

WAYNE COUNTY SADDLE CLUB GENERAL RULES (Revised 2/2024)

1. Contestant must be a club member to be eligible for points for the year. Dues must be paid before points will count; not retroactive.
2. Points will accumulate on the horse and exhibitor combinations. High points for the year will be awarded at the end of the season. Points will be recorded by the point secretary.
3. All entries must be filled out properly with the participant's first and last name, along with the horse's name as you would like it to appear on your year end award. We will not sort out entrants and horses. Unlike names will be processed as different entries, no exceptions. If you are unsure, use both the registered name and the nickname of the horse on all paperwork turned in to the office.
4. To qualify for year end award points, contestant or representative must perform four hours of work at a show or other authorized club function, or a \$125 sponsorship will count as four hours of work.
5. To qualify for year end awards, a horse and rider combination must show at one more than half of the shows given by that division that year in each respective class.
6. All contestants must wear boots with a heel while riding. Also must wear a shirt and long pants. No tank tops, halter tops, and no tube tops. Must cover with a full t-shirt (not cut up) or button down shirt while showing in the arena. Shirt and pants must meet with no skin showing.
7. Electric shockers are prohibited on the grounds.
8. The Wayne County Saddle Club reserves the right to expel anyone from any event sponsored by the club by the decision of two or more board members present at the time.
9. No refunds will be given for scratches unless the horse becomes unsound or injury to the rider at the discretion of the show committee. You are responsible to pay for all classes entered.
10. Only those working the show are allowed in the entry booth.
11. At the discretion of the show committee, any person unnecessarily striking, hitting, or abusing any horse may be disqualified from any event, will accumulate no points for the day, and will forfeit all fees for the day.
12. Officers and directors shall be considered as ring stewards with any two or more making decisions concerning any rules of the Wayne County Saddle Club. Officer's and director's names shall be posted at the entry booth.
13. All dogs must be confined or on a leash and held by a responsible person during any club scheduled event.
14. All decisions of the judge and/or show committee are final.
15. Any contestant under 18 years of age must have a parent, guardian or responsible adult present to participate in any class.
16. Walk Trot may cross enter to canter classes and canter to walk trot classes but will only receive points in one division. The division must be declared at the beginning of the show season.
17. A horse can only be entered once in a class with the exception of non-point shows.
18. No alcoholic beverages consumed on Saddle Club grounds during any club scheduled event.

19. No glass containers on Saddle Club grounds.
20. Tying horses to trees is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. However, using a 'high line' between trees with drop lines where horses cannot reach trees is OK.
21. If you must tie horses to our fence, always tie to a post, not fence boards.
22. Overnight camping by members is permitted. All minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
23. Reservations for use of Saddle Club buildings must be made with our scheduling chairperson. All scheduled events take precedence.
24. Last one out PLEASE close the gate.

WAYNE COUNTY SADDLE CLUB PLEASURE RULES (Revised 2/2024)

1. Ponies are 58" and under. Horses are over 58". Mini horses are 38" and under. WCSC reserves the right to measure any entry.
2. Lead Line is not eligible for walk trot or canter classes. If rider moves to walk trot or canter, lead line points will be forfeited. Rider to be eight years or under. English or western/horse or pony.
3. If a walk trot horse and rider combination enter any canter class, all walk trot points will be forfeited. Walk trot riders may cross over into canter classes with a different horse. The horse may cross over with a different rider.
4. Any horse five years of age and under may be ridden two-handed with a bosal or an O-ring, egg-butt, or D-ring snaffle bit in any western class. Proof of the horse's age is the burden of the rider.
5. No tie downs, martingales, mechanical hackamores allowed.
6. A two minute time limit to enter the pen will be given once the first entry has entered the pen, if needed.
7. Trail: Can have the class as a walk-trot trail or walk, trot, canter trail. Pattern will be posted at least one hour before class. Class should have four to six obstacles; jump not to exceed 1', English or western/horse or pony. 15 sec at obstacle or 3 refusals.
8. Contestant may not leave arena until the Judge dismisses.
9. Proper show attire required. Minimum for Western classes: Western shirt, jeans, boots, western hat or hard hat. Minimum for English classes: Polo shirt, or English shirt, breeches or jeans, boots and hard hat. Horses should be presented groomed and in good health.

WAYNE COUNTY SADDLE CLUB CONTEST RULES (Revised 2/2024)

1. Small Fry contestants must be 12 or under as of January 1 of the current show season. May be assisted into the arena by an adult or older sibling. Small Fry may not cross enter into any other classes unless the class is not offered in their division.
2. Youth Division contestants must be 18 or under as of January 1 of the current show season.
3. If pay outs are not picked up by the end of the show the money becomes property of the WCSC.
4. The horse must be in the corral (the box) before starting to run, and exit the same gate after finishing. Must not run out the back.
5. The announcer shall excuse any contestant taking longer than two minutes to start the pattern.
6. Any horse off course is automatically disqualified. This rule takes precedence over timer malfunctions.
7. In the event of a timer malfunction, contestant is entitled to a rerun, unless off course.
8. No rerun for broken tack.
9. Walk Trot Division – 3 or more consecutive canter strides will result in disqualification.
10. The fall of any horse/rider during an event results in disqualification unless the fall occurs after crossing the finish line with rider astride the horse. Rider must be astride horse when crossing the finish line to have a qualified run.
11. Any rider may enter an Open Division class as exhibition where an exhibition class is not offered. They must write “Exhibition” on the entry slip. No points will accumulate.
12. Flag Race: Two five-gallon buckets half filled with sand and placed on barrels at each side of the arena midway from the starting line, and a cone in mid arena at the far end (a reasonable distance from the fence) shall make up the course. The entry shall cross the starting line picking flag out of the first bucket, proceeding around the cone and placing the flag in the second bucket. The event may be run in either direction. Penalties: Cone knocked down, barrel knocked down, bucket knocked down, failure to pick up flag and failure to deposit flag are all five second penalties. Rider may not hit the horse excessively with the flag or rider will be disqualified. Disqualification for rider off course.
13. Stake Bend: Five cones approximately 2 ½’ high will be placed in a straight line 30’ apart and at a reasonable distance from the fence. These distances must be measured when setting up the course and resetting knock downs. Any knock down is a five second penalty per cone. Disqualification for rider off course.
14. Poles: Six poles placed 21’ apart and set 21’ from the timer/starting line. These distances must be measured when setting up the course and resetting knock downs. Any knock down is a 5 second penalty per pole. Any pole moved more than the width of the base is a 5 second penalty per pole. Disqualification for rider off course.
15. Barrels: Outside edge of barrels set to end of pulled tight arena ropes. Any knock down is a 5 second penalty per barrel. Disqualification for rider off course.
16. Ball Race: Barrel set where third barrel is set for barrel class. Rider must go around the barrel (between the barrel and the rail). Ball must go in barrel and stay in barrel. Five second penalty for not getting ball in barrel or knocking down barrel. Disqualification for rider off course.
17. Down and Back: Cone is set where the third barrel is set for barrel class. Rider must go behind cone (between the cone and the rail). Five second penalty for knocking over cone. Disqualification for rider off course.