

BYLAWS

OBJECTS

To encourage good sportsmanship and proper conduct among horsemen, and to foster good fellowship among all persons interested in saddle horses.

To encourage proper and humane handling and care of horses; to prevent cruelty to animals.

To promote the education of all individuals in member clubs in the care, use, handling, and development of horses and horsemanship.

To create, stimulate, and maintain interest in saddle horses and horseback riding in communities in the Golden Circle area.

This Association shall be a non-profit organization; shall not be conducted for pecuniary profit; and there shall be no capital stock.

LIABILITIES

The Association shall have no power to bind itself for any indebtedness exceeding the funds in the Treasury, and there shall be no individual liability upon any member of this Association, either in contract or in tort, for any agreement, act, or omission of the Corporation.

MEMBERSHIP

Any individual, family, or properly formed organization or fair may, by written application, be eligible for membership unless said application for membership is rejected by the negative vote of a majority of the Membership Committee made up of the President and at least four of the seven Executive Officers.

The GCHSC membership shall be extended to anyone who wishes to participate in GCHSC club activities.

The Executive Committee, as provided in the GCHSC Constitution, deny or reject membership to any person it deems detrimental to the circuit.

Family Membership is for the immediate family members living at the same address only.

Individual Memberships are offered to any individual that are not covered by a family membership.

All married children or children over the age of 18 (except full time college student) must have their own membership.

DUES

The dues shall be due January 1 and become delinquent March 1 of each year. A member shall cease to be a member when dues become delinquent.

All dues are payable in advance to the Treasurer.

Membership cards must be sent to the GCHSC Secretary and be recorded before membership is official.

Fairs and other organizations (show fee) \$45.00

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The officers of this Corporation shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, Recorder of Points, and Board of Directors.

The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder of Points, and Publicity Director shall be any member of the organization over the age of 19 years.

The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder of Points, and Publicity Director shall each hold office for a term of two years and/or until their successor is elected and qualified.

The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, and Recorder of Points shall be elected by the voting membership.

Card-carrying, voting members must be 19 years or over and have a membership obtained.

The Executive Officers shall be elected on or before December 1, and every two years thereafter, and shall take office on the first of January following.

The Executive Officers are the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, and Recorder of Points. The Executive Committee transacts business.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws, or assigned to him/her by the Association, or by the Executive Committee. The President shall conduct the meetings according to parliamentary procedure.

In the absence of the President, the First Vice-President will take charge of the meeting. In the absence of the President and First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall take charge of the meeting. They shall both act as aides to the President in the performance of his/her duties and head such committees as designated by the President.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be designated to him/her.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Association; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; and shall pay out only when authorized by the Association. The Treasurer shall present a statement of account at every meeting of the Association, at other times when requested by the Executive Committee, and shall make a full report to the annual meeting.

The Publicity Director shall publicize all the important events of the Association as set forth by its members at regular and special meetings, or Executive Committee meetings, conducted according to the bylaws.

The Recorder of Points shall record all points and shall perform such other duties as may be designated to him/her.

The First and Second Vice-Presidents shall be the supervisors of the approved judges.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to hold a hearing to determine the validity of any charge concerning any violation. All hearings shall be held in the presence of the Executive Committee with a 2/3-vote quorum present necessary for a conviction of the violation.

Within its discretion, under special circumstances, it shall be within the power of the GCHSC Executive Committee to grant permission for modification in the rules.

The Executive Committee shall transact necessary business in the intervals between Association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the Association; it shall approve the plans of work of any special committee; it shall present a report at the regular meetings of the Association; and it shall appoint an auditor or an auditing committee. The Executive Committee has the power to appoint a replacement for anyone who cannot complete his/her term of office.

PENALTIES

The Executive Committee may, by 2/3 vote of members present, suspend or expel any individual member from membership in the GCHSC when such suspension or expulsion is deemed by said Executive Committee to be in the best interest of the GCHSC. Any such action of expulsion must be taken at a duly called meeting of said Executive Committee and the person at whom the action shall be aimed be notified of the pending action and permitted to appear in his/her behalf.

Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to a judge, or to an official of the Association, or a member show, by an owner, an exhibitor, his/her agent, employee, rider, driver, stable manager or groom, or by the husband or wife or other close relative of such competitor or exhibitor, shall be deemed to constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Association. Upon request to the GCHSC Executive Committee by the Secretary or any member of the Horse Show Committee, the GCHSC Executive Committee shall have the power to debar from showing at any member show any or all horses from the stable concerned for such period of time as they may determine the offense warrants. Any member barred from showing by any other known local/national horse show association or circuit, shall automatically be barred from showing in this Circuit. The exhibitor will be penalized by having no points awarded for the next three GCHSC-sanctioned horse shows. This rule will be strictly enforced by the GCHSC President, and/or one other officer, at the time the infraction occurs.

