

GCHSC CODE OF CONDUCT

Golden Circle Horse Show Circuit is a family-oriented organization. We strive hard to make our shows a positive environment that promotes learning, support of each other, and most importantly having fun. If you cannot conduct yourself in a respectful manner the officer team will address it in the manner they see fit.

Golden Circle Horse Show Circuit Dress Code

Western:

Western boots, western long sleeve shirt, clean and intact jeans, chaps are optional, western hat. Running riders under 18 years of age have to wear a helmet.

English:

English long boots or short boots with appropriate half chaps, english shirt, english jacket, breeches, hunt cap. Riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet. If the weather and judge permits a short sleeve english shirt may be shown without the jacket.

BY LAWS

OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage good sportsmanship and proper conduct among horsemen and to foster good fellowship among all persons interested in horses.
2. To encourage proper and humane handling and care of horses, to prevent cruelty to animals.
3. To promote education in the care, use, handling, and development of horses and horsemanship.
4. To create, stimulate, and maintain interest in horses and horseback riding in communities in the Golden Circle area.
5. This association shall be a non-profit organization: shall not be conducted for pecuniary profit; and there shall be no capital stock.

LIABILITIES

1. 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 the Association, either in contract or in tort, for any agreement, act, or omission of the Corporation.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Any individual or family may, by written application, be eligible for membership unless said application for membership is rejected by the negative vote of the majority of the Membership Committee made up of the President and at least four of the seven Executive Officers.
2. The GCHSC membership shall be extended to anyone who wishes to participate in GCHSC club activities.
3. The Executive Committee, as provided herein, may deny or reject membership to any person it deems detrimental to the circuit.
4. Family Membership is for the immediate family members living at the same address only.
5. Individual Memberships are offered to any individuals that are not covered by a family membership.
6. All married children or children over the age of 18 (except full time college students) must have their own membership.

DUES

1. Membership runs from January 1 – December 31.
2. Membership must be paid before points count. Ie: membership paid in July, points from July thru the end of the season will be counted.
3. Membership must be paid prior to voting at the open meeting.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The officers of the Corporation shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, Recorder of Points and Director at Large.
2. The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder of Points, Director at Large and Publicity Director shall be any member of the organization over the age of 19 years.
3. The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder of Points, Director at Large 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, Director at Large and Recorder of Points shall be elected by the voting membership. The Director at Large position may only be held by an officer of the previous term of officers.
4. If you are a current officer of a circuit that holds a show within 50 miles of GCHSC you cannot be an officer of GCHSC until 1 year following your term due to it being a conflict of interest.
5. Voting members must be 19 years or over and have a membership obtained before the start of the open meeting.
6. The Executive Officers shall be elected at the first open meeting of the year and every two years thereafter and shall take office at that time.
7. The Executive Officers are the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, Director at Large, and Recorder of Points. The Executive Committee transacts business on behalf of GCHSC.
8. The Director at Large can only be an officer from the Previous term, this is not a voting position, but a position to give guidance.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. 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, assigned to him/her by the Associations, or by the Executive Committee. The President shall conduct the meetings according to parliamentary procedure.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Association, shall keep an accurate record of the 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 and at other times when requested by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a full report to the annual meeting.
5. 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 Meetings conducted according to the bylaws.
6. The Recorder of Points shall record all points and shall perform such other duties as may be designated to him/her.
7. The Director at Large shall perform such other duties as may be designated to him/her.
8. The First and Second Vice-Presidents shall hire the judges and be the supervisors of the approved judges. The Second Vice-President shall also help with recording of points.
9. 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.
10. Within its discretion, under special circumstances, it shall be within the power of the GCHSC Executive Committee to grant permission for modification to the rules.
11. 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

1. The Executive Committee may by 2/3 vote of members present, suspend or expel any individual member from membership in GCHSC when such suspension or expulsion is deemed by said Executive Committee to be in the best interest of 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 by notification of the pending action and permitted to appear on his/her behalf.

2. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to a judge or to an official of the Association, by an owner, 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 infraction occurs.

PROTESTS

1. Any exhibitor lodging a protest must first deposit \$25 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 awards will be moved up. The Secretary must immediately refer all protests to the Executive Committee. Anyone involved in the protest must be present at the hearing.
2. Any exhibitor lodging a complaint that affects points must first deposit \$25 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 issue. In case the protest is sustained, the entry standing next in awards will be moved up. The Secretary must immediately refer all protests to the Executive Committee. Anyone involved in the protest must be present at the hearing.
3. All protest fees shall be made payable to GCHSC, who will then hear all expenses pertaining to protests up to the amount of the protest fee. Expenses over and above this amount shall be borne by GCHSC.

GOLDEN CIRCLE HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. GCHSC is a closed circuit and you must pay fees to exhibit your horse. Non-members show by adding 3 dollars to each entry that the non-member makes. The Secretary will be permitted to examine any member's entries.
2. All exhibitors are responsible for their own entries, including correct and legible class numbers on entry forms and entering the ring in the correct class.

3. GCHSC shows will give awards to the first six placings and the first three placings will be prorated for their entry fee back at 70% rounded to the nearest quarter depending on their placing, with the exception of the Kick-Off-Show which is a fundraiser for Golden Circle. GCHSC approved payback sheets will be used for all shows. Unclaimed paybacks will revert to GCHSC at the end of the show.
4. All horses shall be serviceably sound for the intended purpose. Use of stimulants, depressants or tranquilizing drugs is prohibited.
5. Entry fees will be forfeited if the horse is entered and not shown, the decision is to be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
6. Anyone 18 and under is not permitted to show stallions in any class.
7. **Stall Reservations** - if you are a no show you will not be able to request a certain barn or location at any other GCHSC shows. If you will not be coming, please notify us.
8. Dogs are not allowed in stands or arenas. Exceptions will be made for service animals.
9. Horses are NOT PERMITTED TO CANTER/LOPE other than in designated areas. Horses are to be kept at a walk or trot at all times while outside the arena, except in designated areas.
10. Do not ride next to the arena if there is a class going on; be considerate of the exhibitors in the arena.
11. If GCHSC receives a bad check from any individual, the club will give two weeks for them to resolve payment, including a \$35 return check fee. If the individual does not pay, he or she will be disbanded from the circuit. No points will be awarded to the individual, nor to any persons whose fees were paid by the same check. AQHA, ARHA, APHA and other breed associations as applicable may be notified.
12. Per AQHA rules all Walk-Trot classes will allow a snaffle bit to be used with two hands on any age horse.
13. If there is a double judged show, there will be two paybacks. Thus, all entrants must pay double to enter the class. If the rider is unwilling to do so they will not be permitted to enter the class. No exceptions!
14. Alcohol is not permitted on the fairgrounds, the show arena's and warm up pens. If you do not comply you will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.

POINT SYSTEM

1. For the purpose of the point system, the show season shall be from April 1st to November 1st.
2. Points shall be awarded as follows:

Six or more horses in the class.

1st – 7 pts; 2nd – 6 pts; 3rd – 5 pts; 4th 4 pts; 5th – 3 pts; 6th - 2 pts

Five horses in the class.

1st – 6 pts; 2nd 5 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th – 3 pts, 5th – 2 pts

Four horses in the class.

1st – 5 pts; 2nd 4 pts; 3rd - 3 pts/ 4th – 2 pts

Three horses in the class.

1st – 4 pts; 2nd – 3 pts; 3rd – 2 pts

Two horses in the class.

1st – 3 pts; 2nd – 2 pts

One horse in the class.

