

2017 BRVHA HORSE SHOW RULES

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As a part of your BRVHA membership, you agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. You must be a BRVHA member to participate in any show. Membership is \$15.00/individual or \$25.00/family. All memberships expire on Dec. 31. A family includes all people living under one roof and under one head of household.
2. All horses on the premises must provide a copy of a 2016 or 2017 negative Coggins test and a current rabies vaccination, to be kept on file with the show secretary.
3. All people on the premises must abide by all city of Watertown ordinances.
4. If a horse presents a safety threat due to health problems or behavior, the judge or show committee may dismiss the handler/rider and horse from the grounds.
5. The judge's decision is final. The judge or show committee may ask anyone being discourteous to leave. Please refrain from engaging the judge in conversation until the completion of the show. If you have a question or problem, speak to the show committee, the office, or the ring steward.
6. After the BRVHA rules, AQHA show rules are followed when applicable.
7. If a horse and/or rider falls to the ground, they will be disqualified from placing in that class and may be excused from the ring. A horse has fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side touch the ground, or an obstacle and the ground; a rider when any part of his/her body touches the ground.
8. All riders in any division 18 & under and all jumping classes, when mounted, must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a securely fastened harness as per NYS law S2007-2013. Proper show attire is required; a helmet is encouraged for all classes. Exhibitors will not be penalized in any class for wearing a helmet.
9. The age of riders and horses in all divisions is determined as of January 1 of the current year. Junior horse classes are open to horses age 5 and under.
10. Lead line exhibitors will not pay a class fee, but must be BRVHA members and must pay an office fee. In order to compete, Lead line exhibitors must be at least 3 years of age and must be able to sit on the horse unassisted. They may not enter classes in any other divisions. Lead line exhibitors are eligible for year-end awards in the Lead line division.
11. The Beginner Walk-Trot/Jog division guidelines are as follows:
 - a. The division is intended for inexperienced riders of any age who are not able to safely canter/lope in a group, but is not intended for experienced riders on green horses.
 - b. Exhibitors may show either English or Western.
 - c. Exhibitors may not enter any other divisions, but can enter halter classes.
 - d. Any exhibitor who has shown Walk-Trot-Canter may not exhibit in Beginner W-T classes in the future and are no longer eligible for Beginner W-T championship awards.
 - e. The high point and reserve high point championship winners in the Beginner W-T age 12 and over division will be automatically promoted to the Walk-Trot-Canter division for the following year.
12. Any horse/rider combination from any division, except Leadline, may enter trophy classes #15 OPEN Walk-Trot English Pleasure and #29 OPEN Walk-Jog Western Pleasure. These classes have no bearing on championship awards.
13. In the Hunter Division you must jump a course of fences (class #9 or #10) to be eligible for a championship award.
14. Points are awarded to each horse/rider combination as follows: 1st-6 points, 2nd-5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1. If there are fewer than 6 entries, points will be reduced accordingly. In the case of a tie, the champion will be selected by:
 - a. Number of shows attended.
 - b. Highest placing in equitation class for riding divisions or Junior Horse Halter class for the Junior Horse division. The Junior Horse division will not count toward age division championships. Showmanship points will be added to the English or Western division based on the attire worn by the exhibitor.
15. Please notify the show office of any tack changes in advance and make tack changes as quickly as possible.
16. Each horse/rider combination MUST have a separate number & MUST wear the same number ALL season. During each show, no horse or exhibitor may enter a class more than once.
17. If you wish to change your entries, you must use an add/drop form. The form must be submitted 2 classes prior to the start of the class you wish to add/drop. Barring extenuating circumstances, you will not be refunded for dropped classes.
18. If you wish to pay for your classes at the end of the day, please leave a signed blank check at the show office when entering.
19. **FILL OUT ALL AREAS OF ENTRY FORM – NAME, HORSE NAME, BACK #, ADDRESS, PHONE & SIGNATURE.** The horse's name will be announced as it is written on the entry form. All information must be correct and legible. Entry form errors could cause exhibitors to lose points toward a year-end award.

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