



## PALMER RIVER EQUESTRIAN CENTER

### 2026 OPEN HORSE SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

*We emphasize proper horse show etiquette in a safe, relaxed, and fun atmosphere!*

- 1) Show begins at 9:00 AM. Rings and secretary's booth open at 7:00 AM. Call for any cancellations or changes.
- 2) The judge's decisions are final. No exhibitor or person shall approach the judge unless they first obtain permission from the show manager. Any exhibitor or person disregarding this rule may be asked to cancel all entries and forfeit entry fees.
- 3) The show committee reserves the right to vary or change show officials or judges, to decline any entry, and to combine or cancel any class if there are less than three (3) entries.
- 4) Palmer River Equestrian Center shall not be held responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to an exhibitor, spectator, guest, rider, groom, attendant, or any other employee, animal, or equipment.
- 5) For everyone's safety when mounted, all riders are required to wear protective head gear.
- 6) For everyone's safety, **NO DOGS or OTHER ANIMALS ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES.**
- 7) Schooling and lunging are permitted in authorized areas only. A \$50.00 fee will be charged for any horse using our facility for schooling purposes only. Must register at the secretary's booth with payment and receive a number prior to schooling.
- 8) Classes will be split per judge discretion.
- 9) Points are applied towards rider only. This allows you to ride a different horse at each show. Riders must compete in three (3) shows to qualify for Year End Awards. Banquet to be announced.
- 10) Walk-trot riders may not cross-enter flat classes required to canter. See division description for all rules.
- 11) Attire: No jacket, no problem! However, please dress appropriately. Smooth black leather half chaps are allowed.
- 12) Horses that require special equipment are always welcome (e.g., bitless bridles, hackamores, easy boots). Standing or running martingales are allowed in O/F classes only. No tie downs, German martingales, or draw rein-type equipment allowed while competing; however, schooling with them is allowed.
- 13) Pre-entries (three classes minimum) must be received with payment by 6:00 PM the Friday before the show. Any entries made after this time are subject to the post-entry fee of \$20.00.
- 14) Preferred payment method is PayPal. Find us by searching @palmerriver (Dawn Cook). Please submit as "for friends and family" (not "for goods and services"). Checks to made payable to Palmer River Equestrian Center. Returned check fee is \$40.00.
- 15) Massachusetts Hunter Jumper (MHJ) rules and regulations apply.

#### POINT SYSTEM:

**1<sup>ST</sup> – 7 POINTS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> – 5 POINTS**

**3<sup>RD</sup> – 4 POINTS**

**4<sup>TH</sup> – 3 POINTS**

**5<sup>TH</sup> – 2 POINTS**

**6<sup>TH</sup> – 1 POINT**

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!**