1st – 2 pts

Points awarded for Buckles at the Buckle Blowout will be calculated on the 6 point scale

3. All exhibitors that enter and show in a class, but do not place will receive one participation point, unless disqualified. This is with the exception to speed events. Broken patterns in speed events will still receive a participation point.
4. 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.
5. In order to qualify for any award (both individual class and high point), the horse and exhibitor combination must have earned points in classes at three individual shows. Ex: April, July, October
6. All the aforesaid awards shall be made subject to the horse and member in good standing in GCHSC.
7. To qualify for a year end award, the exhibitor must be a member of GCHSC.
8. Horses and ponies must be shown and all fees paid before points will count. Ex: if membership is paid at the June show points will count for the June show on. Points will not be awarded for shows prior to membership being paid.
9. Riders who want to earn CAP, and APHA PAC credits must complete the form prior to presenting them to the Show Secretary for his/her signature. No exceptions.
10. If your horse is injured, has a medical issue or is deceased; with certification from your Vet, points may be transferred to another horse. The other horse may not be a horse that has been shown with that exhibitor. This will only be allowed once in a season.

11. In order to change horses due to injury the exhibitor must file the change of horse form with the point recorder before the change of horse is made. This can only be done once in the show season.
12. Changes in horse or riders must be reported and changed on the entry form prior to the individual's classes. All failures to report these will constitute loss of points and automatic disqualification without notification.
13. Points need to be checked within two weeks of being posted. Any complaints or requests for change need to be done within this time frame. Requests for change of points requires the exhibitor to file the change of points form with the point recorder. If this is not done within two weeks of the points being posted for show in question points are as is.

GENERAL RULES

1. 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 except in Hunter/ English classes.
2. No horse will be allowed to show more than once in any class.
3. There must be six placed in every class if the entries are six or greater.
4. The word "open" refers to the breed or type of horse. All pleasure classes must designate the age limits.
5. Stallions are barred from anyone 18 and under showing in any classes.
6. The judge will be required to remove or excuse any horse that is unruly or causing any type of confusion.
7. The entire ring must be used in all horsemanship and pleasure classes, except Lead Line and Walk Whoa.
8. All patterns for Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Horsemanship, Ranchmanship, Reining, Trail and Ranch Trail classes are to be posted at the beginning of the show.
9. 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.
10. At or before the first show all exhibitors need to pick your show number for the horse, that number goes with that horse for the rest of the year, regardless of the rider. The number goes to the horse, NOT the rider. Entering a class without a number or with the wrong number will be an automatic disqualification. There will be no payback or points awarded. NO EXCEPTIONS!
11. Anyone participating in a class with no entry form will be an automatic disqualification. There will be no payback nor points awarded. Verification of classes can be checked any time throughout the day at the show office. Entry Forms that are incomplete or wrong may result in a disqualification. All entry forms must have the waiver signed and form completed by a responsible adult.

12. Riders under 8 may ride in Walk Trot classes. If entered in Walk Trot, rider is not eligible to ride in Lead-Line or Walk-Whoa. You can go back but you will not have any points in walk trot class.
13. In the event of breaking the code of conduct the exhibitor will receive 1 strike, if the exhibitor has 3 strikes they will be asked to leave Golden Circle Horse Show Circuit at the officers discretion. In the case that allegations are false the accuser will receive a strike against them as seen fit by the officer board.

Halter and Showmanship

You are allowed to show in all halter classes that the horse is eligible for. If the horse is solid breed pinto and shows in the pinto class papers may be required upon request.

1. Pony Halter "Open"
2. Halter "Open" 2 years and under
3. Halter Quarter Horse, 3 Years and Over AQHA Rules
4. Halter, Paint/Pinto/Appaloosa 3 years and Over APHA, CAP, & ApHC rules.
5. Halter, Saddle-type, "Open" 3 Years and Over.
6. Performance Halter, "Open" 2 years and over. The horse MUST be shown in a Performance Riding class, not just a halter class.
7. Ranch Halter "Open" 2 years and over. Cannot show in classes other than Ranch, except Showmanship.
8. Therapeutic Lead Line 6 and Over with handler, English or Western attire permitted, Open
9. Therapeutic Walk/Trot, 6 and Over, with or without handler English or Western attire permitted, Open

Showmanship is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with a well-groomed horse, in a set of maneuvers.