PROTESTS

Any exhibitor lodging a protest must first deposit \$25.00 with the GCHSC Secretary, which sum shall be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All protests must be in writing, signed by the protester, and must be lodged with the GCHSC Secretary within 72 hours after the award is made. In case the protest is sustained, the entry standing next in award will be moved up. The Secretary must immediately refer all protests to the Executive Committee. Anyone involved in protest must be present at the hearing.

All protests fees shall be made payable to the GCHSC, who will then bear all expenses pertaining to protests up to the amount of the protest fee. Expenses over and above this amount shall be borne equally by the member show and the GCHSC.

GOLDEN CIRCLE HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The GCHSC is a closed circuit, and you must carry a card to exhibit your horse at any member show. Non-members show by adding a dollar to each entry that the non-member makes. Fifty cents of the \$1.00 is to be returned to the Treasurer of the GCHSC. The Secretary will be permitted to examine any member's entries.

If a organization so desires to hold a combined or open show under GCHSC rules and does not wish to add \$1.00 to each entry made for a non-member of the GCHSC, an exception will be made to charge a flat fee of \$20.00 for the show, payable 30 days before the show is held. The organization must send points to the recorder of points within 14 days after the show.

Every member show shall appoint an experienced ringmaster and a ring committee for their show and be responsible for the enforcement of the rules and regulations governing the show and the classes.

No two shows can be scheduled at different locations on the same day. If an organization desires to publish their show date in the rule book, it must be in the hands of the Secretary by March 1.

Every approved show will be required to print the judge's and the Show Committee Chairman's name on the show bill.

Each show bill must state on it that it is a point show.

Each show will give awards and either prorate their entry fee back 80% or give a stated sum of money as shown on the show bill, with the exception of the Kick-Off Show which is a benefit for Golden Circle. A GCHSC-approved payback sheet will be used for all shows.

All horses shall be serviceably sound for the intended purpose. Use of stimulants, depressants or tranquilizing drugs is prohibited.

Entry fees may be forfeited if the horse is not shown, the decision to be at the discretion of the Show Committee.

In the event the show is rained out or required to change from the scheduled date or judge, the President is to be notified and said change publicized in the local paper when approved. All shows must be complete before points are awarded for that show.

Anyone under the age of 19 is not permitted to show stallions in any class, except Weanling Halter.

Show time for running events must be stated on show bills (example: Running Events will not start before 4:00 p.m.)

All exhibitors must have a number, except for running classes. If the exhibitor does not display an entry number then they will not be placed.

No alcohol is allowed on the premises of any show.

Dogs are not recommended, however any dogs being brought to a show must be on a leash at all times.

Horses are NOT PERMITTED TO CANTER/LOPE other than in designated areas. Horses are to be kept at either a walk or trot at all times while outside the arena, except in designated areas.

Do not ride next to the arena if there is a class going on, be considerate of the exhibitors in the arena.

Rules may be altered for special event shows.

If the club receives a bad check from a member of the GCHSC, the club will give 2 weeks for him/her to make the check good. If he/she doesn't then they will be disband from the circuit. Also that person will pay for the returned bad check and any fees that apply. There will be no points awarded to he/she until the check is made good.

POINT SYSTEM

For the purpose of the point system, the show season shall be from April 1 to November 1.

Points shall be allowed only for approved point classes of the GCHSC and only for such classes that are held according to the rules of the GCHSC and only on shows of the Association and their members that are in good standing in the GCHSC.

The judge's placings and the original entry forms must be sent to the Recorder of Points within 14 days after the show. Points shall be awarded as follows, no matter the number of entries in class:

Five or more horses in a class -

1st = 6 pts, 2nd = 5 pts, 3rd = 4 pts, 4th = 3 pts, 5th = 2 pts

Four horses in a class -

1st = 6 pts, 2nd = 5 pts, 3rd = 4 pts, 4th = 3 pts

Three horses in a class -

1st = 6 pts, 2nd = 5 pts, 3rd = 4 pts

Two horses in a class -

1st = 6 pts, 2nd = 5 pts

One horse in a class -

1st = 6 pts

All nominated entries will receive one point for each class in which they have shown.

