

Harry Hughes Circuit Rules

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1. Paid yearly membership to the HHC is required for year-end awards. Points will be recorded beginning with the show the HHC membership is paid at. Retro awarding of points will not occur. Members are eligible for year-end awards regardless of the number of shows attended.
2. Members MUST use the same exhibitor number for all shows. If a member shows with an incorrect number they will not be awarded any points earned while showing with the wrong number. If anyone shows with no number they are disqualified from the class in which this occurs.
3. Member ship is based on ONE EXHIBITOR/ONE ANIMAL/ONE DIVISION. This may only be changed in the event of an animals death or by a veterinarians certificate stating the animal in unsound for the remainder of the show year. In the above cases only, points will be transferred to a new animal.
4. All non-members will pay a \$7.00 office fee per show.
5. The \$30.00/\$15.00 All Day Ride Fee is for circuit members only. This fee is good for ONE EXHIBITOR/ONE ANIMAL/ONE DIVISION combination only. Jackpot classes are not included in the All Day Ride Fee.
6. Any checks written to the HHC must clear the bank. Any checks returned for NSF will be assessed a \$30 fee payable to the HHC. Affected HHC members will forfeit all points earned and year end prizes will not be awarded. Check writing privileges will be revoked and registration will be payable in cash only.
7. Main arena judges cannot judge two consecutive years.
8. Any HHC show judge (with the exception of trail judges) is required to live at least 50 miles from HHYEC.
9. The trail judge will get a MINIMUM one half hour total break time during the duration of the trail in hand and trail classes.
10. Trail in hand MUST be shown in a halter with lead measuring a minimum of 12'.
11. If a member chooses to move up a division their membership will follow them to the new division and they will not be asked to pay a new membership fee. The points from the previous division will remain there; they will not carry over to the new division.
12. All ties for awards are broken by the most 1st places. If tie cannot be broken, then it will be broken by the most 2nd places, and so on until either the tie is broken or a true tie is determined.
13. All ponies must be measured before the show to enter any pony classes. A HHC pony card will be given to all pony exhibitors. A pony must measure 58"/14.2HH or under with or without shoes. Pony must be shown as was originally measured; if shoes are put on the pony must be re-measured. No more than 3 tries at measuring. Judge will have final say. After 7 years of age the pony will have a permanent HHC Pony Card.
14. Jackpot classes do not count towards daily high point or year-end awards. Overall standings from the HHC will be based on total points accumulated from halter classes, division classes, and versatile classes based on ONE EXHIBITOR/ONE ANIMAL/ONE DIVISION.
15. Classes close when prior class enters the ring. Gate closes 2 minutes after class has been called into the arena unless an allowance has been made.
16. The Circuit is judged based on the Ohio Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows. Exhibitor's age is as of January 1 of current year.
17. **Safety helmets are REQUIRED for riders 18 and under per Ohio Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows and encouraged for all.**
18. If exhibiting in the WT Division and found to be cantering on the grounds the day of any HHC show, exhibitor will automatically be moved up a division and points accumulated will not transfer.
19. If exhibiting in Lead Line division you must have a lead attached to animal while riding at all times the day of any HHC show or exhibitor will automatically be moved up a division and point will not accumulate.
20. Patterns for Equitation and Horsemanship will be mandatory. Rail work after patterns will be at judge's discretion.
21. Stallions are to be shown by exhibitors 19 & over.
22. Daily high point will be based on DIVISION CLASSES ONLY.
23. If your horse is from out of the state of Ohio you must present a negative coggins test at registration.

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24. Unsportsmanlike conduct, cruelty to animals, animals or exhibitors deemed dangerous or out of control or excessive rail couching are all causes for dismissal by judge, HHC Show Committee members, or HHYEC board members.
25. Any unsound/unhealthy animal will be excused from the ring and potentially the grounds.
26. Any tack changes must be requested at the booth at least one class prior.
27. The use of drugs of any kind WILL NOT BE TOLERATED and will be cause for dismissal without any refund of money. The HHC reserves the right to test any animal at any time.
28. Each incidence of positive drug test will be presented to the HHC Committee and handled on a case by case basis.
29. All divisions are based on the RIDER (not the animal). Exhibitors should register for division base on their skill level. HHC Show Committee has the right to question and exhibitors division of choice and make changes as they deem appropriate.
30. Judges and HHC Show Committee decisions are final.
31. **NO REFUNDS**
32. Spotters will be utilized to ensure safety of all exhibitors during riding classes in the main arena for the Open Walk/Jog, Assisted/Non-Assisted, and walk Trot 13 & Under division.
33. Riding classes will be split at judge's digression.
34. No alcohol use permitted on the Harry Hughes grounds.
35. Ranch horse division is open to all ages; horse or pony. Not eligible for any wester pleasure classes. Please see Ohio Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows regarding appropriate equipment and detailed rules for Ranch Horses. Pattern Class will be Pattern B.

HHC Division Descriptions:

- Lead Line; age 8 & under, horse or pony' eligible for LL classes only; ground classes may ask for trotting, ridden classes will show at the walk only
- Walk Only assisted/non-assisted; not eligible for canter or trot classes; eligible for Walk Only assisted/non-assisted classes only; all class shown only at the walk
- W/T 13 & under; age 13 and under; horse or pony; not eligible for canter classes; eligible for 13 & under classes only
- W/T 14 & up; age 14 & up; horse or pony; not eligible for canter classes; eligible for 13 & under classes only
- Pony Open; max pony height 14.2HH/58" with or without shoes; eligible for pony classes only
- Junior 13 & under; age 13 and under; horse only; eligible for Junior classes only
- Senior 14-18; age 14-18; horse only; eligible for Senior classes only
- Adult 19 & Over; age 19 & over; horse or pony; eligible for Adult classes only
- Ranch Horse Open; all ages; horse or pony; not eligible for any other Western Pleasure classes

The Harry Hughes Circuit and/or Harry Hughes Youth Equestrian Center, its members, officers, volunteers, or committees shall not be held responsible for injury, loss, damage, or death to any person, animal, property, or equipment. Participants assume all liability as a condition of participation.

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