition year (that eligibility is determined beginning with Regional and National competitions of 1997.)

**For Dressage, Hunter Jumper and Sport Horse specifications – see schedule pages.**

**WARNING: UNDER GEORGIA 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 FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 TITLE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED.**