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The Southeast Arkansas Horse Show Association (SEASHA) is governed by the Arkansas State Horse Show Rules and Regulations unless otherwise stated in this Publication.

COGGINS

Twelve (12) Month Negative Coggins required. Upon request, papers can be checked at anytime during the show by any member of the Board of Directors. No photo static copies will be accepted.

CONDUCT

Heavy drinking and abusive language should be stopped by the board. Anyone drinking or using abusive language will be asked to stop the first time.

The second time - they will be escorted from the grounds and can be suspended for at least three (3) Association shows.

Anyone fighting will be approached by the board. The persons involved can be asked to leave the grounds and can be suspended for at least three (3) association shows.

JUDGES

Any Misconduct by a member of SEAHSA toward a judge will result in a mandatory suspension of that person for at least three (3) shows.

PROTESTS

The outcome of a protest will be decided by the Board of Directors in the presence of the judge in accordance with the SEAHSA Rule Book.

RULES NOT ADDRESSED

Any Rules not addressed in the SEAHSA Rule Book will be decided by the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1

NAME

This Association shall be known as the Southeast Arkansas Horse Show Association and at all times shall be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with laws of Arkansas, providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights as granted to Association of this kind.

SECTION 2

PURPOSE

The purpose of this association shall be aimed toward the younger riders in effort to increase their riding ability, promote friendship and fair play, and provide experience in competition with similar aged children. This will provide incentive to work hard in order to attend and be competitive at larger shows.

SECTION 3

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Association is extended to clubs in Southeast Arkansas interested in the promotion of horse shows. Provided that they have met the requirements of this association and have been approved by a majority vote by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have the power to drop from the roll any member, club, or persons which have failed to comply with the rules, bylaws and regulations of this association or club or person whom the board thinks has not given sufficient support to the association approved shows.

Membership in this association is automatically extended to all members in good standing of the member clubs. Member club secretaries must furnish a list of club members and a membership application showing date of birth to the association secretary before the first association horse show to be sure their members' points count for that season – these must be turned in by Friday at 8:00P.M. before the first show.

Names may be added during the year and points will count from date received by the association secretary. The points will not count if a member is turned in on the day of the show.

SECTION 4

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of two elected representatives from each club in good standing. These delegates shall hold the voting power of the association.

SECTION 5

MEMBER CLUB INFORMATION

Each member club shall pay \$100.00 each year for start-up fee. Thereafter, funds shall be supplied by a fee \$2.00 per entry from each association sponsored show. The club having the show will keep the other \$2.00 from each entry from each association sponsored show. These fees are to be paid to the Association Treasurer within (15) days following each show. A new club joining the association will pay \$100.00 for membership fee and an additional \$100.00 for the start-up-fee.

SECTION 6

OFFICERS

The officers of the association, elected by popular vote by two delegates from each club, shall be President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be elected from nominations from delegates at the first meeting of delegates in September each year.

President

If a delegate becomes President, his/her club will elect a new delegate to take his/her place. The president shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He/she shall see that all By-laws and Rules and Regulations are enforced. The President can only vote to break a tie, at which time he/she will vote as he/she feels best.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall serve in the absence of the President.

Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be the custodian for the safekeeping of all documents and records of the association. He/she shall collect all monies due the Association and all other monies and shall deposit to the credit of SEAHSA in a bank which would be most convenient to him/her. Any disbursements shall be by check by either the President or Secretary.

Election of Officers

The Fiscal year of this association shall be October 1 to September 30, inclusive. The elected officers shall hold office for the fiscal year.

SECTION 8

APPROVED SHOWS

The number of shows will be set by the Board of Directors for each year. Shows will be on Saturday at 2:00P.M. Entry fee will be \$4.00 per entry, with \$2.00 going to SEAHSA for year end awards. Gate fees will be \$3.00 per vehicle. The gate fee will be split equally between the host club and SEAHSA (every paid entry). Sponsors for events can be sold with proceeds going to the club hosting the show.

The requirements for approved shows are:

1. Members are in good standing of SEAHSA.
2. Members must abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in the Official Handbook unless otherwise approved by the Board
3. Approved shows must include at least 75% of the mandatory classes as covered in the Official Handbook
4. Members must show in at least half of the total number of association shows to be eligible for the State Horse Show and Year End Awards.

SECTION 9

SHOW RESULTS

A copy of the entry sheets completed in the entirety, listing the top (5) riders in each class shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association within (15) days after completion of the show, and shall be accompanied by a check covering one half of the monies collected for entry fees.

SECTION 10

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The top (5) riders of each class of an approved show shall receive points toward championship awards. If a non-association rider places, his/her place for points in the SEAHSA will be given to the next Southeast Rider.

