

Hat Creek Equine Club Bylaws

- 2023 Membership fee is \$25 per horse and rider team
- Required to bring a current coggins for us to copy and keep on file.
- Hat Creek Equine Club (HCEC) cannot ascertain any rider or horse's level; it is up to you to place you and your horse in the proper level of experience within a class or division. We trust your decision as to what level you belong coincided with other shows, the decision you make will follow you throughout the year and coming years. We reserve the right to extract any rider or horse that does not belong in the appropriate classes for their level of experience.
- Ring and registration open at 7:00am and shows will start at 9:00am. Unless otherwise stated.
- Age of rider of January 1st of current year decides age eligibility for class entry. Youth riders are riders 17 years and younger as of January 1st.
- ALL YOUTH RIDERS MUST WEAR an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) approved equestrian helmet. ASTM approved helmets must be worn by all riders regardless of age or discipline during dressage shows and jumping classes.
- Age of horse is determined by how old the horse will be that fiscal year. Example: If your horse will turn 3 on April 5 your horse is a 3-year-old that year.
- HCEC will follow American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules for Open Shows and United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules for dressage shows unless otherwise stated in the bylaws.
- Riders/volunteers MUST sign a waiver releasing HCEC and Toms Performance Horses, LLC of all liability to any/all injuries while riding or attending our shows and grounds. The waiver is found on the entry form for each horse show.
- As a curtesy, please remove or spread ALL MANURE left by your horses, throw it back in your trailer and take it home, or stay after and help load manure up for disposal!!
- Judge will decide what the requirements will be for participants to accomplish a tie break. Any members that have tied MUST be present for a tiebreaker to take place. Absence from the tiebreaker will be grounds for forfeiture.
- Members must complete 2 hour of volunteer work at any of HCEC shows during the year.

- These hours must be recorded at tomsperformancehorses@gmail.com within 1-week of hours worked. Email must include date, times, and duties. Duties can be worked by member or immediate family for members under the age of 10.
- There must be 3 or more entries in a class for classes with obstacles to be set-up, otherwise class will be canceled. This includes all trail classes and jumping.
- Riders and horses can cross enter in pleasure classes and ranch classes. In addition, riders can cross enter in canter/lope classes and walk/trot or jog classes.
- No training aids allowed in the ring during a Judged class with exception of the training classes.
- Judge's decision is final!! Judge has the authority to dismiss any competitor for improper conduct. Report any problems to the show secretary; please refrain from asking questions to Judge during a class.
- Should excessive weather conditions arise 90° degrees and above the board may call the show.
- HCEC has an online sign-up option for classes. Online sign-up will be Open for two weeks and closed on Wednesday 9pm prior to the show date. Please email tomsperformancehorses@gmail.com as soon as possible if you know you are not able to attend after doing online sign-up.
- There will be a 30 second gate call, please be prepared to enter the ring when called, once gate is closed classes will start and there will be no entry in the ring and no refund of money.
- Abuse will not be tolerated in or out of the ring.
- No alcohol, profanity, and illegal substance is allowed on the show grounds. You will be asked to leave immediately.
- No dogs allowed on premises.
- No Stallions allowed on premises.
- Broken and illegal tack will disqualify you from a judged class. If you are unsure if your tack is legal for a specific class, please check with show manager before entering judged class.
- Proper tack/attire required for each event, during hot weather certain attire will be optional, to be announced day of the show.

- A \$35 check fee will be charged for returned checks, any unpaid balances will be cause for elimination at future shows and year-end awards.
- Any misconduct will be reviewed by club officers, we reserve the right to proceed with any disciplinary action if deemed necessary.

Membership:

- Membership Term: January 1 to December 31.
- The success of our club depends on membership support and participation. Points will not count until membership is paid. Example if you pay membership at the May show April points will NOT count. Membership rates are reasonable, and all fees are used to support the club and coordinate shows and year end awards.

Points:

- 1st place = 6pts, 2nd place = 5pts, 3rd place = 4pts, 4th place = 3pts, 5th place = 2pts, 6th place = 1pt
- 3 riders constitute a class. Reserve and Champion ribbons will be given when 4 or more riders fill a division. Show management reserves the right to split or combine any class.
- Riders are responsible for knowing which classes to enter if there is a question, please ask before entering.

Open Horse Show Divisions:

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| • Youth Hunter Pleasure | • Miniature Horse/Pony |
| • Adult Hunter Pleasure | • Youth Western Pleasure |
| • Beginner Hunter Rider | • Adult Western Pleasure |
| • Beginner Hunter Horse | • Beginner Western Rider |
| • Youth English Pleasure | • Youth Ranch Riding |
| • Adult English Pleasure | • Adult Ranch Riding |

Open Horse Show Year-End Awards:

- Year-end division winners do have to be a member.
- There is no limit to the number of shows horse and riders compete in to qualify for year-end unless otherwise stated.

