

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GR914. THE USEF RULE BOOK IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.USEF.ORG

FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the **NWAHC Spring Shows Concurrent I & II** competition.

I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules.

I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cablecasts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation.

The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 nonmember 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); 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 own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

USEF Non-Member Participation If an exhibitor does not **submit the proper competing membership documentation** to the competition and the competition cannot verify such information, the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$30 non-member fee which is non-refundable. The competition **MUST** collect this fee, Membership Affidavits are no longer acceptable. (GR1309.2.b – eff. 12/01/08) Walk/trot only riders are exempt. www.usef.org

Amateur Certification Every person who has reached his/her 18th birthday and competes in classes for amateurs under Federation rules must possess current amateur certification issued by the Federation. This certification must be available for inspection or the competitor must have lodged with the competition secretary, at least one hour prior to such class, an application for such certification provided by the Federation. Forms may be obtained from the Federation. Certification will be issued only on receipt of the application properly signed and is revocable at any time for cause. Any person who has not reached his/her 18th birthday is an amateur and does not require amateur certification. There is no fee for amateur certification for Senior Active or Life Members. An annual fee of \$35 is charged to individuals who are not members of USEF or EC who wish to compete as Amateurs.

AHA Competition Card Requirements - 2012 Competition cards for all concerned must be mailed with entry or entry will be considered incomplete. All riders, drivers, owners, agents and handlers who exhibit horses in the show ring or sign the entry form as the responsible party for any individual's horses at the show must be AHA **Competition Level** members with competition cards or pay a Single Event Membership fee of \$35 per person. Exception: Exhibitors in Walk/Trot (10 Under) or lead line classes, or Parent/Guardian signing for minors (refer to AHA Article 705).

USDF Participating Membership (PM) Membership applications may be submitted at competitions. USDF Membership is not required for this breed restricted dressage competition www.usdf.org.

ABBREVIATIONS

ABS = Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes (\$\$)
AAOTR = Adult Amateur Owner to Ride
ATH = Amateur to Handle
ATR = Amateur to Ride
AATR = Adult Amateur to Ride (18 yrs & over)
AOTR = Amateur Owner to Ride (any age)
AOTS = Amateur owned, trained and shown
HA/AA = Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian
JTR = Junior to Ride
JOTR = Junior Owner to Ride (17 & under)

ARENAS Arena footing is sandy loam or sand. Measurements are: Main arena – 120'x248', Covered Warm-up – 100' x 200', Front sand ring – 128' x 254', NE sand ring – 130' x 200', sand ring between barns 105/106 – 73' x 164'. Several sand lunge rings are available

AWARDS - Halter and performance, dressage and sport horse classes - First place, trophy and ribbon; ribbons to six places. Junior Exhibitor, Equitation - First place trophy and ribbon; ribbons to eight places.

AWARD OF PRIZE MONEY - Checks must be picked up in show office after session ends. Please pick up your checks. They will not be mailed to you. Any checks not picked up by the end of the show will revert back to the Northwest Heritage Arabian Horse Club.
\$50.00 Classes:

1st \$25.00; 2nd \$15.00; 3rd \$10.00

CAMPING OVERNIGHT Please pay the fairgrounds attendant for RV parking. Spaces are available on a first come/first served basis. Approximately 100 spaces with hook-ups and numerous spaces without hookups are available. Hook-ups are charged as follows: \$23 per day per space (water & electrical). Non-hookups are \$18 per day per trailer parked in the RV areas. Full hook-ups are \$26 per space (water, septic, electrical). Please park in an orderly manner: all vehicles must be lived in; i.e. no trucks or trailers taking an RV spot. **Do not** send fees with entries. Fairground number 360-805-6700

CANCELLATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRIES -

The Show Committee agrees to cancel and refund entry and stabling fees on any horse not fit to show providing written notice is given on or before entry closing date. After entry closing and up to 10:00 PM March 28, 2012, withdrawal must be accompanied by an OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN'S CERTIFICATE. In such cases refund of **entry fees** will be given less \$20.00 or 10%, whichever is greater, but stall and tack room fees will not be refunded. AFTER 10:00 PM ON March 28, 2012, THERE WILL BE **NO** REFUND OF ANY FEES.

CONCESSIONS are available on the show grounds during class sessions.

CRUELTY/ABUSE - Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at a recognized show is forbidden. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, show ring or elsewhere on the show grounds before or during a show, by any person constitutes a violation and renders the offender subject to penalty.

DESIGNATED SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES (\$\$)

Can I still enter a Sweepstakes Class at this show, even if my horse is not enrolled?

Yes. Classes do count for show awards, regional and national qualifications, however, non-Sweepstakes horses will not be eligible to earn Sweepstakes prize money.



DISPUTE NOT COVERED BY RULES - Should any question or dispute arise not provided for in the governing rules of USEF and AHA, the same shall be referred to the Show Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

DOGS - Dogs are not allowed within the fairgrounds fences, barns or arenas. They may be in the RV areas ONLY.