10. Walk Whoa Showmanship, 9 and Under any age horse.
11. Walk Trot Showmanship 13 & under any age horse.
12. Walk Trot Showmanship 14 to 18 any age horse.
13. Walk Trot Showmanship 19 & over any age horse
14. Showmanship 13 and Under "Open"
15. Showmanship 14 to 18 "Open"
16. Showmanship 19 and Over "Open"
17. Lounge Line. Horses must be 2 years of age or younger.

Showmanship points to follow the Horse and Rider combination.

Pleasure Driving Classes

1. All persons involved in the competition; Driver, Passengers, Grooms, Officials, Spectators, ETC., should keep safety foremost in their minds. Having the horse under control at all times is a safe guard not only for a driver and their passengers, but for everyone involved in the sport.
2. The Judge must eliminate from a class or competition any entry with an unsafe vehicle, unruly horse, or driver without clear sufficient control.
3. The driving horse may be any breed, color, or size so long as it is capable of safely performing the required gaits.
4. The horse must be a minimum of 3 years of age.
5. The harness should be in good condition, clean, fit properly, and be appropriate for the style of vehicle. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of the harness.
6. One attendant, without a whip, is permitted to head each horse during the line up. The header must stand 3 paces back from the horse, and is only allowed to touch the horse for safety purposes.
7. Class should be judged 25% on conformation, 75% on manners, quality, and performance.
8. Exhibitors will be required to show at the Walk, Pleasure Trot, and Extended Trot. when called to the center exhibitors will be expected to back.
9. Exhibitors will be penalized for excessive speed at the Walk, Pleasure Trot and Extended Trot.
10. All Exhibitors will be required to have a header. header is allowed to remove overcheck if needed.
11. A suitable 2 or 4 wheeled buggy is to be used.
12. Drivers and Handlers must be dressed appropriately, Strapless tops, open toed shoes, as well as everyday attire is not acceptable. Hats/Helmets are a choice, but preferred.
13. The walk must be a relaxed, flat footed walk - a four beat gait movement and not a jog or trot. The Trot should be an easy going, square with elasticity and freedom of movement. Extended Trot should be controlled, ground covering, open and reaching
14. Anyone under the age of 18 cannot show a stud. If showing a stud, he must be well mannered.
15. Class must enter to the right.
16. Horse/Pony head carriage must be above shaft level.

HORSEMANSHIP AND PERFORMANCE CLASSES

1. There shall be no mixing of quarter-type, or saddle-type horses in any adult pleasure class, unless stated otherwise. In horsemanship classes, any type horse may be shown.
2. A child or youth's age group shall be determined by their age as of January 1.
3. All horsemanship classes will be strictly under western equipment. All saddle horses in this class will be shown at a walk, trot/optional gait, and canter. All quarter-type horses will be shown at a walk, jog and lope.

