

Virginia Winter Tournaments Classes

Starting time 12:00

Class list

1. Pleasure Horses- to be judged on the performance of the horse. Quality of the horse is not a factor.
2. Pleasure Ponies- to be judged same as Class 1.
3. Three gaited class, open to horses enrolled in clinic
4. Advanced Equitation 15 and over
5. Advanced Equitation 11-14
6. Advanced Equitation 12 & under
7. Advanced Equitation 10 & under-Walk & Trot
8. Advanced Showmanship
9. Five gaited class, open to horses enrolled in clinic
10. UPHA Practice Required workout is trotting a serpentine
11. Intermediate Equitation 15 & over
12. Intermediate Equitation 11-14
13. Intermediate 10 & under Equitation
14. Intermediate Showmanship - open to Intermediate riders only.
15. Beginning Canter 15 & over Equitation
16. Beginning Canter 11-14 Equitation
17. Beginning Canter 10 & under Equitation
18. Beginning Canter Showmanship
19. Walk & Trot Equitation 15 & over – for riders who have not started cantering
20. Walk & Trot Equitation 11-14
21. Pleasure Horses – Walk & Trot
22. Pleasure Ponies – Walk & Trot
23. Walk & Trot Equitation 9-10
24. Walk & Trot Equitation 7-8
25. Beginning Showmanship – for walk and trot riders only.
26. Walk & Trot Equitation 6 & under – without a lead.
27. Walk & Trot Equitation - On a lead

Entry fees are \$10 per class, stalls are 20 each. Riders cannot cross enter between divisions. ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY at 12:00 BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT! LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CHARGED a \$5.00 LATE FEE.

Horses - Academy horses must be school horses regularly used in the lesson program. An owner may show his or her own horse in an academy class only if said horse is used in a lesson program.

Equipment - Horses must have a flat English type saddle, but may use any type of bridle.. Forward seat or western saddles are prohibited. Protective equipment is optional. No braiding or hoof blacking.

Riders - No riding suits. Helmets are required, jods and jod boots recommended, not required. Riders' age as of December 1 of tournament start will be the age group said rider will compete with throughout all tournaments. Once a rider has cantered, return to walk and trot classes is prohibited. Riders cannot show walk and trot only and walk, trot, and canter at the same show. Rider classification is the responsibility of the instructor. HOLDING A RIDER BACK IN A LOWER CLASS IF THAT RIDER IS READY TO ADVANCE IS DISCOURAGED.

Advanced Classes - Open to all academy riders and show riders. NO SHOW HORSES. Figure work may be called for. Once a rider had entered the advanced division, return to intermediate is forbidden.

Intermediate classes - For academy riders only. Light figure work may be called for.

Beginner - For academy riders only. Instructors may enter the ring with students if necessary.

Showmanship classes - Rider is judged on ability to follow instructions and to show their horse. Diagonals and leads are still important.

When entering riders in Intermediate and Beginner classes, please include an "A" for advanced or a "B" for beginner in case the classes have to be split.

UPHA class-Once a rider wins a UPHA class they are qualified for the championship which will be at the last tournament in February and are not allowed to show in that class again until the last tournament.. The championship class in February will consist of first and second place riders from the other three tournaments.

Classes may be divided when there are 6 or more riders.

Horses are not to be judged. All classes except pleasure are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show their horse to their best advantage in addition to correct equitation. Even though classes are not judged on equitation only, correct diagonals and leads are important.

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