

Plantation Acres Saddle Club 2023-2024 Show Rules

P.A.S.C. Inc. (PASC) adopts the rules of USEF, AQHA, WDAA, and HRHA as its own except where it conflicts with the rules enumerated within. All entries and members agree to abide by the rules of PASC as a condition of entry. The Board and/or show committee reserves the right to decline an entry or may return any fees without being held for compensation.

Equine Zero Liability

Florida Senate Bill 1658 Equine Zero Liability Statute: Warning – Under Florida Law an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.

Release of Liability

The PASC Board or its members, and co-sponsoring organizations, if any, shall not be responsible for any personal injury, or for loss or damage to property, occurring at any PASC activity. A signed entry form shall be deemed acceptance of the conditions of this rule. In the event an entry form is not signed or presented, appearance on the grounds or at any ring of any PASC activity as a rider, exhibitor, handler, owner, or consignor shall be deemed to be acceptance of the conditions of this rule.

Horse Welfare

The following acts are prohibited: Riding an exhausted horse; Excessive pressuring of a tired horse; Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse; Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds; Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll) shall be deemed excessive; Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing its own safety or the safety of its rider; Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane; Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken or bleeding skin; Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds by any person.

Any violation of these rules by the Show Manager shall eliminate the rider, and violation occurs by a trainer, the trainer him/herself, from the competition for 48 hours, and all entry fees and other costs shall be forfeited. In addition, after consultation with the Board of PASC, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed.

Conduct

PASC will not tolerate under any circumstances, any unsportsmanlike conduct towards people, cruel or inhumane treatment of any animal, or unsafe behavior and reserves the right to expel any rider, exhibitor, handler, trainer or spectator from the grounds. No fees will be refunded.

Coggins

Proof of the current negative Coggins is required at each show. All riders and exhibitors are responsible for making valid Coggins available to PASC and Health Inspectors.

Health Requirements

Florida regulations require that all equines be covered by official health certificates, issued by a licensed veterinarian, showing that the animals are free from any infectious or communicable disease.

Limits of Horse Use

Per USEF horse rules, horses performing in the Hunter or Jumper rings cannot show in more than six (6) over fences classes in one day.

Membership

All riders must be members of PASC in order to show. Riders under the age of 18 must have a membership signed by a parent or legal guardian. Membership of owners and trainers is optional and encouraged. Only members may nominate persons to the PASC board and take part in voting.

Entry Forms

All riders must submit a signed entry form. Those under 18 years of age must have an entry form signed by a parent or legal guardian. It is the member's responsibility to properly complete all entry forms and to read and understand the rules, division and class specifications.

Back Numbers

Riders must wear a "show approved" back number at all times while in the ring. Failure to wear a back number during schooling will result in forfeiture of schooling. Failure to wear a back number during a class will result in disqualification. No refunds will be issued. Any rider without a back number in the ring will be assessed an additional \$25 fee.

Stalls & Shavings

Stalls must be pre-arranged with the show office no later than 72 hours prior to a scheduled show and be secured with a payment prior to arriving at the show. Stalls will not be confirmed without payment. Shavings must be ordered with your stall reservation to guarantee delivery.

Arrival/Departure

Horses may arrive after 10 am on Saturday and depart no later than 8 pm on Sunday. Early arrival and late departure must be arranged with the office.

ATTIRE AND HORSE APPOINTMENT

1. **Protective headgear.** All riders must wear protective headgear. While competing in a class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue their performance without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider. Headgear must be free from non-traditional adornment.

2. **Dress Code:** Conventional attire following the tradition of fox hunting is encouraged and preferred. It is further recommended that the rider's attire does not distract from the performance of the horse and rider. Judges shall not eliminate a rider for inappropriate attire except for safety.

- a. For the Hunter Ring Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
 - b. Spurs, crops or bats are optional but if used must be a conservative color.
 - c. When management permits Hunter riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties.
 - d. Polo shirts are only permitted in jumper ring. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.
3. **Tack.** Judges may penalize but not eliminate a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal tack:

a. **Hunter Seat Equitation:**

- i. Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, kimberwickes, or full bridles.
- ii. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, two rings, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.
- iii. Illegal nosebands include but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.
- iv. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.

b. **Jumpers**

- i. Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, gags, kimberwickes, Hackamore and two or three ring bits. Full bridles may be used. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.
- ii. Legal nosebands include leather cavesson, flash, drop and figure eight.
- iii. Martingales German martingales, draw reins, or restricted martingales are prohibited in all phases.
- iv. Bit converters may be used.
- v. Prohibited: Blinkers, Cable or metal tie downs for use on horses and ponies.
- vi. Curbs. When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.
- vii. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted on the legs only. An entry will be eliminated for competing with a belly band, or a wrap or

bandage anywhere other than the horse's legs. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc.) is 500 grams or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded). (See JP111.5) f. Type of saddle is optional. g. Nose nets are permitted.