DRUGS AND MEDICATIONS - A \$16 fee shall be collected for each horse participating in this show. (\$8 to provide for research, inspection, and enforcement of rules regarding use of medications and drugs; \$8 to the association.) No horse or pony may compete in a class if it has been administered any forbidden substance except as provided in GR411.

FEED is available locally. Inquire at the show office.

GATE HOLD - When it is found that a gate hold must be requested by an exhibitor, such request shall be made to the Paddock Steward prior to the close of judging of the class immediately before the class requiring the gate hold. The reason for the request must be stated. The gate-hold will be a maximum of three (3) minutes. Appropriate warning will be given to all exhibitors if there is a gate hold in effect. In all other cases, the in-gate will be opened immediately after the last exhibitor exits the arena from the previous class, and will remain open until all exhibitors have entered the arena or for two (2) minutes, whichever comes sooner. GR831.1. A starting order will be established in all classes in which horses compete individually and one minute allowed for an entry to enter the ring. GR831.2

JUDGING - A single judge will be used for each class in dressage and all sport horse classes. In all other classes, the new Concurrent Class/Judge system will be used: two judges will judge independently and awards will be given under each judge. Refer to AHA Handbook Article 1108.

LIMITING & REFUSING OF ENTRIES

In addition to entries of persons suspended or expelled from the Federation, Competition may refuse any entry of an exhibitor or the participation of any agent, trainer, rider, driver or handler who has shown an objectionable attitude or behavior at a Licensed Competition or towards its management, or previous unsportsmanlike behavior. Management reserves the right to limit the number of dressage tests entered by any horse or rider or horse/rider combination. The committee reserves the right, to itself, to remove any owner, groom, rider, trainer, manager, coach or driver groom, horse or rider from the show without being liable for compensation or damages

MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THE SHOW GROUNDS

- In accordance with GR1301.7: 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. ***The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation.*** 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 Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN CLASS - The Show Committee reserves the right to eliminate or combine classes if there are less than 3 entries. In the event a class is cancelled for lack of entries, the entry fee will be returned and exhibitors notified accordingly. If classes are divided into two or more sections, horses must be shown in the section assigned. Showmen may show in only one section. Separate awards will be given to each section.

OFFICE - Office hours on Wednesday will be from 4:00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m.; On Thursday, March 29, 2012 the office will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:30 PM. **Classes must be entered by close of the session prior to the class being entered.** The show office will open one hour before each morning session and, except for lunch and dinner hours, will remain open for one-half hour past the last class of the day.

STABLING There are 402 permanent box stalls (wood or metal construction, with wood dividers, half-doors, full doors). Stall fees include shavings for the entire show and you will need to bed your own stalls upon arrival. Each horse requiring stabling must be assigned a separate stall and payment remitted at time of entering. All horses NOT assigned a stall, will pay a haul in fee, no exceptions. **Please complete a stabling request form and submit entries together for groups wishing to be stabled together.**

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE is Wednesday, March 28, 2012 beginning at 4 pm and departures completed Sunday April 1, 2012 by 6 pm Stalls will be assigned on a FIRST ENTERED & PAID basis.

FIRE MARSHAL RULES By order of the Fire Marshall, all aisles between stalls must remain open. All materials used for decorative purposes must be treated with flame retardant; this includes stall drapes, even those made of cordura. Please be prepared to present evidence of this to the Snohomish County Fire Department. The Fire Marshall will inspect the show grounds. Authorized electrical appliances for grooming purposes may be used. The electrical system may not be altered or tampered with, under any circumstances. If electrical cords are used, they must be of the heavy-duty, outdoor type. **SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE ARENAS OR BARN AREAS.** Hydrants, building exits and aisle ways must remain clear of all obstructions. Decorations, signage or temporary structures may not cover or block any building exits, fire hoses, phones, or electrical panels. **Shavings may not be used in aisles or barn walkways as they are a fire hazard.**

SHARPS CONTAINERS for the disposal of needles and other sharp disposable instruments have been placed throughout the stabling area, every 50 stalls. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$300 (\$100 USEF; \$200 Facility) for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. (GR1210.4.)

STALL AND BARN DAMAGE **Stalls may not be structurally altered in any way. NO removal of fronts or tear down of sides to make larger areas.** Do not put nails, screws or other types of hole producing devices into the stall walls. The use of staples, tacks or tape to attach decorations to walls, buildings, stalls, etc. is prohibited. Horse hooves are not to be painted on unprotected barn floor and aisles. EXHIBITORS ARE FINANCIALLY responsible for any damage or alterations to stalls or barns and will be charged accordingly. Barns and stalls will be inspected for damage and alterations. Exhibitors are responsible for cleanup and disposal of materials other than bedding used in stalls. Decorations must be removed by the exhibitor following the show. This includes any materials placed in aisles or outside barns or materials used for decorative purposes.

Please be kind to you fellow exhibitors and show staff –
If you need to scratch your horse or classes, please tell
the office in advance.