

# 2022 SHOW RULES

## Division/Class Clarification:

- Lead Line – Riders age 7 & under as of January 1st of current year. Handler must be age 16 or over. Riders may not cross enter into any other classes except for Halter and specialty classes, as applicable.
  - Walk – Riders 10 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Entry into Walk classes and Halter will not affect Beginner Eligibility if rider does not cross enter into other divisions. Riders are eligible to cross-enter into Beginner Division Walk Trot Classes (if rider meets Beginner eligibility requirements) and Small Fry. Special consideration will be given to those with disabilities who are older than 10 years.
  - Small Fry Walk Trot–Riders 10 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Riders may cross enter into Beginner Walk Trot classes (if rider meets Beginner eligibility requirements) and Youth 13 and Under Walk Trot.
  - Youth 13 & Under Walk Trot – Riders age 13 and under only as of January 1st of current year. Riders are eligible to cross-enter into Youth 18 & Under and Beginner Divisions.
  - Youth 14 + Adult Walk Trot – Riders age 14 and over as of January 1st of current year. Riders are eligible to cross enter into Youth 18 & Under, Adult and Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements) Divisions. Excludes crossing into Leadline and Walk.
  - Youth 18 & Under- Riders age 18 & under as of January 1st of current year. Riders are eligible to cross enter into Youth 14+ Adult Walk Trot and Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements) Divisions. Excludes crossing into Leadline and Walk.
  - Adult – Riders age 19 & over as of January 1st of current year. Riders are eligible to cross enter into Youth 14+ Adult Walk Trot and Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements) Divisions. Excludes crossing into Leadline and Walk.
  - Beginner – Rider of any age who meets the criteria as outlined in the Beginner Affidavit Form. Then, once approved, adults may ride in this division for one show season, and youth may ride in this division for two show seasons. Once the Year End Beginner High Point or Reserve High Point has been won, rider is no longer eligible to ride in the Beginner Division. Cross entry into age appropriate divisions –Small Fry Walk Trot, 13 & Under Walk Trot, Youth 18 and Under, 14& Over/Adult Walk Trot, or Adult Division will be allowed. Completed Beginner Affidavit to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - Open – Any age rider. Open riders may enter all other division eligible classes.
  - Select Rider – Any rider age 50 and over (show open class 34).
  - Grand and Reserve Halter – will apply to the top 2 horses in Mare and Gelding Halter. Top 2 will automatically be entered into this class. No entry fee required for Grand and Reserve Halter.
- \*Note: Open Classes, excluding halter, do not count towards year end or day of show division high point awards, please see website for Year End Clarification.
- \*Note: Beginner and Small Fry classes run concurrently.

## General Rules

1. As a 501c7 Social Club there are restrictions on the amount of non-member income. “One time Weekend Membership Fee” created to allow potential new members to show and see how they like MRSC. The membership has no voting or nomination privileges—however riders are eligible for Weekend High Point & Reserve awards. This membership is only available during our October show. All exhibitors must be a member to show with us.
  2. All rules will be posted at the registration desk and followed as per the MRSC bylaws and rule book and will be strictly enforced to ensure fairness to all.
  3. Per Missouri State Law: Negative Coggins papers are required on all horses.
  4. No Stallions Allowed.
  5. Stock/Hunter Type Horses Only– Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, Mustang, Thoroughbred, Warmblood, Stock type Pony min height 13.2 hands. See detailed definition of stock horse type on MRSC website.
  6. All exhibitors must sign a release of liability form which must be on file at the registration desk before participating in show. For those under the age of 18, the form must be signed by a parent /guardian.
  7. To be eligible for year-end awards, each rider must purchase a full MRSC membership and must obtain the required nomination per horse and rider combination prior to accumulating points. Points earned before membership/nomination is paid will not count towards year end awards. See Bylaws for details.
  8. First through sixth place ribbons given in all classes.
  9. Tack changes between classes will be given 2 minutes. All tack changes must be declared at registration.
  10. Proper gear is required for each class—English or Western. MRSC strongly recommends the use of protective gear.
  11. Two-handing in Western classes with a shank bit is an automatic disqualification. However, two-handing is allowed with a snaffle bit or bosal on a junior horse, ages 2 to 5 years old.
  12. MRSC has the right to disqualify any exhibitor or horse. If at any time a handler or rider cannot control their horse, they should remove themselves from the competition or MRSC will ask them to leave the arena and/or showing area.
  13. Exhibitors and/or owner may be ejected for poor sportsmanship.
  14. No loud or disruptive coaching is allowed to a contestant/rider competing in a class. Loud or excessive coaching can lead to disqualification of the contestant/rider.
  15. An equine professional will not be responsible for accidents or injuries to any exhibitor or horse.
  16. Judge’s decision is final. Protests must be made in writing the day of the show and must be accompanied by a \$25 fee. The fee will only be refunded if the show committee approves the protest.
  17. No smoking allowed at the National Equestrian Center.
  18. MRSC is not responsible for any awards not picked up the day of the show.
  19. Posted Dated Checks not allowed. Checks must be dated no later than last day of show.
- Please see our bylaws on our website for more details. [www.middriverssaddleclub.com](http://www.middriverssaddleclub.com)