4. In horsemanship, classes are designed to evaluate the rider's ability to execute in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge.
5. 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:
6. Horses five-years old and younger that are shown with a hackamore, bosal 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. Unless shown in the walk trot classes.
7. Lead Line, 3-8 "Open". 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. Rider is ineligible for any other riding class. Riders may show in Halter and Walk-Whoa Showmanship. English or Western attire permitted.
8. Walk-whoa 3-9 "Open" Rider is ineligible for any other riding class except Walk Whoa Horsemanship. Riders may show in Halter and Walk-Whoa Showmanship. English or Western Attire Permitted. No lead rope is allowed, but handlers may be in the arena, as long as they don't touch the rider or horse.
9. Walk-whoa 3-9 Horsemanship. Rider is ineligible for any other riding class except Walk Whoa. Rider may show in Halter and Walk-Whoa Showmanship. English or Western Attire Permitted. No lead rope is allowed, but handlers may be in the arena, as long as they don't touch the rider or horse.
10. Walk-trot Hunter Under Saddle, All age groups, Open. English Equipment. Walk and trot gaits.
11. Walk-trot Pony Hunter Under Saddle, under 56 inches.
12. Walk-trot Saddle-type Hunter Under Saddle, Any age Rider, Saddle-type horses, English Equipment. Can't cross over into Hunter Under Saddle. Stock type.
13. Saddle-type Hunter Under Saddle, Any Age Rider, Saddle-type Horses, English Equipment. Can't cross over into Hunter Under Saddle. Stock Type.
14. Hunter Under Saddle, 13 and Under, Stock Type Horse. English Equipment
15. Hunter Under Saddle, 14 to 18, Stock Type Horse. English Equipment
16. Hunter Under Saddle, 19 and Over, Stock Type Horse, English Equipment
17. Walk-Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, All age groups, English Equipment. Walk and Trot gaits.
18. Hunt Seat Equitation, 13 & Under, "Open"
19. Hunt Seat Equitation, 14 to 18 "Open"
20. Hunt Seat Equitation, 16 & Over, "Open"
21. All hunt seat equitation classes are to be under English equipment. Judged on the communication between horse and rider. Rider through subtle cues and aids should not be obvious. Hunt seat is judged on the rider and his/her effect on the horse.
22. Select Walk-Trot Pleasure, 50 and Over, Open, English or Western Attire Permitted.
23. Jack Benny Mae West Walk-Trot Pleasure, 39 and Over, Open, English or Western Attire Permitted.
24. Walk-trot Pony Pleasure, under 56 inches.
25. Walk-Trot Western Pleasure classes 13 & Under, 14-18, 16 & Over, All Open Classes. Western Attire Only. Walk and Trot gaits Only. Not eligible for ranch classes.

26. Walk-trot Saddle-type Western Pleasure, any age rider, Open. No boots allowed on the horse.
27. Saddle-type Western Pleasure, any age rider, Open No boots allowed on the horse. Horses shall be ridden with light reins. To be judged on conformation, performance, and suitability for pleasure riding. Shown at a walk, optional gait, and canter.
28. Western Pleasure, 13 and Under, Stock Type Not eligible for ranch classes.
29. Western Pleasure 14 to 18, Stock Type
30. Western Pleasure 19 and Over, Stock Type Not eligible for ranch classes.
31. Walk-Trot, 13 and Under, Horsemanship, Open, Walk and trot gaits Not eligible for ranch classes.
32. Walk-Trot 14 to 18, Horsemanship, Open, Walk and trot gaits
33. Walk-Trot, 16 and Over Horsemanship, Open, Walk and trot gaits Not eligible for ranch classes.
34. Horsemanship. 13 & Under, Open Not eligible for ranch classes.
35. Horsemanship. 14 to 18, Open
36. Horsemanship 19 & Over, Open Not eligible for ranch classes.
37. Walk Trot Ranch Riding, 18&U and 19&O. Any age horse and rider. Horse/Rider combination is ineligible for any/all Western Pleasure classes.
38. Ranch Riding, 13 & Under. Open, Ranch Horses are ineligible for any/all Western Pleasure classes.
39. Ranch Riding 14 to 18 Open, Ranch Horses are ineligible for any/all Western Pleasure classes.
40. Ranch Riding, 19 & Over. Open, Ranch Horses are ineligible for any/all Western Pleasure classes.
41. W/T Ranchmanship 18&U and 19&O. The purpose of this class is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse and exhibitor, in the task of performing **1 of the 8 ARHA designated patterns** at a walk and trot, constructed of both Ranch Trail obstacles and Ranch Reining maneuvers.
42. Ranchmanship, 13 & Under, Open, ARHA Rules. The purpose of this class is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse and exhibitor, in the task of performing **1 of the 8 ARHA designated patterns**, constructed of both Ranch Trail obstacles and Ranch Reining maneuvers.
43. Ranchmanship, 14 to 18, Open, ARHA Rules. The purpose of this class is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse and exhibitor, in the task of performing **1 of the 8 ARHA designated patterns**, constructed of both Ranch Trail obstacles and Ranch Reining maneuvers.
44. Ranchmanship, 19 & Over, Open, ARHA Rules. The purpose of this class is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse and exhibitor, in the task of performing **1 of the 8 ARHA designated patterns**, constructed of both Ranch Trail obstacles and Ranch Reining maneuvers.
45. Reining, **NRHA Rules and patterns**. All ages, Open. Walk Trot horse and rider combinations are not eligible. Points to follow horse and rider combination.

