

2009 WNRDC Pleasure Show Rules and Regulations

1. Post Entry fee of \$15 per number issued will be charged for entries postmarked after September 23, and those taken on day of the show. Help us help your day start smoothly by mailing in your entries early!
2. If you have pre-entered by September 23, you may add classes on the day of the show with no post entry fee.
3. Classes must be paid in full before the class, or leave a blank check at the secretary's booth.
4. \$25.00 fee will be charged for returned checks.
5. It shall be in the condition of entry that each exhibitor or their legal guardian sign the entry blank releasing WNRDC, the show, its staff, and affiliates from any and all liability actions.
6. Proof of negative Coggins test must be presented, dated within 12 months for out-of-state horses/ponies and within 24 months for Massachusetts horses/ponies.
7. **If entries warrant, classes may be divided OR combined by age, and/or riding style (seat), at the Show Committee's discretion. The Show Committee reserves the right to cancel, divide or combine classes, therefore class order is subject to change.**
8. Hunt seat, Saddle seat, and Western riding styles are all welcome, and will compete together in all classes (unless a class(es) is(are) divided as per Rule 7 above).
9. EQUITATION classes will be judged on the rider's position, seat, hands, aids, and control of mount. Adults may ride ponies, suitability to count. No martingales or tie downs permitted.
10. PLEASURE classes will be judged on the suitability of horse or pony to provide a pleasant ride, including manners, performance, suitability of horse/pony to rider, and soundness, in that order. Light rein contact with the horse/pony's mouth is required. No martingales or tie downs permitted.
11. **Attire:** NO tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or t-shirts for any rider. Certified riding helmets are required for ALL riders when mounted, with chin strap fastened. Proper footwear required. **Hunt seat riders:** Breeches or jodphurs with appropriate boots; long or short sleeve light colored shirt with collar, or ratcatcher with choker; black or dark colored certified riding helmet. No jackets or hunt coats needed. **Saddle seat riders:** Jods or dark pants; white or light colored dress shirt; tie; boots; certified riding helmet. No coats or derbies needed. **Western riders:** Chaps or dark pants; western type shirt or long or short sleeve white/light colored dress shirt; tie; boots; certified riding helmet. No cowboy hats please.
12. JACKPOT Classes require a minimum of five (5) entries to fill and run the class. Jackpot classes with 13 or more entries will be split and prize money awarded in both sections.
13. The "IN" gate for Ring 1 will close TWO – 2 – minutes after the last call for the class. This rule will be strictly enforced in order for the show to run smoothly. LISTEN for announcements, class calls, and schedule changes. If you require a "hold" for a tack change, please make that known to the secretary's booth at least two classes prior to the class you wish to hold, otherwise your "hold" will not be honored.
14. The decision of each judge is FINAL. Exhibitors must receive permission from the ringmaster before speaking to the judge. No exhibitor may speak with the judge until after completion of that exhibitor's last class of the day.
15. No stallions permitted in any class.
16. Ponies are classified as 14.2 hands and under.
17. Horses or ponies prone to kicking should wear a red ribbon in their tail as a caution to other riders.
18. Practice good horsemanship: Dismount, loosen the girth, and rest horses and ponies during breaks. Provide equines and humans with drinking water, and protection from the sun and flies.
19. Mounts should be under control at all times. The show committee reserves the right to excuse any entry for showing unwarranted misbehavior or unsoundness.
20. Severe bits and/or equipment is prohibited. The Show Committee and Judges reserve the right to excuse any entry from a class or the show grounds on this basis.
21. All ages are as of January 1, 2009. Juniors are 17 & under as of 1/1/09; Adults are 18 & up as of 1/1/09.
22. All dogs must be on a LEASH at all times on the show grounds.
23. Riding, schooling, longeing, warm-ups, etc. are limited to designated areas.
24. The Pipestave Hill Cross Country course is CLOSED for the day of the show.
25. Division Champion and Reserve Champion awarded in Driving (classes 1, 2), and Lead Line (21, 22). Champion and Reserve Champion in all other Divisions include an equitation, pleasure, trail, & command class: Junior 10 & Under Walk-Trot (4, 5, 6, 39), Junior 11-13 Walk-Trot (7, 8, 9, 39), Long Stirrup Walk-Trot (10, 11, 12, 39), Novice (23, 24, 25, 40), Open (27, 28, 29, 41).
26. Points for Championships will be awarded for first to eighth place as follows: 10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2. In case of ties, the tie will be broken by highest placing in the tie breaker Pleasure class, indicated in **bold** above.