There shall be an award dinner held following the end of the show season; and after the points have been tabulated. Suitable awards and recognition shall be made to winners at this time.

Awards shall be made to the winners of each class on the GCHSC list. The winner shall be the horse or horses having the greatest number of points earned in a particular class to their credit, said points to be earned during the current show season. All points in Hunt Seat Equitation, all Horsemanship and Showmanship classes, and Jack Benny Pleasure, will count towards the rider/exhibitor.

Any entry earning 100 points or more in any one given class during one season will automatically join the "100 Point Club" for a special award.

In order to qualify for any award (both individual class and high point), the horse or exhibitor must have earned points in their nominated class(es) in at least half of the shows.

All the aforesaid awards shall be made subject to the horse and member in good standing in the GCHSC.

Points allowed only on approved classes as listed on the show bill. Points will not count on classes added or changed the day of the show.

In order for anyone to qualify for an award, the exhibitor and the horse's owner(s) must be members of GCHSC.

Horses and ponies must be nominated and fees paid before points will count.

YEAR-END TROPHIES

Only five trophies will be awarded per class, unless a tie for 5th place.

HIGH POINT AWARDS

Only those points earned by the nominated horse and/or exhibitor will count toward the following awards. Recipients of these awards will receive recognition as determined by the GCHSC officers.

High Point All Around Horse/Reserve High Point All Around Horse

To be determined by points earned by the nominated horse, regardless of the exhibitor/rider.

High Point Adult/Reserve High Point Adult (age 19 and over)

To be determined by the following classes in which points go to the nominated exhibitor/rider, regardless of the horse(s) exhibited: Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Horsemanship, Walk-Trot Horsemanship.

High Point Youth/Reserve High Point Youth (14 through 18)

To be determined by the following classes in which points go to the nominated exhibitor/rider, regardless of the horse(s) exhibited: Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Horsemanship, Walk-Trot Horsemanship.

High Point Youth/Reserve High Point Youth (13 and Under)

To be determined by the following classes in which points go to the nominated exhibitor/rider, regardless of the horse(s) exhibited: Showmanship, Lead Line, Hunt Seat Equitation, Horsemanship, Walk-Trot Horsemanship.

High Point Running horse and rider 18 and Under

To be determined by all of the 18 and Under and 100% running classes.

High Point Running horse and rider 19 and Over

To be determined by all of the 19 and Over and 100% running classes.

TRAVELING TROPHIES

HIGH POINT HORSE & RIDER

(Donated by the Larson family)

Determined by all classes in which the nominated horse/rider combination compete in, both those where points go to the horse and those where points go to the exhibitor/rider.

B&J QUARTER HORSE MEMORIAL AWARD

(AKA Reserve High Point Horse & Rider)

Determined by all classes in which the nominated horse/rider combination compete in, both those where points go to the horse and those where points go to the exhibitor/rider.

HIGH POINT HALTER EXHIBITOR

To be awarded to the exhibitor accumulating the most points in halter classes.

THE TINY TOT TROPHY

(Donated by Betty Butler)

8 years and under

Winner of Lead Line

HIGH POINT ALL AROUND WALK-TROT, 9 AND UNDER

Determined by the following classes: Walk-Trot Showmanship, Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle, Walk-Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, Walk-Trot Western Pleasure, Walk-Trot Horsemanship, 100% Walk-Trot Western Pleasure.

HIGH POINT ALL AROUND WALK-TROT, 10 THROUGH 18

(Donated by the Major Miracle Riders)

Determined by the following classes: Walk-Trot Showmanship, Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle, Walk-Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, Walk-Trot Western Pleasure, Walk-Trot Horsemanship, 100% Walk-Trot Western Pleasure.

HIGH POINT ALL AROUND WALK-TROT, 19 AND OVER

Determined by the following classes: Walk-Trot Showmanship, Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle, Walk-Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, Walk-Trot Western Pleasure, Walk-Trot Horsemanship, 100% Walk-Trot Western Pleasure.

HIGH POINT SADDLE-TYPE HORSE

(Donated by Double D Ranch)

To be awarded to the horse accumulating the most points in Saddle-Type Halter, Saddle Type Hunter Under Saddle, and Saddle-Type Pleasure.

HIGH POINT ENGLISH HORSE & RIDER

(Donated by Jennie Richards & Jodi Oglesby)

Determined by the most points accumulated by the horse/rider combination in Hunter Under Saddle & Hunt Seat equitation.

