

N.V.I.H.A. WESTERN CRITIQUE AND PERFORMANCE SHOWS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Knowing the rules helps the show run smoothly and with a minimum of problems for everyone.

Please take the time to read them.

1. **ENTRY FEES** are made payable to N.V.I.H.A.
2. **MEMBERSHIPS** for N.V.I.H.A. are done through the N.V.I.H.A. Contact Deb 338-5690 or Sally 338-1742. Forms are made available at South Country Feed and Supply and Shar-kare Memberships for Horse Council B.C. Contact H.C.B.C. at 1-800-345-8044.
3. **ENTRIES** Out of town competitors may Email to imarowdyrebel@shaw.ca or phone Marg 250- 337-2334 up to Wednesday before show.
4. **HORSE SHOW OFFICE** will be open 1 hour prior to the first class of the day.
5. **POST ENTRY** \$10.00 or \$2.00 per class if less than 5 classes entered will be charged if entered past the post entry date. **NO POST ENTRIES AT THE GATE**
If you wish to enter another class you must enter at the Horse Show Office only, prior to the class.
6. **ENTRY DAY RATE** of \$60.00 entitles 1 horse and 1 rider combination to ride in an unlimited number of age divisions to a maximum of 14 classes. Green, Open and Walk/Jog as designated on the entry form. All other class divisions will pay \$6.00 per class.
7. **RIDERS AGE DIVISIONS** As of January 1 of the current year. PEE WEE 9 and under, YOUTH 13 & under, YOUTH 14-18, SENIOR 19 and over.
8. **PROPER WESTERN ATTIRE** required, boot-cut jeans, (chaps, optional in riding classes,) long sleeved shirt, western hat, and heeled boots.
9. **HARD HATS** are optional in any class.
10. **RIDING INSTRUCTORS** actively coaching and riding their students horses in the show or warm up arenas the day of the show(s) are required to show their current year Horse Council B.C. Membership card for insurance purpose to the entry secretary at the horse show office.
11. **THE SHOW COMMITTEE** will not combine or cancel a class due to a lack of entries. The show committee reserves the right to excuse any lame or sick horse. Refunds will be given at the discretion of the show committee. There is a resolution committee to resolve any complaints someone may have, see the office.
12. **STABLING.** Competitors with stalls are responsible for completely cleaning and sweeping their stall, if their stall is left unclean their clean stall deposit (separate cheque) will not be returned.
13. **OVER NIGHT CAMPING** is permitted on the grounds with a small fee.
14. **ALL DOGS** must be kept on a leash WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. This is for the competitor's safety.
15. **COMOX VALLEY EXHIBITION GROUNDS.** Cleanliness around the ground areas, your stall(s), trailers, campers, and the bleachers are the responsibility of everyone. Please clean up before going home.
16. **ALL CLASSES** include horses and ponies. All classes are either for a Junior or Senior Horse, see rule no.19 and 20 on the horse's age and proper equipment for the Junior and the Senior horse. (Pee Wee classes ONLY are exempt from rule 19 and 20.
17. **SCHOOLING CLASSES.** If your entry fee is paid, your number is turned over, and you let the judge know as you enter the gate you can ride any of your classes as a schooling class.
18. **PROPER EQUIPMENT FOR JUNIOR HORSES.** Junior horses are age 5 and under, junior horses permitted (not mandatory) any of the three following options. A snaffle bit or the bosal used two handed. Also a leverage bit used with one hand only. (Pee Wee classes ONLY are exempt from this rule).
19. **PROPER EQUIPMENT FOR SENIOR HORSES** Senior horses 6 and over, senior horses are required to show in a leverage bit, used with one hand only. (Pee Wee Classes and Green Horse and Green Rider ONLY are exempt from this rule.)
20. **LUNCH BREAK** length and time will be announced show day.
21. **PATTERNS** will be posted the day of the show.
22. **WHIPPER-IN,** Report 5 minutes before the class and wait for the Whipper-in's instructions on entering the gate.
23. **YEARLING CLASSES** are for Yearlings only as of Jan 1 of the current year. Splint boots are optional in the Longe Line Class. Classes to count towards Year End awards are Yearling Halter, and Yearling in hand Trail horse.
24. **PEE WEE AGE 9 & UNDER CLASSES** are WALK, JOG **ONLY** and classes will be simplified and will not be required to open and close the gate in a Trail Horse Class. **In the Peewee class ONLY, riders are permitted the use of two hands with any legal bit.** Peewee classes will not be combined with other classes for lack of entries. Pee Wee riders are permitted to cross enter into the, All Ages WALK/JOG only classes.
25. **ALL AGES WALK/JOG ONLY CLASSES.** This class is designed for the RIDER or HORSE that needs more experience. Any age RIDER or HORSE is permitted to enter this class. (All Ages WALK/JOG only riders are not permitted to cross enter into classes where the Lope is called for. Classes available are Western Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail Horse Class. (Pee Wee riders are permitted to cross enter into the All Ages WALK/JOG only classes.)

