

General Rules and Regulations

1 This show is held under the direct supervision of the Alabama Arabian Horse Association, Inc. This show is approved by the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) and the AHA (Arabian Horse Association). Every class offered herein, covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book, will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith. See USEF Rule XVI for Arabian Horse Rules, class descriptions and judging specifications. Any changes in USEF rules will automatically become a part of this prize list. The show committee reserves the right to make such changes in procedure, personnel, rules and regulations as deemed by them to be in the best interest of the show.

2. **USEF Members and Non Members:** Life, Senior active and Junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at regular member competitions, combined training/eventing competitions at the preliminary level or above and combined driving competitions at the intermediate level or above, Dressage and Vaulting competitions and Endurance rides provided that respective breed/discipline dues or breed/discipline category fee has been paid. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent or trainer at regular member competitions, combined training/eventing competitions, Dressage competitions and combined driving competitions upon payment of a \$30.00 non-member registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the requirements of this rule: 1) Lead Line 2) Exhibitions 3) Games and Races 4) Classes for 4-H members 5) Walk Trot and Academy Classes (Academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program) 6) USEF Introductory level tests, Pas De Deux and Quadrille Classes and 7) Assistant handlers in Dressage Sport breeding classes: also exempt from this requirement are 8) Citizens of other nations who are members in good standing of their National Federations and in the case of disciplines recognized by the FEI, in possession of a foreign competitors license to compete in Nationals competitions which has been issued by the USEF (See Art 807.4 of USEF rules).

3. **Arrival and Departure:** Stalls are available to the exhibitors for arrival on Wednesday, March 21, 2011 and must be vacated by Monday, March 26, 2012 by 9 a.m. There will be a \$15.00 per day per stall charge for early arrivals on Wednesday and for late departures on Monday. Exhibitors desiring to be stalled together must send in entries to the secretary in the same envelope with a note stating who you would like to be stalled with and list the group.

4. **Call for Classes:** Classes will be called promptly. The two minute gate rule will be strictly enforced unless prior notification is given for tack changes or if other unusual requirement exists. Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical device, the P A system and paddock calls over that system must be considered a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his/her horse is at the gate at the prescribed time. While every effort will be made to maintain a working PA system, no protest will be upheld nor will any section be changed on the basis of PA malfunction alone.

5. **Camper Hook up:** Available Wednesday March 21 through Sunday March 25. A Fee of \$25.00 per night will be charged for each space occupied.

6. **Championship Show Back Rule:** First and second place winners in each class are required to show back in the Championship class for that class. Entries qualifying in multiple performance classes are required to show back in only one performance championship. The exhibitor may however show back in all Championships for which they are qualified.

7. **Closing of Entries:** Pre-entries close at (postmarked) midnight March 10, 2012. Entries postmarked after this date will be charged post entry fees. This will be strictly enforced. We encourage you to pre-enter. Post entries are accepted but must be made before the show office closes the night before for a morning session class, before the morning session ends for an afternoon class or before the afternoon session ends for an evening class. If the horse is pre-entered in at least one class, no post entry fee will be charged for classes added at the show.

8. **Conduct:** Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the owner, groom, rider, driver or member of the family of the person participating in the show will disqualify the horse from adjudication. The show management reserves the right to remove a groom, horse, rider or driver from the show without being liable for compensation or damages. The show committee also bears the responsibility to aid judges in avoiding contact with exhibitors or their agents before and during the show.

9. **Dogs:** All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. The Alabama State Humane Officer requires dogs to be confined or on a leash at all times. No dogs will be allowed in or around the show arena - exception is only for dogs assisting sight or hearing impaired. This rule will be strictly enforced.

10. **Entries:** One owner per entry blank only. Every owner/rider/driver/handler/trainer or his agent must sign the entry blank. If owner/ rider/driver/handler/trainer is under age 18, his/her parent, guardian or trainer must sign the entry blank on the minors behalf. In addition, the "Junior" exhibitor consent must be completed. Parents who sign need not be members of AHA or USEF. ***Entries must include:** Full addresses, AHA, USEF membership numbers, all fees, copies of registration papers, plus photo copies of 2012 AHA and USEF membership cards. The submitting of an entry blank to the show secretary shall constitute an acceptance by each person signing name acceptance of the provisions herein set forth in this prize list. No entries will be accepted and no stalls will be reserved unless accompanied by payment in full, check payable to the Alabama Arabian Horse Association (AAHA).

11. **Grounds Fees:** \$30.00 per horse per day for those who do not wish to rent a stall. Those who pay a grounds fee will not be allowed to use a stall during or between classes. Exhibitors using any unassigned stalls will be charged \$100.00 per stall. This is strictly enforced.

12. **Hard Hats:** All exhibitors in Hunter and or Hunter Seat EQ must wear a properly fitting protective headgear while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, and in the show ring. Harness must be secured and properly fitted.

13. **Health Requirements:** Governing admission of horses for the Alabama Arabian Horse Show: ALL HORSES must be accompanied by an ORIGINAL laboratory chart of Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) made within the past year (12 months) and with proper animal identification listed thereon. Photo copies **ARE NOT** acceptable. Any horse not having proper Coggins papers will not be allowed to stay on the grounds. This is **STRICTLY ENFORCED**.