- viii. When showing it is recommended that riders use traditional stainless steel stirrup irons that promote proper position of the foot in the iron as well as a correct leg position. It is further recommended that riders use stirrup irons that allow judges a clear and unobstructed view of the position of the foot in the stirrup. Judges may not eliminate a rider for using a particular style of stirrup iron.

4. Electronic Communication Devices.

- a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. *exceptions for medical hearing devices.
- b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.
- c. The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lunging horses on competition grounds. Earphone(s)/Earbud(s) are prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise.

Division Advancements

Riders may advance to a higher-level division at any time during the season, except at the same show. Upon advancement, rider will forfeit any points earned in the lower division. The number of qualifying shows will be transferred but the points will not. For any reason, after the first show while showing at the higher division, the rider may revert to a lower division and regain their lower division points. This is a one-time opportunity during the season. If a rider advances a second time during the same season, all lower division points will be forfeited permanently.

Judging

All Hunter/Equitation judges hold "r" or "R" licenses and are conducted in accordance with US Equestrian Federation rules and regulations. Do NOT approach the judge(s) for any reason while showing throughout the day. If you have a question for the judge, please inform the office. It is at the judge's discretion as to whether they will answer your question(s). Judges may examine and check all horses for lameness. Obvious lameness shall be cause for disqualification. Judges' decisions are final.

Non-Judged Entry

Riders can elect to enter a class and not be judged. Standard class entry fees will apply. The PASC back number should be worn reversed to signify it is not a judged round.

Class Conflicts

Trainers must work with in-gate staff to avoid any delay of classes due to conflicts. If there is a conflict, the in-gate staff will give the trainer adequate time to contact them regarding resolution of the conflict. If the trainer fails to contact the in-gate staff within that time period, the class will be run as scheduled.

Adding & Scratching Classes

All adds and scratches must be done in the show office or at the gate up until the prior scheduled division. Only class fees will be refunded.

Show Awards/Prix Payout

Hunter, Equitation and Jumper divisions will be awarded Grand and Reserve ribbons. All classes will be calculated using the following point values:

1st: 7 points | 2nd: 5 points | 3rd: 4 points | 4th: 3 points | 5th: 2 points | 6th: 1 point

Prix: Minimum 3 entries to run, top three places payout 1st: 30% | 2nd: 15% | 3rd: 5%

Year End Awards

Hunter & Equitation: To qualify for a year end division award, the rider must compete in the same division at a minimum of four shows. Points stay with the rider for both equitation and hunter classes. Rules regarding Division Advancements apply.

Medals: These are optional classes within select Hunter/Equitation divisions and will not count towards year end division points. Medal class points will be tracked and awarded separately at year end.

Jumper: To qualify for a year end division award, the horse and rider must compete in the same division at a minimum of four shows. Points stay with the horse. Rules regarding Division Advancements apply.

Riders are responsible for reviewing the division rules/specifications to identify which classes must be entered to fully complete the division. Riders are responsible for checking the accuracy of the points and notifying the board of any discrepancies.

Payments

Memberships and show fees may be paid online through the online show system. Any open invoice will be closed by the office staff at the end of the show. It is the rider's responsibility to review their bill and resolve any discrepancies at the conclusion of each show. Outstanding balances must be paid within 48 hours to avoid forfeiture of points or disqualification. Refunds will be issued in the form of a check mailed within 10 business days.

| | <u>Fees</u> | <u>Membership</u> |
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| Individual Membership | | \$30.00 |
| Family Membership (Immediate Family Members Only) | | \$35.00 |

Show Fees

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| Administration (Mandatory per rider, includes schooling) | \$35.00 |
| Early Class Entry (By Friday of Show) | \$15.00 |
| Late Class Entry (Saturday and Sunday of Show) | \$18.00 |
| Horse Stall (Night watch & AM Feeding) | \$50.00 |
| Tack Stall | \$40.00 |
| Haul-in | \$25.00 |

Miscellaneous Fees

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| Non-Negotiable Funds (Returned Check/Declined Credit Card) | \$35.00 |
| Unapproved Stall (Stall Used, Not Previously Reserved) | \$75.00 |
| Schooling Without Back Number | \$25.00 |

Non-Negotiable Funds

A warning will be issued, and a \$35 fee assessed for the first non-negotiable check or declined credit card. In addition to the warning and fee assessment, upon a second instance, the member must pay in cash prior to receiving a back number for the remainder of the season.

Unapproved Stall Not Paid

A \$25 fee in addition to the \$50 stall fee will be assessed if a stall is used which has not been paid for.

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| ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. |
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