- 1st Place - 5 Points
- 2nd Place - 4 Points
- 3rd Place - 3 Points
- 4th Place - 2 Points
- 5th Place - 1 Point

SECTION 11

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Lead-line Class will consist of riders six (6) years of age and younger. Pony Class will consist of riders ten (10) years of age and under. Buckaroo Classes will consist of riders (13) years of age and younger. Junior Classes will consist of riders eighteen (18) years of age and younger. Senior Classes will consist of riders nineteen (19) years of age or over. **A rider's age on January 1st shall determine what age division they will ride in all year.** Riders must ride in only one age division when there are specific classes limited to their age division - such as Junior Poles and Buckaroo Poles, etc.

In the event that a question arises on the age of a rider at any time during the year, the Association can ask that a Birth Certificate be furnished to the Board of Directors, and all ribbons, trophies, and other awards shall be held until proof of age is established.

A member must show in at least half of the Association shows to be eligible for the State Horse Show. A member must show in at least half of the shows in each event to be eligible for the Year End Award in that event from SEAHSA.

SECTION 12

MANAGER OF SHOW

Clubs hosting and approved horse show must appoint a Manager of the Show (The Association President). This will be the club president or assigned by the president. Any reputable person may serve in the capacity of manager if selected by the club President sponsoring the show.

The manager shall be held responsible by the SEAHSA for the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions throughout the length of the show. He/She shall have jurisdiction over preparing entry blanks, ribbons, and trophies.

The manager shall enforce the starting time and coordinate and expedite the movement of the classes to the best of his/her ability.

SECTION 13

JUDGES

The Following Rules in regard to Judges shall be mandatory:

1. Judges must be chosen from a list furnished by this association. Upon request, the office of the association will furnish a list of qualified and approved judges to organizations sponsoring and approved show.

2. Neither the judge nor members of his/her family shall exhibit or act as agents or handlers of performance class entries in which he/she is officiating. The above mentioned are allowed to compete in timed events in which he/she is officiating.
3. A judge may order any person or horse from the arena for bad conduct of one or both.
4. The judge of a show may also be on any "sifting" or elimination committee necessary.
5. Only one (1) judge should be used for western and performance classes.
6. The judge shall have the authority to place a horse and rider in whatever position he/she thinks is justified and his/her decision shall be final. Once the class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged and once the judge has marked his/her record and turned it over to the announcer there shall be no changing. The judge must be present at all classes during the performance of the show and will have the authority to settle any dispute according to the rule book.
7. The judge may use the "sifting" method where a class consists of Fifteen (15) more horses.
8. A judge shall not officiate more than one time during the season unless deemed necessary by the board.
9. Any misconduct by a member of SEAHSA toward a judge will result in MANDATORY SUSPENSION of that person for at least three (3) shows.

SECTION 14

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Announcer

During a judged event, the announcer shall not refer to the riders by name, but shall refer to contestants by number only.

On all speed events the announcer will not stop the rider if the clock stops. If the rider has a qualified ride and the clock stops, the rider must make a bonafide attempt on the re-ride and will still receive time even if his/her new run would cause him/her to get a no-time (barrel or Pole knocked down or flag missed) however, deliberate and intentional disqualification to achieve a faster time will not be tolerated and the decision of the judge will be final. The rider has the option to run immediately or last in the class.

Announcer's Stand

No one should be in the announcer's stand except the announcer, timekeeper and judge.

Arena Dragging

No more than ten (10) horses may be run in speed events before the arena is dragged, allowing overlap into the next class. Once drag is set, it cannot be changed unless deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Barrel Pickup

A contestant may enter only one time in a class; either as a rider or jumper but not as both in barrel pick up.

Class Entry

You may enter a class up until the first horse enters the arena or the first riders name has been called.

Complaint - Member

Any complaint made against a member must be in writing before the board will review the complaint. Any person submitting the complaint in writing must also attach \$100.00 to the complaint. If the board finds in favor of the person complaining the \$100.00 will be returned to the complainant. If the board votes in favor of the person being complained about, the association will keep the \$100.00.

Contestant Numbers

All contestants participating in a judged event shall display his/her number on his/her back or on each side of the saddle pad before entering the arena. If not, the rider will be disqualified.

Dress Code - Pleasure

Riders in pleasure events must wear long sleeve shirts, hats and boots.

Dress Code - Speed

Speed riders must wear shirts with sleeves and shirts must be long enough to be tucked in. Capped sleeves for ladies are permissible.

Participants in all speed events must wear western boots or heeled tennis shoes.

Contestants in pleasure and speed events violating this attire will be disqualified.

Elimination

If there is an elimination, the same rider must ride the same horse in the elimination that was ridden in the event.

Entry Information

The Entry Booth opens at 12:00 Noon.

The rider is responsible for errors on entry blanks

Sign up person must be a person of immediate family - no dropping down, skipping lines and no phone calls to sign up. No entries will be accepted prior to two (2) hours before show time.

Event Information

A horse may not be ridden twice in the same event.

No horses will be allowed in the arena or bullpen while classes are being judged unless the contestant is showing the horse in his/her event.

A rider may compete only one time in a class. Each horse may be ridden only one time in a class.