HIGH POINT WESTERN PLEASURE RIDER, 13 AND UNDER

Determined by the following classes: Saddle-Type Pleasure, 100% Western Pleasure, Junior Western Pleasure, Senior Western Pleasure, Western Pleasure 13 and Under, Quarter Horse Pleasure, Appaloosa Pleasure, and Paint Pleasure.

HIGH POINT WESTERN PLEASURE RIDER, 14 THROUGH 18

Determined by the following classes: Saddle-Type Pleasure, 100% Western Pleasure, Junior Western Pleasure, Senior Western Pleasure, Western Pleasure 14 Through 18, Quarter Horse Pleasure, Appaloosa Pleasure, and Paint Pleasure.

HIGH POINT WESTERN PLEASURE RIDER, 19 AND OVER

Determined by the following classes: Saddle-Type Pleasure, 100% Western Pleasure, Junior Western Pleasure, Senior Western Pleasure, Western Pleasure 19 and Over, Quarter Horse Pleasure, Appaloosa Pleasure, and Paint Pleasure.

ALL AROUND HIGH POINT RUNNING HORSE TROPHY
To be awarded to the high point running horse

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
(Donated by the Bob Vance family)
To be awarded to the most deserving circuit member as determined by the GCHSC officers.

**GOLDEN CIRCLE HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT
RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING CLASSES**

GENERAL RULES

All classes are to be shown under western equipment, except where stated otherwise.

Organizations shall have the privilege of using additional classes in their shows other than the classes listed on the approved list of GCHSC, however; no points will be allowed on any non-GCHSC-approved classes. All Organizations must conduct their shows under the Association rules and regulations for any class listed in the approved classes of the GCHSC. One Hundred percent of the classes must be approved by the GCHSC rules.

No artificial appliance in any class, unless stated otherwise. No leverage-type bits, tie downs, or chain curbs under ½ inch width. Flat-type variety chain curbs only are allowed in horsemanship and pleasure classes. No nose bands on quarter-type horses.

No horse will be allowed to show more than once in any event.

There must be five places in every class.

The word “open” refers to the breed or type of horse. All pleasure classes must designate the age limits.

Stallions will be barred in all youth classes.

The judge will be required to remove or excuse any horse that is unruly or causing any type of confusion.

The entire ring must be used in all horsemanship and pleasure classes, except Lead Line.

All patterns for showmanship and horsemanship classes are to be posted at the beginning of the show.

For the purpose of determining eligibility for competition, the age of the horse shall be computed by the calendar year, starting on January 1 of the year foaled.

No horse may be shown in more than one breed classification per show. When nominating for classes, breed of horse must be declared on nomination form. Nominated breed declaration must remain the same for entire show year.

HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Halter, 2 Years and Under, Open.

Halter, Quarter Horse, 3 Years and Over. AQHA rules.

Halter, Appaloosa, 3 Years and Over. ApHC rules.

Halter, Paint, 3 Years and Over. APHA rules.

Halter, Saddle-Type, 3 Years and Over, Open.

Therapeutic Lead Line, 6 and Over, Open.

Walk-Trot Showmanship, Any Age Horse and Rider, Open. Western Attire Only. Riders ineligible for any other loping class, Except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider cannot return to the Walk-Trot class.

Showmanship, 13 and Under, Open.

Showmanship, 14 through 18, Open.

Showmanship, 19 and Over, Open.

In showmanship classes, only the showman is to be judged. The horse is merely a prop to show the ability of the showman to fit and show in a halter class.

Therapeutic Lead Line class, See page 30 and 31 for rules.

HORSEMANSHIP AND PERFORMANCE CLASSES

There shall be no mixing of quarter-type, saddle-type, Appaloosa, or Paint horses in any adult pleasure class, unless stated otherwise. In horsemanship classes, any type horse may be shown.

A child or youth's age group shall be determined by their age as of January 1.

All horsemanship classes will be strictly under western equipment. All saddle horses in this class will be shown at a walk, optional gait, and canter. Horsemanship classes will be judged 90% horsemanship and 10% horse. All quarter-type horses will be shown at a walk, jog trot, and lope.

In horsemanship classes the rider will be judged on seat, hands, and performance of the horse.

All riders in pleasure classes must be 19 years or older, unless stated otherwise. All pleasure horses should be shown on a reasonably loose rein. Junior and senior horses will be ridden and fitted as per AQHA rules as follows:

Horses five-years-old and younger that are shown with a hackamore or snaffle bit may be ridden with two hands on the reins. Horses six-years-old and older may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed, or spade bit.