High Point Divisions

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| • Youth Hunter Pleasure | • Mini/Pony |
| • Adult Hunter Pleasure | • Youth Western Pleasure |
| • Beginner Hunter Rider | • Adult Western Pleasure |
| • Beginner Hunter Horse | • Beginner Western Rider |
| • Youth English Pleasure | • Youth Ranch Riding |
| • Adult English Pleasure | • Adult Ranch Riding |

Daniel Toms High Point Western Pleasure Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the member who has the highest number of points in any Western Pleasure class for the year. Winner must complete on the same horse in all shows in the series.

Dressage Show Year-End Awards:

- Year-end division winners do have to be a member.
- There is no limit to the number of shows horse and riders compete in to qualify for year-end unless otherwise stated.
 - High Point Youth Rider
 - High Point Adult Rider

Volunteer of the Year Award:

- Awarded to the member (not family member) that has the highest number of volunteer hours at the end of the season.

Hat Creek Equine Club Open Horse Show Class Descriptions

- **Halter:** These classes are to be judged on the horse's conformation only.
- **Showmanship:** This is not a halter class. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident neatly attired exhibitor leading a well-conditioned and groomed horse that performs the requested pattern with smoothness, willingness, and precision. The judge will post the pattern before the show starts.
- **4H Member Open Equitation GAYP:** Open to any current 4H member, open to any discipline, the rider's choice of gait. Judged on rider's skills, form, balance, and control.
- **Ranch Horse Division:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. The purpose of the Ranch Riding horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. Consists of 7 classes: Western Model, Showmanship, Ranch Riding walk/jog, Ranch Riding walk/jog/lope, Ranch Riding Go As You Please, Ranch Riding pattern walk/jog, and Ranch Riding pattern walk/jog/lope.
- **English Pleasure Divisions:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. Judged as a performance class. Consists of 5 classes: Model English, Showmanship, English Pleasure walk/trot, English Pleasure walk/trot/canter, and English Pleasure Go As You Please.
- **Western Pleasure Division:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. Judged as a performance class. Consists of 7 classes: Model Western, Showmanship, Western Pleasure Go As You Please, Western Pleasure walk/jog, Western Pleasure walk/jog/lope, Stockseat Equitation walk/jog, and Stockseat Equitation walk/jog/lope.
- **Beginner Western Rider Division:** Judged as a performance class. Intended for riders of any age beginning their show experience. Riders to be considered beginners for twelve months from their first show date in any discipline. A rider may win this division only once. Consists of 5 classes: Model Western, Showmanship, Beginner Western Rider Go

As You Please, Beginner Western Rider walk/jog, and Beginner Western Rider walk/jog/lope.

- **Hunter Pleasure:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. Judged as a performance class. Consists of 8 classes: Model Hunter, Showmanship, Hunter Pleasure walk/trot, Hunter Pleasure walk/trot/canter, Hunter Pleasure Go As You Please, Hunter Pleasure Hack 2' fences, Hunt Seat Equitation walk/trot, and Hunt Seat Equitation walk/trot/canter.
- **Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony:** In each particular division, a horse will be considered a beginner for 12 months from the first date of show Note: a horse changing divisions between english and western or vice-versa can be shown as a beginner for 12 months in the new division. If a horse/rider moves up from beginner level before the one-year expiration, he/she cannot return to beginner status. An entry in this class may not show in any other over fences class at the same show (except Hunter Hack) and may not cross enter to Beginner Hunter rider. Consists of 6 classes: Model Hunter, Showmanship, Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony walk/trot, Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony Go As You Please, Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony walk/trot/canter, and Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony 18" cross rails.
- **Beginner Hunter Rider Division:** To be judged as an equitation Class. Intended for riders of any age beginning their show experience. Riders may not show in any other over fences class at the same show (Except Hunter Hack). A Beginner Hunter Rider is one that is starting their show career. If a rider moves up from beginner level before the one-year expiration, he/she cannot return to beginner status. Riders cannot cross enter to Beginner Horse/Pony. Rider will be considered a beginner for 12 months from the first date of showing in any discipline. A rider may win this division only once. Consists of 6 classes: Model Hunter, Showmanship, Beginner Hunter Rider walk/trot, Beginner Hunter Rider Go As You Please, Beginner Hunter Rider walk/trot/canter, and Beginner Hunter Rider 18" cross rails.
- **Miniature Horse/Pony:** Open to any equine 14.2 and under. Consists of 3 classes: Miniature Horse/Pony Model, Miniature Horse/Pony Showmanship, and Miniature Horse/Pony In-hand trail