26. **GREEN RIDER FIRST YEAR SHOWING LOPE CLASSES.** (To qualify for either of these classes the rider cannot previously competed "ANYWHERE" in a class in a class where the Lope is called for. **(Having shown previously in any Walk/Jog classes, Pee Wee classes, Halter, Showmanship and In-Hand classes will not count as being their first year of showing.)** Green Rider classes are designed to be a transition class for the riders ready to try loping. Classes available are Western Pleasure, Horsemanship and Trail Horse. (Pee Wee riders are permitted to cross enter into this division. In this division, 2 handed snaffle/bosal permitted any age horse.
27. **GREEN HORSE FIRST YEAR SHOWING LOPE CLASSES.** Green Horse (any age) 2 handed Snaffle/Bosal optional first year showing lope.
28. **OPEN CLASS POINTS** are included in the age groups for day and year end High Points, except open halter which counts for year end high points only.
29. **OPEN CLASSES** are for any age rider to enter.
30. **OPEN "STAKE" CLASSES** are for any age rider to enter.
31. **N.V.I.H.A. HIGH POINT AWARDS FOR THE "DAY"** you do **not** need to be a member of N.V.I.H.A. but must be a member of Horse Council B.C. In order to qualify for a day high point you must have entered 60% of the division e.g. 5 classes in division you must enter 3 of them.
32. **THE TIE BREAKER SYSTEM FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS OF THE DAY.** Based on Performance results the rider with the most number of 1st place wins will win the tie. If the riders do not have 1st place to break the tie with, the tie will then be based on 2nd place wins and 3rd place wins etc. If the tie cannot be broken with this system a skill-testing question will be asked of the competitors.
33. **THE N.V.I.H.A. "YEAR-END" HIGH POINT AWARDS** are earned from the competitors points which are tabulated from the five western performance shows held by the "N.V.I.H.A." **In order to receive year end awards it is mandatory to be a Horse Council B.C. and N.V.I.H.A. current member. Your memberships must be paid for prior to the first point show held. TIE BREAKING SYSTEM FOR "YEAR END AWARDS"**. The total value of the High Point Award and the Reserve High Point Award will be combined and split equally between the two competitors. Two Awards of equal value will be presented.
34. **NON-POINT SHOW** The "CRITIQUE" SHOW DOES NOT HAVE POINTS for any class.
35. **HALTER** Only Foal, Yearling and Open Halter classes count for year end awards.
36. **POST ENTRIES** No post entries for stakes classes will be accepted once the first class in that event has entered the ring (e.g.) no post entries for trail stakes BB after the first trail class has entered the ring.
37. **POST ENTRIES** for Silver Supreme Versatility Saddle Class will only be accepted up until 8am on August 21st (for a additional fee of \$25).
38. All competitors in the Versatility Saddle Class **MUST** compete in at least 3 under saddle classes. This class will be judged as close to 4pm on Saturday August 21st, as possible.
39. Reining and Riding Stakes classes for a \$50 prize each will only be run if sufficient entries.