

RULES

1. TWH classes and TWH competing in All Breed classes will follow the S.H.O.W. International Rule Book. (www.showhio.com)
Versatility classes will follow the TWHBEA Versatility Rule Book. (www.twhbea.com)
All Breed classes will follow the rules of Equine Canada. (www.equinecanada.ca)
The Show Committee reserves the right to create regional rules or make any necessary alterations in the rules which are outlined below. Should any questions or disputes arise that are not provided for in the rules, it shall be referred to the Show Secretary who will take the matter to the Show Committee. The decision of the Show Committee in any such matter shall be final.
It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor to have full knowledge of the classes in which he/she is showing. Anyone not abiding by the rules will be disqualified. The decisions of the Judge, Steward, and Show Committee are final.
2. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE INSURANCE CARRIED BY THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN CANADA COVERS THE SHOW AND ORGANIZERS ONLY. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE. AEF MEMBERSHIPS PROVIDE SOME LIABILITY INSURANCE. FORMS FOR AEF MEMBERSHIP WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW OFFICE. YOU MUST HAVE PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP IN AN EQUINE CANADA AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION. **YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRODUCE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.** Waiver forms must be signed and accompany entry forms.
3. Tennessee Walking Horses must be registered with **either TWHBEA or the Canadian Registry.** **Exception: Horses entered in only Country Pleasure do NOT need to be registered. All breed classes and versatility classes are open to all breeds, horses do not need to be registered.** A copy of the registration papers for each registered TWH entered in the show must accompany the entry.
4. **SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES:** Entries must be submitted by mail (or hand delivered) No faxed entries allowed. Payment must accompany entries – **NO EXCEPTIONS.** **Only classes entered prior to the deadline will be entitled to a reduced rate.** The addition and deletion of classes may be made at the show. Entries received after the deadline will be subject to the full fee for each class entered.
Deadlines:

Hello Summer! Show – June 5th 2013	Hot August Weekend – August 7th 2013
Summer Classic Show – July 3rd 2013	WCR – September 4th 2013
5. There will be a \$5.00 deposit for numbers, which will be refunded upon return of numbers to the show office. *If you wish to have your deposit money returned to you, please submit either a separate cheque or cash for your number deposit.*
6. SHOW OFFICE HOURS:

FRIDAY:	5:00PM – 8:00PM
SATURDAY:	8:00AM – 9:00AM
	DURING LUNCH BREAK
SUNDAY:	8:00AM – 9:00AM
	DURING LUNCH BREAK

The show office will be open for exhibitors to pick up their numbers and make any changes to their entries. All entries, deletions and changes, must be made prior to the start of the a.m. or p.m. performance in which the class is scheduled. **EXCEPTIONS: Trail Obstacle classes. Entries must be made by the deadline.**
7. **PRACTICE TIMES AND ETIQUETTE:** The arena will be open for practice Friday evening:
Hello Summer Show - 7:00PM-9:00PM
Summer Classic Show - 5:00PM – 7:00PM
Hot August Weekend Show - 5:00PM – 7:00PM
WCR Horse Show - 4:00PM – 9:00PM
*Times subject to change
The arena will be open Saturday and Sunday during breaks, as announced. When the ring is open for practice, please be courteous of other exhibitors. All exhibitors should endeavor to proceed on the rail in the same direction. When someone calls for a direction change, please oblige. Do not stop your horse and remain on the rail. If you wish to stop, do so carefully and move immediately to the center of the ring, out of the way of others. Also, faster horses must yield to slower horses. Special care should be taken to watch out for youth and novice exhibitors. When possible an outdoor warm up arena will also be available.
8. **HELMETS:** Rule Books allow for the wearing of safety helmets in any class, and any and all exhibitors may wear safety helmets. **The Show Committee recommends and encourages the use of safety helmets, particularly in youth classes and versatility events.**
9. All juvenile exhibitors must have parent's or guardian's signature.
10. Classes may be combined at the show committee's discretion if there are fewer than 3 entries in any one class. As well, where entries warrant, classes will be split on a basis considered most equitable by the show committee. **Classes cancelled by the show committee will be refunded. If there is only one horse entered, the exhibitor has the option to withdraw before the class and thus be refunded. If the exhibitor goes in the class, they will not be refunded.**
11. **In order to receive a refund for a medical withdrawal (sickness or lameness) the horse must be examined by a Vet and provide a veterinary certificate, or three show committee members may inspect the horse to determine sickness or lameness. A rider may be refunded at the discretion of the show committee due to personal injury or other reasons.**