No one may enter an event after the event is started. Western Pleasure, Speed, Reining closes after the 1st horse enters the arena or name/number has been called in the speed/reining events

Gate Call

The show manager or Judge can call for a one (1) minute gate call when at his/her discretion it is necessary to expedite the movement of the show.

Judge Information - Miscellaneous

The exhibitor has paid for the judge's opinion. It is urged that his/her opinion be given courteously and sincerely.

It is urged that organizations affiliated with this association nominate to the Executive Committee of this association various persons whom they believe to be qualified for consideration as Official Approved Judges.

The judge will be in the arena or announcer's stand during timed events.

In the event that the judge for a show does not show up, the board of directors has the authority to appoint a local judge for the show, if available. If no one is available, then the Board of Directors will judge the horse show.

Language

No vulgar or obscene words or pictures will be allowed on attire.

Lounging

No horses are to be lounge-lined in the arena at any time.

Membership Fees

Membership fees must be paid to club secretary, and member's names turned in to the association secretary by 8:00p.m. on Friday before the show for points to count for that show.

Pony Information

Ponies are to be 52" and under. The ponies will be measured and any pony failing to measure 52" and under will be disqualified.

Riders in pony classes cannot ride ponies in any class where there is a specified pony class.

Participants who ride in pony barrels or poles can ride in buckaroo barrels or poles but not both.

Protest

In the event of a protest of any kind during a show, the protest must be lodged before the next working event is over. Protests should only be accepted from the person riding in the event that is protested. The person making the event protest must put up \$100.00. If the protest is legitimate, the person will receive the \$100.00 back. If it is not legitimate, the association will keep the \$100.00. If the rider is a minor, the parent or guardian may make the protest.

Rain Outs

A hosting club must notify the SEAHSA President no later than 9:00A.M. on the day of the show if the show is rained out.

In case of a rain out, all remaining classes will remain open for entries. If the class is not completed when rain out occurs, the entire class will be re-run and entries will be closed for that class.

Rule Breaking

Any rider breaking these rules will be disqualified and points will not count. Any three (3) board members can make this decision.

Rule Breaking - Witness

Any member who witnesses infraction of the rule book should notify his/her club president or delegate. The president or delegate will bring it before the board of directors. The person accused of the infraction will have the right to appear before the board.

Rule Changes

Any major changes on rules that are not in accordance with this Rule Book must be decided by the Board of Directors.

Speed Event – Missed Pattern

Each contestant in a speed event who misses a pattern shall have one (1) minute to make the horse run the pattern, but must not leave the arena.

Speed Event Equipment

All speed events must be ridden with a stock saddle. However, bareback pads with handholds and stirrups are permissible.

Stallion

Riders in the buckaroo and junior age groups will not be allowed to show a stallion in a judged event including Queens Class and Pony Class; the exception will be in Junior Reining.

State Show Sign Up

Each contestant that qualified for the state show must sign up at the last show. If the contestant does not sign up, then the next contestant will be moved up. In case of an emergency, a ruling will be made by the Board of Directors.

Tack Change

When possible, contestants are to make it known during sign up that they will be doing a tack change and the tack change is to be noted on the announcer's sheet. Tack changes are to exit the area after the judge has turned in his card and expedite the tack change as quickly as possible, without needlessly delaying the show.

Ties

No show is complete until all ties to 5th place have been worked off.

Tie breakers for 5th place will go as follows:

1. Most attendance
2. Most 1st Places
3. Most 2nd Places, etc. until the tie is broken

Timed Event

Deliberately attempting to break the beam of the time in any timed event in an unsportsmanlike manner will be dealt with accordingly.

Timer

An electric timer and display is to be used for all timed events. If a mechanical difficulty arises, at least two stop watches must be used and the average time will be used for scoring the ride.

Un-Sportsmanlike Conduct

When a Rider is guilty of un-sportsmanlike conduct, the SEAHSA can suspend a Rider's Right to participate in future shows for such a period as judged appropriate.

Withdrawing from a Class after Entry

Any contestant withdrawing from a class after entering shall forfeit his/her entry fee except in cases of incapacitating sickness or injury to horse or rider.

Any rider breaking these rules will be disqualified and points will not count. Any three (3) Board Members can make this decision.

Any major changes on rules that are not in accordance with this rule must be decided by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 15

EXHIBITION RUNS

All exhibition runs will be made after completion of the entire class (barrels, poles, etc.). All exhibition riders must pay at the entry booth and not at the announcers stand before they ride exhibition. The entry fee will be \$4.00 per entry on all entries.

All exhibition sheets will be sent up after the last rider completes the entire class. No other entries will be accepted after that.

There will be no dragging during exhibition runs.

Exhibition Western Pleasure will not be a judged event.

SECTION 16

SNAFFLE BIT AND 2, 3, 4 AND 5 YEAR OLDS

Horses that are to be ridden in these classes will have their ages checked.

Registered Horses

The Rider will present registration papers at the entry booth when signing up.

Non-Registered Horses

A non-registered horse's owner will be required to have their horse's age certified by a vet. This certificate must also be presented at the entry booth when signing up.