Therapeutic Horsemanship, Any Age Rider, without handler, Open. See page 30 and 31 for rules.

Lead Line, 8 and Under, Horsemanship, Open. No Back. Rider and leader shall be similarly dressed. Class to be judged 75% horsemanship, 15% grooming and manners, and 10% attire. Leaders shall be 14 years or older. Stallions barred. To be shown at a walk only.

Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle, Open. Back Optional. Hunt Seat Equipment. Walk and trot gaits. Rider ineligible for any other loping class except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider can not return to the Walk-Trot Class.

Saddle Type Hunter Under Saddle, Any Age Rider, Saddle Type Horses, Hunt Seat Equipment, may not cross over into Hunter Under Saddle Stock Type.

Hunter Under Saddle, 13 and Under, Stock Type Horse. Hunt Seat equipment.

Hunter Under Saddle, 14 through 18, Stock Type Horse. Hunt Seat equipment.

Hunter Under Saddle, 19 and Over, Stock Type Horse. Hunt Seat equipment.

Walk-Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, Any Age Rider. Hunt Seat Equipment. Walk and trot gaits. Rider ineligible for any other loping class except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider can not return to the Walk-Trot Class.

Hunt Seat Equitation, 13 and Under, Open.

Hunt Seat Equitation, 14 Through 18, Open.

Hunt Seat Equitation, 19 and Over, Open.

All hunt seat equitation classes are to be under hunt seat equipment. Judged 100% on the rider. Rider should have a workmanlike appearance; seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise.

Road Hack, any age horse and rider, Open. Hunt Seat or Dressage Attire Only. Horses will be shown at a regular walk, extended walk, regular trot, extended trot, regular canter, and hand gallop.

Select Western Pleasure 50 and Over, Open. Rider over 50, Any Age Horse, Open. To be shown at a walk, trot and lope.

100% Walk-Trot Western Pleasure, Any Age Rider, Open. Western Attire Only. Walk and Trot gaits only. Riders ineligible for any other loping class, Except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider cannot return to the Walk-Trot class.

Jack Benny/Mae West Walk-Trot Pleasure, 39 and Over, Open. English attire permitted. Points go to the rider.

Walk-Trot Western Pleasure Classes, 9 and Under, 10-18 and, 19-Over, All Open Classes. Western Attire Only. Walk and Trot gaits only. Riders ineligible for any other loping class, Except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider cannot return to the Walk-Trot class.

Saddle-Type Western Pleasure, Any Age Rider, Open. No boots allowed on the horse. Horses shall be ridden with light rein. To be judged on conformation, performance, and suitability for pleasure riding. Shown at a walk, optional gait, and canter.

100% Prorated Western Pleasure, Any Age Rider, Open.

Junior Western Pleasure, Horse 5 and Under, Any Age Rider, Open.

Senior Western Pleasure, Horse 6 and Over, Any Age Rider, Open.

Western Pleasure, 13 and Under, Open

Western Pleasure, 14 through 18, Open.

Western Pleasure, 19 and Over, Open Quarter Horse Pleasure, Any Age Rider. AQHA rules.

Quarter Horse Pleasure, Any Age Rider. Walk, jog trot and lope. AQHA Rules.

Appaloosa Pleasure, Any Age Rider. Horses 14 hands and over. To be shown at walk, jog trot, and lope. Chaps optional.

Paint Pleasure, Any Age Rider. Walk, jog trot, and lope. APHA rules.

Walk-Trot 9 and Under, Horsemanship, Open. Back optional. English attire permitted. Stallions barred. Walk and trot gaits. Rider is ineligible for any other riding class, except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider cannot return to the Walk-Trot class.

Walk-Trot, 10 through 18, Horsemanship, Open. Back optional. English attire permitted. Walk and trot gaits. Rider is ineligible for any other riding class, except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider cannot return to Walk-Trot class.

Walk-Trot, 19 and Over, Horsemanship, Open. Back optional. English attire permitted. Rider ineligible for any other riding class, except running events. If rider chooses to advance to another class, accumulated points will not be forfeited, but rider cannot return to Walk-Trot class.

Horsemanship, 13 and Under, Open.

Horsemanship, 14 through 18, Open.

Horsemanship, 19 and Over, Open.

Ranch Horse Western Pleasure, 18 and Under, and 19 and Over, Open. Horse to be shown at a walk, trot and lope. Extended trot may be called for, which can be ridden by sitting in the saddle, posting or standing in the stirrups. At all gaits the horses should have the appearance of "looking for more country or a pleasure to ride". Horses should be gathered up with hind-quarters underneath them, not to be strung out or 4 beating, head should be steady and not be carried excessively high, low or behind vertical. Excessive speed at any gait other than the extended trot should be penalized the same as excessive slowness.