46. Trail exhibitors will be required to pay a trail fee of \$5.00, this fee will be a one time per rider per show.
47. W/T Trail 13 & under, Open Perform a trail pattern, For W/T exhibitors only, Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail Class.
48. W/T Trail, 14-18, Open. Perform a trail pattern, for W/T exhibitors only, Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.
49. W/T Trail, 19 & Over, Open. Perform a trail pattern. W/T exhibitors only, Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.
50. In-Hand Trail, A pattern trail course while leading the horse.
51. W/T/C Trail 13 & Under "Open" Perform a trail pattern. Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.
52. W/T/C Trail 14 to 18 "Open" Perform a trail pattern. Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.
53. W/T/C Trail 19 & Over "Open" Perform a trail pattern. Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.
54. W/T Ranch Trail 18&U and 19&O, "Open" Performs a trail pattern, Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other trail class. .
55. Ranch Trail, 13 & Under, "Open" Performs a trail pattern, Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.
56. Ranch Trail, 14 to 18 "Open" Performs a trail pattern. Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.
57. Ranch Trail, 19 and Over "Open" Performs a trail pattern. Exhibitor/Horse combination cannot show in any other Trail class.

Horse/rider combination cannot show in Ranch classes and corresponding AQHA Classes such as Western Pleasure and Trail.

Riders may ride in both W/T and W/T/C classes. Riders must ride a different horse for each division.

TIMED AND GAME EVENTS

1. An electric timer will be used. In case of a disqualified run caused by malfunction of timers, the contestant will get one rerun.
2. 18 and under riders competing in running events must wear a helmet. NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Riders may ride more than one horse, but no horse may run more than once in any class.
4. If a rider in a timed event does not follow the course outline, he/she is automatically disqualified.

5. The age limits in the pole, flag, and cloverleaf barrel races will be 13 and under, 14 to 18 and 19 and over.
6. All riding equipment for timed events or race events shall be western type equipment.
7. Leading of riders on horses through the running patterns will be allowed.
8. Running will be allowed once the horse's butt has passed the Brick wall at the entryway. ANY EXHIBITOR RUNNING BEFORE THIS POINT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. Egg and Spoon 13 & under, Egg and Spoon 14 to 18, and Egg and Spoon 19 & over. Class is on the rail, following commands of the announcer. Rider balances an egg, holding the spoon handle with one hand unless otherwise instructed. Rider cannot touch the egg. Riders are eliminated as their eggs fall or break. Eliminated riders will go to the center of the arena until the winner is determined and class is dismissed.
10. Pole Bending, Open. Pole bending 13 and under, Pole bending 14 to 18, and Pole bending 19 and over, 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)
11. Flag Race, Open. Flag race 13 and Under, Flag race 14 to 18, and Flag race 19 and over Barrel is placed in the center of each end of the arena. A line is made approximately eight feet in front of the first barrel and is used for starting and finishing line. Flag is placed in a bucket of sand on the second barrel. Rider must put the flag in the first barrel as he/she re-crosses the finish line. Flag must remain in the barrel and the barrel must remain upright. Time starts when the horse crosses the starting line and stops when the horse re-crosses the starting line. Riders must go around the 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.
12. Barrel Race, Open. Barrel race 13 and Under, Barrel race 14 to 18, and Barrel race 19 and over, 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 a five second penalty per barrel.
13. Down and Back Race, any age rider. Open. Down and Back 13 and Under, Down and Back 14 to 18, and Down and Back 19 and over, Barrel or marker is placed in the center of the far end of the arena. Riders must cross the starting line and go around the barrel or marker and cross the finish line.

