

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 Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR222) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

3. **Arrival and Departure:** Stalls are available to the exhibitors for arrival on Sunday, March 22, 2020 and must be vacated by Tuesday, March 31, 2020 by 9 a.m. There will be a **\$20.00 per day per stall charge for early arrivals on Sunday and Monday for the first show and if only attending second show arriving before Thursday there will be a \$20.00 per day per stall charge and for late departures on the following Tuesday.** 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:** 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.
GATE LIMIT/CLASS CALLS - Exhibitors are warned about entering successive classes. Show will be run according to USEF Rules. **Schedule conflicts between rings are the responsibility of the exhibitor.** This rule will be strictly enforced at the Alabama Show. **Due to holding Sport Horse and Main Ring at same time, a backup rider/handler is recommended if you have entries in more than one ring. THERE WILL BE NO DELAY BETWEEN CLASSES.** The two-minute limit for gates will be strictly enforced. The gate will close two minutes after the first horse enters the ring or with large classes taking more than two minutes, the gate will close after the entrance of the final horse in a continuous string of horses.

5. **Camper Hook up:** Available Sunday March 22 through Monday March 31. A Fee of \$30.00 per night will be charged for each space occupied. Camper hook up arranged through AAHA Show Secretary or Barn Manager. Bath houses climate controlled. Showers are available. RV dump station available

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 must be postmarked by March 6, 2020.** 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 Mississippi 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. Please do not bring in service dogs without their proper credentials. Please do not bring in service dogs unless assisting and working a service. **These rules 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 2020/current 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) or Valid credit card (Visa/Mastercard/American Express) info, please complete Authorization Form.

11. **Horse Eligibility to Compete:** Purebred Arabian Horses shown in the Arabian Division must have been issued a certificate of registration from either the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc., the Arabian Horse Association as a Purebred Arabian and/or the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry as a Purebred Arabian (or in the case of a foreign entry, which has not been issued said certificate of registration, have been issued a Competition Visa by the Arabian Horse Association). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horses shown in the Arabian division must have been issued a certificate of registration from the International Arabian Horse Association or the Arabian Horse Association or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Registry as a Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian. Purebred Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses, if under one year of age, must be eligible for registry, and registration applied for and must be entered under their full registered name.

12. **Sale/Lease:** In the case of a lessee, pending transfer, contract of sale, or cash sale, proof of lease or ownership must be submitted. These documents must contain the correct registered name and number of the horse, date, and the signature of the seller or lessee and must be attached to the copy of the registration certificate.

13. **ONE DAY STALL/NO SHOWING FROM TRAILER:** For safety purposes we will not permit showing from trailer, you must rent a stall for a single day or showing. \$35.00 per horse per day per stall. Exhibitors using any unassigned stalls will be charged \$200.00 per stall. This is strictly enforced.

14. **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.

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PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR - Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the show grounds must wear protective headgear, with chinstrap fastened. All juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear protective headgear passing testing standards while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Adults must wear hard hats when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Refer to current USEF Rule Book.

Affirmation of the United States Equestrian Federation Helmet/Vest Rule GR801.4 Dress Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. The Federation recommends that the vest meet or surpass the current ASTM standard or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.

15. **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. VACCINATION REQUIREMENT: MUST SHOW PROOF OF RHINO-PNEUMONITIS VACCINATION. SEE USEF GR845**