- 12. GATE HOLDS:** Once a class has been called to the ring, the gate will remain open for a maximum of 3 minutes, or until all entries have entered, whichever occurs first. Once the 3 minutes have elapsed, the gate will be closed. If you have not already entered the class, you will not be allowed to do so. **While every effort will be made to ensure that class announcements are made, exhibitors are responsible to ensure that they are ready for their classes and enter the ring in a timely fashion.**
- Gate holds of up to 3 minutes will be allowed at the discretion of the gate person, where an exhibitor has two different horses entered in back to back classes or has a tack change. Exhibitors must notify the gate person of all requests for gate holds prior to the class where the gate hold is needed.
13. The Gate Steward or his qualified designate shall examine each horse prior to the class schedule each day. No horse will be allowed to enter the holding ring without being examined. In addition, exhibitors may be asked questions to ensure they qualify to enter a specific class. Where the entry does not meet the qualifications specified in the show premium or where an entry does not meet the tack and attire requirements for that class, the entry will not be allowed to enter the ring. Please ensure that you are properly attired and your horse has the correct tack for each class entered. Please refer questions to the show secretary or show committee **BEFORE** your class.
14. Any unruly or ill-mannered horse will automatically be dismissed from the ring.
15. Stallions may **ONLY** be exhibited by handlers/riders 18 years of age or older.
16. No person, other than the designated officials, may enter the show ring, without permission of the show committee.
17. Only horses entered in the show will be permitted on the show grounds.
18. Protests shall be made in writing, within 24 hours of holding of the class, to the show secretary and shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00, which sum shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. The validity of any protest will be decided by the Show Committee as a whole. In the case of any entry being disqualified, the winner of the next succeeding prize shall take the prize which was awarded to the disqualified entry and the remaining prizes shall be adjusted accordingly. **A suggestion box will be present on the entry desk – we ask that any suggestions be placed in this box for review and consideration after the show.**
19. In the event of equipment breaking during a class, the judging shall be suspended for a period not to exceed seven minutes to allow for repairs.
20. Ribbons shall be awarded to 4th place, except for Championship Model, Championship Halter, & Champion of Champions Classes, where only first and second place ribbons will be awarded.
21. Stake and Championship classes have ribbons to 4th and payout to 3rd place. Percentage for cash payout will be 50%, 35%, 15%. To qualify for a championship class, a horse must have shown and been judged in a class designated as a qualifying class for that specific championship class. Designated qualifying classes are indicated on the class list.
22. Classes with added money will have ribbons to 4th place and payout to 2ND place. \$50 will be paid out in each class. 1st Place will receive \$30 and 2nd place will receive \$20.
23. **No physical or verbal abuse will be tolerated towards the show committee, show volunteers, exhibitors, or horses. Any issues should be brought to the attention to the Show Secretary immediately. The show secretary will take the matter to the Show Committee. A warning will be given if there is a complaint. If the problem continues or there are multiple complaints the show committee reserves the right to disqualify the individual(s). Any entry fees paid and any prize money won will be forfeited and the person will be asked to leave the show grounds immediately.**
24. Jr Horse/Sr Horse: A Junior horse is a horse 4 years old and younger. A Senior Horse is a horse 5 years old and older.
25. 2 GAIT/3 GAIT: In 2 Gait classes horses will be asked for the walk and their intermediate gait (ie running walk, trot, etc). In 3 gait classes horses will be asked for the walk, intermediate gait (running walk, trot, etc), and canter/lope.
THERE WILL BE NO CROSS ENTRY BETWEEN 2 GAIT AND 3 GAIT CLASSES OF THE SAME HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION.
The only exceptions are as follows:
- Versatility classes are open to two and three gait horses unless specified.
 - Two gait Horse/Rider Combinations may enter 3 Gait Gymkhana.
 - However, 3 Gait Horse/Rider Combinations may not enter 2 Gait Gymkhana.
26. TWH FLAT SHOD: Open to Tennessee Walking Horses from Country Pleasure or Trail Pleasure divisions. There will be no cross entering from TWH Country Pleasure into TWH Trail Pleasure unless it is a TWH Flat Shod Class.
27. NOVICE: A novice rider or novice horse is one who has not won three first place ribbons in the division in which they are showing. Novice status is affected by any winnings at any show, whether under Equine Canada Rules, FOSH Rules, NHSC/S.H.O.W. rules or any other rules. English and Western are considered different divisions for the purposes of Novice qualifications.
28. SHOWMANSHIP: Horses may be shown in either a show halter or bridle
29. YOUTH CLASSES: Youth rates apply only to youth classes and youth entering versatility classes marked with an asterisk (*)
30. WESTERN DIVISION: Bitless Bridles allowed as long as it is a Western type headstall and reins.
- **Youth may use two hands with any type of bit in Youth classes. If the youth enters non- youth class, they must follow the rules of the class.**
 - **Two hands may be used in Versatility classes with any type of bit.**