TIMED EVENTS

Electric timer must be used, and a stopwatch must back it up with divisions to the hundredth of a second. In case of disqualified run caused by malfunction of timers, the contestant will get one rerun or money back, except stake race, which will be governed by rules for that class.

Riders may ride more than one horse, but no horse may run more than once in any class.

If rider in a timed event does not follow the course outlined, he/she is automatically disqualified.

The age limits in the pole, flag, and cloverleaf barrel races will be 18 and under, and 19 and over.

All riding equipment for timed events or race events shall be western-type equipment.

Leading of riders on horses through the running patterns will be allowed for exhibition purposes only (no payback, no points).

ABSOLUTELY NO RUNNING IN OR OUT OF GATE!! An exhibitor will be disqualified for starting their run before the gate is closed and secured.

Pole Bending, Open. Pole bending pattern will be run around six poles. Poles should be six feet high and easily visible. Poles are to be 21 feet apart, and the first pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line. Each contestant will begin from a running start. Knocking over a pole will cause a five-second per pole penalty. (AQHA pattern.)

100% Prorated Pole Bending, Any Age Rider, Open.

Flag Race, Open. Barrel is placed in center of each end of arena. A line is made approximately eight feet in front of first barrel and is used for starting and finishing line. Flag is placed in bucket of sand on second barrel. Rider must put flag in first barrel as he/she re-crosses finish line. Flag must remain in barrel and barrel must remain upright. Time starts when horse crosses the starting line and stops when horse re-crosses the starting line. Rider must go around flag barrel. Completely circling either barrel is off pattern and he/she will have a no time. Using the flag as a whip will be an automatic disqualification.

100% Prorated Flags, Any Age Rider, Open.

Cloverleaf Barrel Race, Open. If the size of the arena permits, the barrels are to be set in the form of a triangle with 90 feet between each. The two end barrels will be 90 feet from the starting line. Barrels to be metal, 55-gallon type. Knocking over a barrel means five-second penalty per barrel.

100% Prorated Cloverleaf Barrel Race, Any Age Rider, Open.

Down and Back Race, Any Age Rider, Open. Barrel or marker is placed in center of far end of arena. Rider must cross starting line and go around barrel or marker and recross finish line.

**GOLDEN CIRCLE HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT
APPROVED CLASSES**

Wording for show bills must come from this list.

Stallion Rule: Anyone under the age of 19 is not permitted to show stallions in any class, except Weanling Halter.

Halter, Weanling, Open.

Halter Yearling, Open.

Halter, Quarter Horse, 2 Years and Over. AQHA rules.

Halter, Appaloosa, 2 Years and Over. ApHC rules.

Halter, Paint, 2 Years and Over. APHA rules.

Halter, Saddle-Type, 2 Years and Over, Open.

Therapeutic Lead Line, 6 and Over, Open.

Walk-trot Showmanship, Any Age Rider, Open.

Showmanship, 13 and Under, Open.

Showmanship, 14 through 18, Open.

Showmanship, 19 and Over, Open.

Therapeutic Horsemanship, Any Age Rider, Without Handler, Open.

Lead Line, 8 and Under, Horsemanship, Open. No Back.

Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle, Any Age Horse and Rider, Open.

Saddle-Type Hunter Under Saddle, Any Age Rider, Open. Hunt Seat Equipment.

Hunter Under Saddle, 13 and Under, Stock Type Horse. Hunt Seat equipment.

Hunter Under Saddle, 14 through 18, Stock Type Horse. Hunt Seat equipment.

Hunter Under Saddle, 19 and Over, Stock Type Horse. Hunt Seat equipment.

Walk-Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, Any Age Horse and Rider, Open.

Hunt Seat Equitation, 13 and Under, Open.

Hunt Seat Equitation, 14 Through 18, Open.

Hunt Seat Equitation, 19 and Over, Open.

Road Hack, Any Age Horse and Rider, Open.

Jack Benny/Mae West Walk-Trot Western Pleasure, 39 and Over, Open. English attire permitted.

Select Western Pleasure 50 and Over, English Attire Permitted, Open.

Green Horse Western Pleasure, Any Age Horse and Rider, Open.

100% Walk-Trot Western Pleasure, Any Age Horse and Rider, Open. Rider ineligible for any other loping class, except running events.