JUDGES

1. All judges will judge only one GCHSC show per year.
2. Judges must reside at least 50 miles away from the show location.
3. All judges must arrive at the show sober and in a good state of mind. If not, the Executive Committee has the right to not pay the judge's fee and select an alternate judge of their choice.

4. 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 is not to be exhibited.
5. 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 the competition indicates that it is necessary.
6. Rail work will be optional in equitation and horsemanship. Second workouts in any way are at the judge's discretion.
7. 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.
8. Any Executive Officer has the privilege to ask and receive a reason for placing which is conspicuous or not in compliance with GCHSC rules.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Judge's fee is negotiable between the club and the judge.
12. A judge or Executive Committee may order any person or horse from competition for bad conduct of one or both.
13. The club will send all judges a copy of the rules.
14. All judges must agree to follow Golden Circle rules.
15. A person who shows, or whose family shows in Golden Circle shall not be allowed to judge a Golden Circle approved point show.
16. Patterns are to be sent to the President two weeks prior to the show. This ensures the show will run smoothly and questions can be clarified prior to the beginning of the show.

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. Riders may not cross over into a class with a canter or lope, but may cross over into other Walk/Trot classes if they are an Independent Rider.
3. 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.
4. All EqD riders may have one Safety Spotter.
5. If a rider is riding English style, posting at trot is not required.
6. End of year awards for EqD rider and horse team per GCHSC rules.
7. Riding instructors must be present for the duration of their student's class. Riding instructors are to be either inside the arena as a Handler, Safety Spotter or may be located directly outside the arena for verbal direction to handler or rider.

Horse

1. Horses may be any breed.
2. 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.
3. 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 Handler: Horse Handler and Safety Spotter

1. For Independent Riders-IR: One Safety Spotter is required in the ring to facilitate the safety of the rider. Safety spotters must be 13 years of age or older. They will walk alongside the horse on the side closest to the middle of the arena in 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.
2. For riders requiring a horse handler-HH One Horse Handler is required per entry in the ring with the rider to facilitate the safety of the rider. The Horse Handler must be 13 years of age or older. They will walk alongside the horse on the side closest to the middle of the arena, either direction. Horse Handlers are not to touch the horse or rider (unless the safety of the rider is in question) they are to maintain at least a 2-foot lead not to exceed 3 feet.

Tack, Equipment and Attire

1. Equipment should conform to the needs of the competitor and be suitable for the horse per GCHSC rules.
2. A combination of halter/bridle is required. If a led 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 the nose or used as a chin chain. Lead is not to be attached to the bit.

Special adaptive equipment

1. 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 the stirrups or leathers to girth or cinch, ladder reins, rainbow reins, loop reins, rein handles, rein handle leathers, rubber bands, saddle blocks, wedges, cushions, safety stirrups, seat savers, surcingles, spurs. Other equipment will be considered upon request.
2. 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 the 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.
3. 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

1. Exhibitors are to be scored from 0-20 in ½ point increments. Ten points should be allocated toward the overall appearance of the exhibitor and the horse and 10 points allocated toward performance. No one will be disqualified.
2. EqD Walk Pleasure Class – IR and HH (Western and English combined)
3. Class may be combined with IR and HH riders
4. Class may be combined with English and Western styles.
5. Horse will be shown at a walk only on the rail both directions, reverse direction, line up, back up
6. Handler and Safety Spotter must stand with their riders in the lineup
7. Handler and Safety Spotter may only help at judging or ring steward's direction.