## **2023 SHOW RULES**

Please note: These rules are a condensed version of the 2023 Bylaws. Complete descriptions and clarifications can be found within those bylaws. These bylaws can be found within this binder, and they are also located on our website at www.midriverssaddleclub.com.

Article 10 and Appendix 1 in the Bylaws specifically addresses class descriptions/expectations and show rules.

## General Rules:

- 1. As a 501c7 Social Club, all exhibitors that show with us must have an MRSC membership.
- 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. All out-of-state horses must have also have a Health Certificate. These should be on file with the office.
- 4. 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.
- 5. An equine professional will not be responsible for accidents or injuries to any exhibitor or horse.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Exhibitors and/or owner may be ejected for poor sportsmanship.
- 9. 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 contest-ant/rider.
- 10. No smoking allowed at the National Equestrian Center.
- 11. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- 12. Posted Dated Checks not allowed. Checks must be dated no later than last day of show.
- 13. First through sixth place ribbons given in all classes.
- 14. 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.
- 15. MRSC is not responsible for any awards not picked up the day of the show.
- 16. No Stallions Allowed.
- 17. Stock/Hunter Type Horses Only– Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, Mustang, Thoroughbred, Warmblood, Stock type Pony. See detailed definition of stock horse type on MRSC website.
- 18. Tack changes between classes will be given 2 minutes. All tack changes must be declared at registration.
- 19. Proper gear is required for each class—English or Western. MRSC strongly recommends the use of protective gear.
- 20. 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.
- 21. A horse may be shown by only one exhibitor per class.

Please see our bylaws on our website for more details. www.midriverssaddleclub.com