

NCHSC Horse Show Rules

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1	For games a horse may be led into the arena and then mounted while another person holds the horse, or a horse and rider may be led into the arena by another person.
2	In a Rescue race the rider must go past the barrel at the end of the arena and pickup up his/her passenger. He/she may not pass the barrel on the way back unless the passenger is completely on the horse otherwise a disqualification will occur. Also, if rider and passenger are not on top of the horse when the horse crosses the finish line, a disqualification will occur.
3	In gaming events a wide flat leather bat is preferred but other whips are acceptable unless used excessively. Judges/Time/Arena Keepers may disqualify contestants using excessive force on horse.
4	Two handed ride permitted in timed events.
5	All Events require jeans and boots with a heel. A sleeveless shirt is allowed but should be publicly appropriate. If show committee members or a judge feels clothing worn is inappropriate, participant will be asked to change or disqualification will occur. Hats or helmets are are not required, but helmets are encouraged.
6	Running of the gate will result in disqualification. A horse's body must be completely through the gate before breaking into a lope or if it runs through the gate it must break into another gait prior to his/her crossing the starting line or it must do a circle prior to crossing the starting line.
7	In Gaming Events a knocked pole, jump or barrel is not considered a disqualification but instead additional time will be added as follows: * Barrel or pole – add 5 seconds for each one tipped * A Jump in any game event that is used more than once during the event will have time added as follows: 1. If on the way through knocking down the jump will be an additional 10 seconds per jump knocked. 2. If knocking on the way back only, an additional 5 seconds will be added for each jump knocked.
8	Touching or steadying a gaming obstacle with a hand is acceptable.
9	Tie downs, closed reins or gaming bits are allowed.
10	For timed events an electronic timer will be used unless not possible, then hand timers will be used.
11	Re-rides are allowed only due to NCHSC equipment failure, either immediately or after the last person in that age group. (Rider's choice)
12	A broken pattern is considered a disqualification. Patterns/drawings will be available in the registration building the day of the show.
13	High Point Tie Breaker Events: Gaming - Barrels
14	A gate must be closed in all events when the event is in progress unless judge requests otherwise such as in showmanship.
15	A horse & rider combination may ride only once per event unless in the team events.
16	A participant in any event other then lead-line in which he or she is physically assisted past the time line will not be placed.
17	A participant is also considered assisted if a helper goes past the time line with them even if not physically holding the horse and will not be placed.
18	An unruly horse maybe dismissed from the class by the judge or show committee.
19	For safety and fairness to other participants, a riding apparatus strapping a rider into the saddle will only be allowed if required due to a health condition diagnosed by a medical doctor. A medical slip stating the health condition requiring such apparatus should be provided at time of registration.
20	High Point, Reserve High Point and Year End Awards, including the Suprise Buckle Run are based on a horse & rider combination. If the name of the horse is not listed on a registration or event form and is not known or written in by the announcer, points will not be considered for Year End Awards. Only points accrued by current members at the time of showing will qualify for year end awards or the Buckle Run buckle. You do not need to be a member to qualify for individual show awards (trophies).

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21	A participant will not be allowed to win both a High Point or Reserve High Point trophies at the same show or both a High Point or Reserve High Point Year End Award for the same year. But one can win the Buckle Award along with a High or Reserve High Point award. <u>If riding more than one horse</u> points will be accumulated on all horse & rider combinations for show and yearend awards. If a participant qualifies for more than one high point award, the highest award won will be the one awarded.
22	Announcers &/or Judges Decisions are FINAL.
23	No inappropriate behavior is tolerated on the Ornquist Arena Grounds or at any place a North Country Horsmen Saddle Club sponsored event is held. Foul language, name calling or any threatening behavior towards another person, or an animal will not be tolerated. Any NCHSC officer or show committee member has the right to request a person or persons leave immediately and law authorities may be contacted . The show committee also has the right to revoke points for the day of the event that this behavior occurred. If the person responsible for this behavior is a minor and a parent or guardian is not immediately available, they will be contacted and requested they accompany the minor at the next NCHSC sponsored event that this person attends. If inappropriate behavior is again witnessed, not only will the person deemed at fault be asked to leave, but the show committee or any NCHSC officer also has the right to disallow this person or persons from all future NCHSC sponsored event(s).
24	Stallions allowed only if ridden or handled by an adult. If unruly, or considered dangerous you will be asked to remove it from either the show area &/or Ornquist Arena property.
25	No tennis shoes or non-heeled shoes allowed except for in lead-line and then only if feet are not in stirrups.
26	Ribbons will be given to all Lead-line participants
26	Participants are responsible for being ready at the gate when they are to show. A Participant name will be called at least 3 times. If rider is not at gate at that time he/she will be moved to bottom of line-up. If not available immediately when called at that time he/she will be disqualified.
27	Participant Age is your age as of January 1st of current year.

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