



Rules and Guidelines

2/7/17

Qualifications:

- No qualifications for 2017.

Stalls:

- Stalls are assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
- Payment must be received before reservations will be considered.
- Stalls may be canceled for a full refund if done so 10 days prior to haul in day.
- Refunds will be available approximately two weeks after the show.
- EARLY arrival may begin starting after 2pm on Thursday, September 21, 2017.
- Stalls will be posted online, at the show office, and at each barn.
- (See stalls tab for reservation web form.)

Entries:

- Pre- entry will be available beginning July 1, 2017 through September 17, 2017
- Do NOT send money with your pre-entry.
- **Pre-entry entries will pay a \$10 office fee.**
- **Post-entry entries will pay a \$25 office fee.**
- There will be a \$40 NSF Check fee on checks returned for any reason.
- Proof of Coggins must have been provided before packet is released.
- Additions to pre-entries may be made at the show by utilizing an add slip with per-class payment or with an open check.
- There will be refunds for classes properly dropped.
- If full withdrawal from the show is necessary, entries and stalls will be fully refunded less the office fee, with a veterinarian or doctor's slip.
- Refunds will be available approximately two weeks after the show.
- Entries for the first three classes of each day **MUST** be completed **½ hour prior** to start time.
- For the duration of the show entries for classes must be made at **3 classes prior**.

Judging:

- Judges' decisions are final.
- A double judges system will be used in the main arena.
 - Each judge will mark their card independently.
 - Ribbons and points will be given for placings under each judge.
 - **1st and 2nd place winners under each judge will qualify for Championship Classes.**
- There will be a single judge in the trail and dressage arenas.
 - Ribbons and points will be given for placings under the individual judge.
 - Single judged class points will be multiplied by 1.5%.

Sweepstakes Classes:

- Paybacks for Sweepstakes classes will be given under each judge.
- Entry fee for sweepstakes classes is \$25 for consideration under all judges.
- 70% Payback only to the top 4 placings to be split as follows:
 - 1st place: 25%
 - 2nd place: 20%
 - 3rd Place: 15%
 - 4th Place: 10%
- First place winners of Sweepstakes classes **do** qualify for championships

- **No points will be given for Sweepstakes classes EXCEPT for in conjunction with Performance Horse Award and Equitation Award.**

Championships:

- 1st & 2nd Place winners will qualify for championship classes in each section with the exception of classes marked as non-qualifying.
- First place winners of Sweepstakes classes **do** qualify for championships
- Walk trot exhibitors will only be eligible for in hand championship classes and walk/trot championship.
- **Only the overall winners of Championships will receive awards and points.**

Points:

| MOHSC Point System | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Placing | | | | | | | | |
| # horses-class | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th |
| 1-2 | .5 | .01 | | | | | | |
| 3-4 | 2 | 1 | .02 | .01 | | | | |
| 5-7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .1 | .02 | .01 | |
| 8-11 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .1 | .02 |
| 12-15 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .5 |
| 16 & over | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Championships | 1st | 2nd | | | | | | |
| | 8 | 7 | | | | | | |

- Points and awards in general classes will be awarded under each judge.
- First place winners of Sweepstakes classes **do** qualify for championships.
- **No points will be given for Sweepstakes classes EXCEPT for in conjunction with Performance Horse Award and Equitation Award.**

High point/Divisions:

- The high point fee must be paid before points may be accumulated.
- Points are one horse, one rider.
- Points can only be accumulated in one division per horse/rider combination and points received in that division and open classes will count toward high point.
- If a horse/rider compete in more than one pleasure division, they will not be eligible for high point.
- **Gymkhana class points will go toward Performance Award, and Overall High Point Awards.**
- **Gymkhana points will not count toward age division or non-stock high points.**
- Riders may choose to cross over into another division (ie. Non-stock to age division, but points will only count in the designated division.)
- Non-stock type division is open to Arabians, Morgans, Saddlebreds, Thoroughbreds, draft breeds, warm bloods, gaited breeds, and other pleasure type breeds only. (If unsure please contact us for clarification.)
- **High point divisions** will include: W/T 11 & Under, W/T 12 & Over, Non-Stock, 13 & Under, 14 – 18, 19 – 29, 30 – 44 and 45 & Over
- **Performance Horse Award** will be given to the horse/rider combination that accumulates the most points in **non-division** classes. These include, hunter/sport horse in hand, sweepstakes trail, sweepstakes pleasures, ranch riding, western riding/reining, sweepstakes cloverleaf, hunter hack, discipline rail, dressage and related championship classes.
- **Equitation Award** will go to the horse/rider combination that earns the most points in equitation classes including showmanship, hunt seat equitation, saddle seat equitation, bareback

equitation and any related sweepstakes and championship classes.

- **Overall High Point and Reserve** will be determined by the horse/rider combo that earns the most points in their designated division and any open performance classes NOT including Sweepstakes.
- **You must sign up for your division high point to be eligible for the Performance Horse, Equitation Award or All-Around categories.**

Gate calls:

- Exhibitors must check in with gate person.
- You are expected to be ready at the gate when your class is called.
- Important announcements will be made over the barn's loud speaker, however, barn calls are a courtesy only; it is the exhibitor's responsibility to be aware of class calls or schedule changes.
- Missed classes will not be refunded.
- If tack changes are needed, the show office **MUST BE NOTIFIED**.
- Tack changes will be no longer than 5 minutes-**NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Make up area:

- The area around the in-gate is designated for exhibitors currently checking in for their class.
- We ask exhibitors to stay out of the make-up area until the class preceding theirs is in the pen.
- Please be courteous to your fellow exhibitors in keeping the gate clear.
- There will be **no lunging in the warm-up arena** while classes are taking place in the main arena.
- There will be **no lunging in the indoor or main arena** from 1 hour before show time until after the final class is completed in said arena.
- Lunging will be allowed in the lower (down the hill) arenas.

