

Black Hawk Creek Saddle Club 2017 Show Rules

1. Membership status of exhibitor will determine amount of entry fee.
2. Entries for each class will close when preceding class is called to the holding area.
3. The same horse/pony may not be ridden more than once in the same class (except 8 and under trail and timed events).
4. An entry who is led (not including lead-line classes) will enter as an exhibition ride and will not place.
5. Each rider's age is determined as of January 1:
 - a. Small ponies - under 50"; large ponies 50" - 57"
 - b. 8 and under - mount must be 57" and under
 - c. Pony - riders 13 and under, pony 57" and under
 - d. 13 and under classes - any size mount
 - e. Youth classes - riders 18 and under
 - f. Adult classes - riders 19 and over
 - g. Lead-line can be any size mount - rider 6 and under
 - h. Lead-line trail any size mount - rider 8 & under
6. Ponies entered in pony classes will be measured and carded and may enter at this size for the season.
7. Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or older to handle or show stallions, except weanling and yearling halter.
8. Junior horse (5 and under) ridden in non-shank snaffle or bosal; may be ridden two-handed in all classes.
9. All riders must wear long pants and western or English boots.
10. All numbers must be visible. Each number equals a horse/rider combination.
11. Six places will be named in each class or event. All must be qualified rides.
12. Upon entering the show grounds, all persons take responsibility for the actions of their animals and themselves. In instances of unsportsmanlike conduct or inhumane treatment of animals, show management may suspend such exhibitor's rights to participate in classes during that show; decision is final. The offending person(s) may be asked to leave the premises. The board will determine suspension from future shows as deemed appropriate.
 - a. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be determined by show management and may include: irresponsible, illegal, indecent, profane, intimidating, threatening, or abusive language or actions.
 - b. Inhumane treatment of any horse will be determined by show management. Examples include but are not limited to: intentional or negligent treatment that results in raw spots or bleeding, hitting the horse in front of saddle, excessive spurring, whipping, spinning, excessive jerking on reins.
13. NO alcoholic beverages on premises.
14. Horses are not allowed in the spectator area.
15. All horses/ponies must go to the designated hold area when the class is called. Failure to enter the arena on the third call will result in a disqualification.
 - a. Horses/ponies are not to run, except in the designated warm up area.
16. Tack changes for entries in back-to-back classes must be done in the chute or holding area.
17. For timed events, a broken pattern results in a disqualification: Horses/ponies must start within the chute: Running beyond the chute after exiting the arena is highly discouraged. Use of approved riding helmet is encouraged.
18. Barrel and pole rules: Knocking over a barrel or pole results in a 5 second penalty for each occurrence.
19. Flag race rules: Failure to pick up the flag or stick flag within cylinder, or tipping a barrel or bucket results in disqualification.
20. Jumping figure 8 rules: Knocking over a barrel, refusing or knocking over the jump or breaking the pattern results in a no-time. **Helmets are required.**
21. Trail class rules: After 3 unsuccessful attempts, rider must move to next obstacle.
22. Special Awards:
 - a. Queen - must have been a member last year and during the current year.
 - b. Youth Horsemanship Buckle - may be won once per person; must have been a member last year and during the current year to win.
 - c. Adult highpoint timed and judged - All classes open to an adult rider will be counted including jackpot and open classes.
23. No refunds may be given except in case of hardship or weather at the discretion of the show chair; no reruns for failure of equipment.
 - a. Cancellation of a show in progress shall result in a refund for classes not completed. Points for classes shown the day of the cancellation will not be awarded unless all classes in a given category were completed.
25. Show-chair has the authority to make decisions regarding cancellations, additions or splitting of classes and the show bill as long as it is done before the event begins and is announced to all participants.