14. **AHA Membership:** If you are not a member of AHA and you are entered in the show as an owner/rider/driver/handler/trainer, you must pay a \$35.00 Single Event Non-Membership fee per person.

15. **Junior Exhibitors:** Youth eligible for Junior Exhibitor classes shall not have reached their 18th birthday as of 12/01/11. For horse show purposes, the age of the individual on December 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year. Juniors may compete in Ladies or Gentleman to Ride classes.

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16. **Indemnity and Non-responsibility clause:** All entries are acceptable with the understanding that neither the Alabama Arabian Horse Association, Inc. nor its officers, nor any of the sponsors of the show will be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury or damages done to any owner, horse, groom, attendant or their equipment that may be lost, destroyed or in any way damaged at this show.
17. **Professional Services:** Consultations performed by Show Veterinarian or Farrier outside the show ring shall be on a private fee basis.
18. **Refunds:** All fees except office fee for entries canceled before 03/10/12 will be refunded. Refunds of class entry fees only will be made after this date upon presentation of a DVM Certificate made on Veterinarians letterhead or a MD certificate made on a professional letterhead to the show secretary before the end of the show. Once a horse is vetted out of a class it will be considered vetted out of the entire show. There will be no stall refunds at the show.
19. **Refusal of Entries:** Show Management will be governed by USEF Rule XV, Art. 1509 with respect to refusal of entries for this show.
20. **Returned Checks:** If you are notified by your bank that your check has bounced due to insufficient funds, call the AAHA Treasurer, Jerry Newman at (205) 999-8174 within 24 hours stating that you are covering the check. If you fail to respond within 24 hours you will be contacted by certified mail, return receipt and your show account will be debited an additional \$150.00. If you do not respond within 2 weeks with a cashiers check or money order for the amount of the show account plus \$150.00, the services of USEF and AHA will be required and another \$50.00 charge will be assessed. (USEF Rule Art 1508)
21. **Scratches:** Entry fees for scratched classes are non refundable. If horses are scratched from one class and simultaneously added to an-other class. There will be no charge for the added class. Notify the show office and the paddock manager when you scratch a class.
22. **Show Account:** Prize money will be mailed or paid at the show office at the discretion of Show Management. Prize money will be awarded within 30 days of the close of the competition Article 706.c / Article 1401.13. Prize checks not cashed by 05/29/11 will be void. Show account will close 60 days after the show.
23. **Show Office Hours:** The show office will open on Thursday at 12 noon. The show office will close one hour before each afternoon and evening session to prepare for that session. All entries in the Friday morning classes must register and pick up packets Thursday and Saturday morning classes must register and pick up Friday. Show office hours for during the show will be posted at the show.
24. **Show Officials:** In the event that an official fails to attend this show or perform his/her duties, the show committee reserves the right to substitute an official for the one designated in accordance to USEF rules.
25. **Stallions:** May be shown by ladies and juniors in any class permitting stallions.
26. **Stalls:** 10 x 10 wooden box stalls with metal bar front one sliding door and asphalt flooring. Exhibitors will be required to rent one stall per horse unless you decide to use Grounds Fees Only. In this case you will not be allowed to use a stall. Horses must be assigned a separate stall (except for broodmares with suckling foals). Horses must be placed in stalls assigned and no changes will be permitted except with the express consent of the Barn Manager. **Any exhibitor using an unassigned stall will be charged \$100 per stall.** This is strictly enforced. Shavings will be available at \$8.25 per bag. **We encourage you to please pre order shavings. Shavings will be available from 7 a.m .until 10 p.m. each day of the show. NO SHAVINGS AVAILABLE AFTER 10 PM**
27. **Footing:** Footing in all arenas on the grounds is base clay with sand mix. The Main ring size is 120 ft x 260 ft. with a permanent dirt floor. _
28. **Time Schedule:** Provided the order of events is not changed, the show committee may call any class up to 30 minutes ahead of its scheduled time. Refer to USEF General Rules Art 309.2.
29. **Veterinarian Inspection:** All animals are subject to a physical inspection, free of charge, by the show veterinarian as a safeguard against communicable equine disease. In cases of suspected unsoundness, the Judge may have the animal examined by the show veterinarian and that decision shall be final.
30. **USEF/Drugs and Medications (D & M):** USEF Drug Fee \$15.00 (\$7.00 Drugs and Medications, \$8.00 USEF) per horse entry. The D & M rule contained in Article 30 1.6 and 1401.12 will be enforced principally by saliva, blood and urine tests taken by a veterinarian or skilled technician who are agents of USEF. Refusal to submit a horse for examination, whether it be in competition or not and cooperate with the veterinarian and technicians until samples have been taken constitutes a violation and subjects the responsible person to the penalties under the rule. Classes exempt are: lead line. Exhibitions, games, races, classes for 4-H members, however these classes are not exempt from the Drugs & Medications rule itself
31. **Sharps Containers:** Sharps containers will be placed in convenient locations on Competition grounds and replace them when full. Competition Management may fine any individual up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.
32. **Minors Rules:** Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of recognized competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s). and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competi-tion and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance de-vices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

Good Luck to All of our Exhibitors

Take time to enjoy the Hospitality dinners and be sure to visit our vendors.