Saddle-Type Western Pleasure, Any Age Rider, Open.

Walk-Trot, 9 and Under, Western Pleasure, Open. Western Attire. Rider ineligible for any other loping class, except running events.

Walk-Trot Western Pleasure 10 through 18, Open. Western Attire. Rider ineligible for any other loping class, except running events.

Walk-Trot Western Pleasure 19 and Over, Open. Western Attire. Rider ineligible for any other loping class, except running events.

100% Prorated Western Pleasure, Any Age Rider, Open.

Junior Western Pleasure, Horse 5 Years and Under, Any Age Rider, Open.

Senior Western Pleasure, Horse 6 Years and Over, Any Age Rider, Open.

Western Pleasure, 13 and Under, Open.

Western Pleasure, 14 Through 18, Open.

Western Pleasure, 19 and Over, Open.

Quarter Horse Pleasure, Any Age Horse and Rider. AQHA rules.

Appaloosa Pleasure, Any Age Rider.

Paint Pleasure, Any Age Rider. APHA rules.

Walk-Trot, 9 and Under, Horsemanship, Open. Back Optional. English attire permitted. Rider ineligible for any other loping class, except running events.

Walk-Trot, 10 through 18, Horsemanship, Open. English attire permitted. Rider ineligible for any other loping class, except running events.

Walk-Trot, 19 and Over, Horsemanship, Open. English attire permitted. Rider ineligible for any other loping class, except running events.

Horsemanship, 13 and Under, Open.

Horsemanship, 14 through 18, Open.

Horsemanship, 19 and Over, Open.

Grooms Class, Any Age Horse and Rider, rider not eligible for any other riding class, Open, Non-Point.

Ranch Horse Western Pleasure 18 and Under, Open.

Ranch Horse Western Pleasure 19 and Over, Open.

100% Prorated Pole Bending, Any Age Rider, Open.

Pole Bending, 18 and under, Open.

Pole Bending 19 and Over, Open.

100% Prorated Flag Race, Any Age Rider, Open.

Flag Race, 18 and Under, Open.

Flag Race, 19 and Over, Open.

100% Prorated Cloverleaf Barrel Race, Any Age Rider, Open.

Cloverleaf Barrel Race, 18 and Under, Open.

Cloverleaf Barrel Race, 19 and Over, Open.

Down and Back Race, Any Age Rider, Open.

JUDGES

All judges will judge only one GCHSC show per year.

All judges must arrive at the show sober and in a good state of mind. If not, the Show Committee has the right to not pay the judge's fee and select an alternate judge of their choice.

Neither the judge, nor a member of his/her family, shall exhibit or act as agent or handler of a horse in any class at a show which he/she is officiating, nor may any horse be shown under a judge if the judge has been owner, trainer, or handler of that horse within the previous six months. If such a horse is entered in a show, its entry fee shall be refunded and it is not to be exhibited.

The judge shall make an individual examination and check the action of all horses brought into a halter class. This is essential regardless of whether or not the competition indicates that it is necessary.

Rail work will be optional in the class of horsemanship. Second workouts in any way are at the judge's discretion.

The judge shall have the authority to place a horse in whatever position in a class he/she thinks the merit of the horse justifies. The judge's decision shall be final in all classes subject to conditions covered under Protests rules. The judge shall list six placings.

Any Executive Officer has the privilege to ask and receive a reason for placing which is conspicuous or not in compliance with GCHSC rules.

When an exhibitor makes a mannerly request through the ringmaster or other show official for the judge's opinion concerning the exhibitor's horse, it is urged that the judge will give his/her opinion courteously and sincerely in the presence of the ringmaster or other show official after the show. This will be strictly enforced. All judges must conduct themselves in a professional manner.

Judge and ringmaster will not converse, except to give or receive instructions. This allows the judge to keep his/her complete attention on the exhibitors.

Judge's fee is negotiable between the club and the judge.

A judge or Show Committee may order any person or horse from competition for bad conduct of one or both.

The club will send all judges a rule book and contract upon his/her selection. The contract will be returned to the club signed, agreeing to follow the rules.

All judges must agree to follow Golden Circle rules.

A person who shows, or whose family shows, in Golden Circle shall not be allowed to judge a Golden Circle-approved point show.

A judge cannot reside within 35 air miles of show grounds.