31. ENGLISH DIVISION: Bitless Bridles allowed as long as it is an English type headstall and reins.
 32. ROAD GAIT: Horses will enter at a walk. They will then be asked to do their preferred intermediate gait with speed. The class will be judged on the speed and smoothness of the horse as well as manners.
 33. PAIRS: Entries will pair up and at the direction of the judge, they will proceed around the arena at a flat walk and intermediate gait. Various maneuvers can be called for including but not limited to stop, back, and circle. The class will be judged on the pair that was best matched and stayed together around the arena.
 34. ON COMMAND: Please refer to Equine Canada Rules Section F Chapter 10 (www.equinecanada.ca)
 35. BAREBACK \$5: Entries will be bareback with only a bridle. A \$5 bill will be placed under their leg by the judge. At the direction of the judge, they will proceed around the arena at a flat walk and intermediate gait. Various maneuvers will be called for including but not limited to stop, back, and circle. The last rider to lose their \$5 bill will win the money from all the entries.
 36. OBSTACLE TRAIL: Courses will be posted on Saturday evening following close of entries for the trail classes as per the rules.
 - Horses will be exhibited in halter in the 2yr olds & Under Trail Obstacle Class. A show halter is not required. Neat and safe attire is required for handlers in the 2yr olds & Under Trail Obstacle Class.
 - Intro Trail – A simple course will be designed to introduce new horses and/or riders to trail. Horses entered in Intro Trail cannot enter the Open trail obstacle or Stake trail obstacles class.
 - *Open Trail Obstacle – Standard trail course
 - *Stake Trail Obstacle – A challenging course will be designed to test seasoned trail horses. Stake class rates apply. Payouts 1st - 50%, 2nd - 35%, 3rd - 15%
- NOTE: PRACTICE OF THE TRAIL OBSTACLES ONCE THEY ARE SET UP IS NOT PERMITTED.**
****Violators will be disqualified from class and NOT refunded****
37. EGG STOMP: All entries will line up across the arena from their egg. When signaled riders ride across the arena at their fastest intermediate gait and try to step on their egg. Once the egg is broken they ride back to the other side.
 38. DELSY DERBY: Entries will pair up and hold a piece of toilet paper between themselves. At the direction of the judge, they will proceed around the arena at a flat walk and intermediate gait. Various maneuvers will be called for including but not limited to stop, back, and circle. The last pair to let go of or rip their toilet paper wins.
 39. GYMKHANA: (Barrels, poles, keyhole, flags, etc) Exhibitors must use English or western tack, not a combination of both. They may use two hands on the reins of any horse, regardless of age and bit. Gymkhana classes will run Friday evening at the Hello Summer! Show, the Summer Classic Show, & the Hot August Weekend Show. Riders may dress casual. When possible gymkhana classes will run in two lanes. In 2 gait gymkhana classes horses breaking into a canter/lope will be given a 5 second penalty per stride. Please refer to Equine Canada Rules Section F Chapter 13 (www.equinecanada.ca) for patterns.

Flags – Course to be set up with four flag stakes in a straight line 10 feet apart. A container to hold flags to be set 50 feet away from the first flag and 20 feet from the start line. A rider crosses the line and runs to first flag, picks it up, returns to barrel and drops flag in barrel and continues consecutively up the row of flags. After the fourth flag is deposited, crosses the finish line. A rider may start on either side of the flags but must continue picking flags from the same side throughout.

Dash For Cash – 2 barrels will be set up on the center line of the arena/lane approximately 100 feet apart. The second barrel will have an ice cream pail filled with toonies from each rider. The rider must ride around the second barrel, pick up the ice cream pail, and then put it on the first barrel before crossing the finish line. If the pail falls off the barrel or is dropped the rider is eliminated. The rider with the fastest time wins the money from all the entries.

Catalogue Race – As the rider rides across the start line, a page number is called out. They must ride down to the far end of the arena, dismount, rip the correct page out of a catalogue, then lead their horse back across the finish line.

****2 Gait Horses may enter the 3 Gait gymkhana** **3 Gait Horses may not enter the 2 Gait gymkhana****
 40. WORKING TRAIL PLEASURE: A normal rail class will be run. After horses have been brought into line up they will be asked to navigate a minimum of three obstacles to count as 25% of the value of the score.
 41. VERSATILITY: Versatility classes are marked with an asterisk (*) Unless specified, riders may ride in English or Western tack and attire but not a combination of both. Versatility classes are open to any breed registered or not. Unless specified versatility classes will run as 2-gait classes. A canter may be called for in the case of a tie if both horses can canter.
 42. ALL BREED CLASSES: Open to any breed of horse registered or not. All breed classes are considered 3 gait (unless specified) and horses must canter/lope. All Breed classes will follow Equine Canada Rules (www.equinecanada.ca) TWH competing in All Breed classes will follow the S.H.O.W. International Rule Book. (www.showhio.com)

Please contact Nicole Hirsekorn if you have any questions or need clarification on any rules.

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