Class Splits:

- Splits will be announced a minimum of one class prior.
- Each judge will be asked to pick a maximum of 7 exhibitors from general class splits, and 4 horses from sweepstakes class splits to ride in the final.
- MOHSC reserves the right to cancel or combine any classes with 3 entries or less.
- Refunds will be provided in the case of class cancellation.

Arenas:

- Classes will run in arenas designated on the show bill unless weather or other conditions require a change.
- MOHSC will announce any changes to arena assignments as soon as the decision has been made.
- There will be **no lunging in the indoor or main arena** from 1 hour before show time until after the final class is completed in said arena.
- There will be **no lunging in the warm-up arena** while classes are taking place in the main arena.

Trail:

- Trail will run in a separate arena during the posted time.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to run trail at their first possible opportunity.
- In-Hand trail entrants may not show in any other trail classes.

Walk Trot /Pee Wee Walk/Lead line:

- The same horse/rider combo may not enter walk/trot and walk/ trot/canter classes.
- The same horse/rider combo may not enter gymkhana classes.
- Walk trot entries will not qualify for championship classes with the exception of Halter and Showmanship.
- Walk/trot riding classes do qualify for the walk trot championship that will be judged 50/50

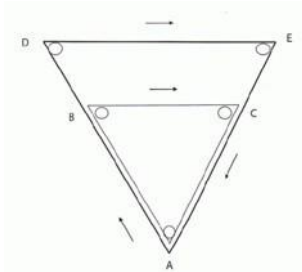
equitation and pleasure.

- Walk trot will be placed 1-8th.
- Pee Wee Walk will be placed 1-8th.
- Lead line will be placed 1-8th with all exhibitors receiving a participation award.
- Pee Wee Walk is for exhibitors 10 years of age and under.
- Lead line is for exhibitors 8 years of age and under.

****Helmets: MOHSC requires all riders ages 18 and under wear ASTM/SEI certified helmets in all hunter classes including equitation and pleasure, as well as all over fences classes, and in all gymkhana events.**

Hunter/Sport Horse in Hand:

- Exhibitors present to the judge individually.
- The horse is first set up for inspection at "A" in an open position, with all 4 legs visible to the judges.
- When the judge signals that he is done, you begin walking the first (smaller) triangle. The triangles are set up with cones, and you must walk the outside perimeter. Walk from "A" to "B" then to "C" and back to "A".
- Once you have completed the smaller triangle and rounded "A", you need to trot your horse around the perimeter of the larger one. It is best to start the trot on the straightaway, after rounding "A". Trot to "D", then to (E), and finish at "A".
- Once you finish the course, you may exit the ring.



- Equipment
 - Horses two and older must be shown in an English Snaffle bridle or Dressage bridle.
 - Yearlings and younger must be shown in a plain halter.
 - A short whip or crop is optional.

- Exhibitor's attire
 - The handler must wear a conservative shirt with a collar, such as a polo shirt or dress shirt, in white or other solid color.
 - Pants must be loose dress pants, such as khakis. (Jeans are not allowed.)
 - Paddock boots or running shoes are recommended.
 - *Proper hunter or dressage attire is acceptable.*

RANCH RIDING

Attire: In all Ranch classes it is suggested that exhibitors wear traditional western attire that reflects the true ranch lifestyle. Appropriate western attire includes a long sleeve shirt with collar and cuff that has buttons or snaps that must be fastened at the wrist, a western hat and boots with heels. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear well-fitting jeans, and crisp well shaped hat. Adding chinks, wild rags or western scarves really promote a true ranch horse look. The focus is on the performance and ability of the horse and rider. Any Shirts that zip-up, have any crystals, glitter, and/or sequins will result in a deduction.

Tack & Grooming:

- Western Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged. It is suggested competitors use a breast collar and a rear cinch.
- Hoof polish and braided or banded manes are discouraged but will not be reason for disqualification.
- Tail extensions are not reason for disqualification but should be penalized.
- Performance
- In all gaits, movement of the ranch riding horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse.
- Walk – The walk is a natural flat footed four-beat gait. The gait is rhythmic and ground-covering. As in all gaits, the horse should display a level or slightly above level topline with a bright attentive expression. Trot – The trot is a natural two-beat gait demonstrating more forward motion than the western jog.
- Extended Trot – The extended trot is an obvious lengthening of the stride with a definite increase in pace. The horse should be moving in a manner as if it was covering a large area on a ranch with an above level topline.
- Lope – The lope is a three-beat gait. The lope should be relaxed and smooth with a natural forward moving stride.
- Extended Lope – The extended lope is not a run or a race but should be an obvious lengthening of the stride demonstrating a forward working speed.
- The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be as those described in GAITS, with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.

Parking by Main Arena:

- Parking to the south of the Horse Barn/ east of the wash rack will be permitted for loading and unloading purposes only. (See map)
- Please make sure vehicles are moved by 9 p.m. on Friday evening to assure ample space for horses in the make-up area on Saturday and Sunday.
- Trailers will be permitted to be parked along the south fence on the back side of the lot.
- **Horses trailering in will need to park to the north of the Horse Barn and Main Arena, or near the Lower Warm-up Arena.**

MOHSC DISCLAIMER:

MOHSC, Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, or any person representing those agencies will not be held responsible for loss or injury to people or animals participating in or viewing the Michigan Open Horse Show Championships.

Warning - Under the Michigan equine activity liability act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from the inherent risk of the equine activity.

For any rules/guidelines not listed here or on www.MOHSC.com Michigan 4-H Rules will apply.