Equestrians with Disabilities Class

General Rules

Riders

1. Are to be 6 years of age or older. These classes are open to walk and walk/trot riders only.
2. A signed GCHSC physicians statement is to be presented at the registration desk. A release of liability form will be available and required to be signed by parent/guardian or self upon day of show per GCHSC rules.
3. Rider may not crossover into a class with a canter or lope, but may crossover into other Walk/Trot classes if they are an Independent Rider.
4. Riders are classified as either;

IR=Independent Rider, which means they can ride and control independently with no horse handler. **HH=With Horse Handler**, meaning rider can ride horse but needs horse handler to assist with horse.

5. All EqD riders may have one Safety Spotter.
6. If rider is riding English style posting at trot is not required.
7. End year awards for EqD rider and horse team per GCHSC rules.
8. Riding instructors must be present for the duration of their students class. Riding instructors are to be either inside the arena as a Handler, Safety Spotter or may be located directly outside arena for verbal direction to handler or rider.

Horse

May be any breed.

Riders or their families do not have to own the horse. Only geldings or mares may be shown - stallions are not allowed. Negative Coggins is required and to be presented at the registration desk.

An exhibitor cannot show more than one horse in the same class and a horse cannot be shown by more than one exhibitor in the same class.

Handler and Safety spotter requirements

There are two types of Handlers: Horse Handler and Safety Spotter

For Independent Riders=IR One Safety Spotter is required per entry in the ring to facilitate the safety of the rider. **Safety spotters**-Must be 13 years of age or older, they will walk alongside horse on side closest to middle of arena either direction. They may not interfere with the horse or rider unless under the direction of the judge or ring steward.

They must have a suitable lead line in hand in case of need. The lead line may not be fastened to the bit, **For riders requiring a horse handler=HH**, One Horse Handler is required per entry in the ring with rider to facilitate the safety of the rider. The **Horse Handler** Must be 13 years of age or older, they will walk alongside horse on side closest to middle of arena either direction. Horse Handlers are not to touch the horse or rider (unless safety of rider is in question) they are to maintain at least a 2 foot lead not to exceed 3 feet.

TACK, EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

Equipment should conform to the needs of the competitor and be suitable for the horse per GCHSC rules.

A combination of halter/bridle is required. If a lead line is used it is to be attached to the halter ring under the chin of the horse. The halter must be on the horse either over or under the bridle. Chain leads are permitted but not to go over nose or used as a chin chain. Lead is not to be attached to the bit.

Special adaptive equipment may be used where appropriate and may interchange with English and Western equipment. Acceptable adaptive equipment includes: audio communications, bareback pads, boot adaptations, dowel reins, hand holds (flexible and/or rigid), helmets, laces to tie stirrups or leathers to girth or cinch, ladder reins, rainbow reins, loop reins, rein handles, rein handle tethers, rubber bands, saddle blocks, wedges, cushions, safety stirrups, seat savers, surcingles, spurs. Other equipment will be considered upon request.

English style - riders must wear a properly fitted and fastened ASTM/SEI approved protective helmet with harness. No equipment is allowed that would in any way affix the rider to the horse or saddle. Safety stirrups (Peacock, S-shaped irons or Devonshire) are required if rider is unable to wear boots with a heel. Peacock irons are recommended in all cases. Proper, clean English attire is required per GCHSC rules. English style must have English tack in good working order.

Western style - riders must wear a properly fitted and fastened ASTM/SEI approved protective helmet with harness. A Western hat may be affixed over the helmet. No equipment is allowed that would in any way affix the rider to the horse or saddle. Safety stirrups (covered or other approved safety stirrups) are required if rider is

unable to wear boots with a heel. Proper, clean Western attire is required per GCHSC rules. Western style must have Western tack in good working order.

SCORING

Exhibitors are to be scored from 0-20 in 1/2 point increments. Ten points should be allocated toward overall appearance of exhibitor and the horse, and 10 points allocated toward performance. No one will be disqualified.

EqD Walk Pleasure Class –IR and HH(Western and English combined)

Class may be combined with IR and HH riders

Class may be combined with English and Western styles.

Horse will be shown at a walk only on the rail both directions, reverse direction, line up, back up.

Handler and Safety Spotter must stand with their riders in the lineup.

Handler and Safety Spotter may only help at judge or ring steward's direction.

EqD Walk/Trot Pleasure class-IR and HH (Western and English combined)

Class may be combined with IR and HH riders.

Class may be combined with IR and HH riders.

Horse will be shown at a walk and trot both directions, reverse direction, line up, back up.

Handler and Safety Spotters must stand with their riders in the lineup.

Handler and Safety Spotters may only help at judge or ring steward's direction.