16. **Single Event Fee/ 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.
- AHA MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT** - Each competitor (this includes at least one recorded owner and all trainers, drivers, riders, halter handlers, coaches and the person(s) signing the entry blank) in an Arabian horse association recognized Arabian division, at the time of entry into a competition, must submit a copy of a valid aha membership/competition card, join aha or pay an aha single event membership fee per competitor. When an agent signs for the owner at an AHA recognized competition, both the owner and agent must be members of AHA or pay the AHA single event membership. Single event membership is not acceptable at AHA regional or national competitions. Exhibitors in walk-trot classes are exempt from AHA membership requirements at qualifying competitions, but must have an AHA membership with competition card at AHA regional and national competitions. Exhibitors in lead line classes or parents/guardians signing for minors are exempt from aha membership requirements. (BOD 5/12)
17. **Junior Exhibitors:** Youth eligible for Junior Exhibitor classes shall not have reached their 18th birthday as of 12/01. 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.
- Age split Classes:** The age of the exhibitor on December 1, 2019 will be used to determine the correct age split classes for the exhibitor.
18. **Amateur:** USEF membership is required for adult amateurs and to ride in amateur classes. Every rider having reached his 18th birthday prior to 12/01 must have his/her possession an amateur card issued yearly by USEF or make application for such at least one hour prior to riding in Amateur to Ride classes. Application may be secured from the horse show office.
19. **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.
20. **Professional Services:** Consultations performed by Show Veterinarian, Dan Justice or Farrier outside the show ring shall be on a private fee basis.
21. **Refunds:** All fees except office fee for entries canceled before 03/11/20 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.
22. **Refusal of Entries:** Show Management will be governed by USEF Rule XV, Art. 1509 with respect to refusal of entries for this show.
23. **Returned Checks or Declined Credit Cards:** If you are notified by your bank that your check has bounced due to insufficient funds, call the AAHA Treasurer, Phillip McGraw at (205) 288-7926 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)
24. **Scratches:** Entry fees for scratched classes are non refundable. If horses are scratched from one class and simultaneously added to an-other class, here will be no charge for the added class. Notify the show office and the paddock manager when you scratch a class.
25. **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 05/31/20 will be void.** Show account will close 60 days after the show.
26. **Show Office Hours:** The show office will open on Monday, March 23, 1 PM CST to 6 PM CST, Tuesday, March 24, 9 AM CST to 8 PM CST. During show, show office will open 7 AM CST and close 1 hour after last class of the day. All entries in the Wednesday, March 25th morning classes must register and pick up packets Tuesday and Friday morning classes must register and pick up Thursday. Any Changes to show office hours for during the show will be posted at the show.
27. **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.
28. **Stallions:** May be shown by ladies and juniors in any class permitting stallions.
29. **Stalls:** 12 x 12 wooden box stalls with metal bar front or metal bar on four sides, one sliding door or one swinging door and concrete flooring. **ALL STALLS HAVE RUBBER MATS.** Exhibitors will be required to rent one stall per horse. 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 \$250 per stall.** This is strictly enforced. Shavings will be available at \$9.50 per bag. **We encourage you to please pre order shavings. Shavings will be available from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. each day of the show. NO SHAVINGS AVAILABLE AFTER 8 PM**
30. **Footing:** Footing in all arenas on the grounds is base clay with sand mix. The Main ring size is 150 ft x 320 ft. with a dirt, clay and sand floor. Outdoor Covered arena for warmup and Sport Horse in Hand and Trail classes 230 ft by 400 ft. Main ring covered warmup 90 ft by 185 ft.
31. **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.
32. **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. **VACCINATION REQUIREMENT: MUST SHOW PROOF OF RHINO-PNEUMONITIS VACCINATION. SEE USEF GR845**
33. **USEF/Drugs and Medications (D & M):** USEF Drug Fee \$23.00 (includes \$8.00 Drugs and Medications) 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
34. **Sharps Containers:** Sharps containers will be placed in convenient locations on Competition grounds and replace them when full. Sharps containers must be used for any disposal of needles or other disposable sharp instruments. Do not dispose of these items in the manure bins or garbage cans. Violations will be fined \$250 per incident. Any individual, including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents are subject to a barn violation. Please, for the safety of the clean-up staff, use the sharps containers for these items. We thank you for your complete cooperation & consideration of others, in this matter. .
35. **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 licensed 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. **The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation.** 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 competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.
36. **Back Numbers:** The assigned number shall be prominently displayed by the rider, driver or handler when the entry is exhibited.

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37. **Owner Classes:** SEE 2015 RULE CHANGE REGARDING OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS, AND SHOWING IN OWNER CLASSES (AR103). **Combined ownership is permitted in Junior Owner's or Amateur Owner's classes under the following conditions:** Two distinct non-family owners may co-own a horse and show that horse in Junior Owner or Amateur Owner classes except that no family member of a professional may enter into this relationship. 'Non-family owners' are defined as two distinct individuals who are not related as family as defined by US Equestrian or Equestrian Canada. NOTE: USEF Definition of family is:

For ownership by the same family, the term family includes the following: spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, half brother and sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, step-brother and sister, grandparents and grandchildren, and in-laws of the same relation as stated above. A horse that is co-owned by the two distinct non-family owners must be registered with Arabian Horse Registry of America, Half Arabian Horse Registry, Anglo Arabian Horse Registry, Canadian Arabian Horse Registry or Canadian Partbred Arabian Registry, or other registry approved by the Arabian Horse Association as an "and" ownership relationship. An "or" ownership relationship does not enable two distinct non-family owners to show in Junior Owner's or Amateur Owner's classes. The right to show horses in Junior Owner or Amateur Owner classes when there are two distinct non-family owners registered as the owners of said horse, does not extend to the family of these distinct non-family owners. In order to show in Junior Owner or Amateur Owner classes both distinct non-family owners must be members of US Equestrian or Equestrian Canada and hold valid amateur cards or be juniors or a combination of amateur and junior. Both distinct non-family owners must be individuals, no farm or corporation co-owned horses are eligible. No family member of a distinct non-family owner may receive any remuneration in relation to the co-owned horse as defined in SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS (or Equestrian Canada equivalent). Horses co-owned by more than two distinct non-family owners cannot be shown in Junior Owner or Amateur Owner classes. If the co-ownership relationship is terminated, that horse is not eligible to be co-owned by another distinct non-family person for the remainder of that show year as defined by US Equestrian. The remaining owner and his or her family members are eligible to show in Junior Owner or Amateur Owner classes. A horse that is co-owned by the two distinct non-family members cannot be shown in a Maturity and Jackpot classes at any AHA national championship show. An individual AHA affiliate association/club may elect to not allow horses that are co-owned by two distinct non-family members to compete in classes designated for Amateur Owner or Junior Owner for which they offer prize money, Futurity, or other restricted classes with payouts greater than \$2,500. An individual member may only enter into two distinct co-owner relationships and compete with these arrangements in Amateur Owner or Junior Owner classes at USEF/EC-approved shows. Arrangements with other individuals, same as otherwise, for purposes other than competing in USEF/EC-approved shows in Amateur Owner and Junior Owner classes, are not impacted.

38. **Admission to the Arena:** No person will be permitted to enter the arena except participants in the class, judges and their assistants, show photographer and assistant, show officials and staff. Attendants will not be permitted in the arena until summoned by judge.

39. **Veterinarian, Farrier and First Aid:** A Veterinarian will be on call to the grounds. The phone numbers will be posted at the show office. In the event of an acute and serious injury to or illness of a horse on competition grounds when the owner or trainer of the horse or agent of the owner is not present, after reasonable effort to contact that individual has been made, competition management, in consultation with a licensed equine veterinarian, may authorize the provision of emergency veterinary treatment of the horse. If competition management so authorizes treatment under the provisions of this rule, competition management and veterinarian are not liable for any resulting costs, damages, losses, claims or actions arising directly or indirectly from the treatment of the horse. A farrier will be available for exhibitors. We ask that you use the services of the show farrier. All other farriers must check in with the show manager prior to seeing any customers. They must get permission to work on the show grounds and pay a vendor fee. First aid treatment will be available at all times during the performance and an ambulance will be on call.

40. **Judges:** All classes will be judged by two judges as a concurrent show, with one judge qualifying an exhibitor for a Region (9 or 14) and the other judge qualifying the exhibitor for a Region (12 or 15). This show will be judged according to the single judge system. (When adjudicated concurrently in a single arena utilizing two judges with placings for each judge, it is still judged according to the single judge system.) In the event of illness or failure of a judge or any other official to attend this show or to perform his duties, the show committee reserves the right to substitute an official for the one officially designated in the prize list, according to USEF rules .

41. **LEVELING PROGRAM** – Verify exact rules and criteria with AHA and USEF as this is a new program and it may change. *It is the rider's responsibility to enter the correct level. If you have questions about your competition level you may contact AHA or ask for assistance from the Show Secretary at time of entry. DIVISION QUALIFICATIONS – Western: Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship/Equitation. Hunter: Hunter pleasure, Hunter seat Equitation (not to Jump). Country English: Park, English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Saddle Seat Equitation. AHA Achievement points will include all points earned from the 2002 competition year forward. Please contact AHA or see the AHA website to calculate AHA Achievement points. When age groups are offered in the AAOTR divisions, riders may only enter their appropriate level.

When Leveling classes are offered a rider may enter their appropriate level or opt to enter a higher level instead. The Alabama Arabian Horse Show will allow exhibitors to enter their appropriate achievement level and/or any higher level(s) (all appropriate qualifications would be required, if applicable). Riders who are deemed Choice by their leveling points may not level down to Select. In addition, Elite riders may not level down to Choice or Select. In Working Western Classes where levels are run concurrently, a show may elect to allow riders to enter up (not down) in all levels in which appropriate qualifications and entry fees are applied in any circumstance. It is the rider's responsibility to enter the correct level. **If you have questions about your level you are encouraged to contact AHA directly for verification 303.696.4500.**

42. **USDF Statement on Animal Welfare** The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals. Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved. The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed. Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life. While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival. As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training. United States Dressage Federation 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511 Phone: 859-971-2277, Fax: 859-971-7722, usdressage@usdf.org, www.usdf.org

43. **CARD NUMBERS:** Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct applicable numbers (USDF and USEF) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards

44. **AHA MEDAL CLASSES** - See USEF Rule Book Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division, Subchapter Western Horsemanship. (BOD 5/06)

45. **WESTERN DRESSAGE** –WDAA web-site: westerndressageassociation.org

46. **ENGLISH DRESSAGE** – Contact AHA and/or USEF for class specifications.