



ASHA National Collegiate Championship Show General Information and Rules **April 12 - 14, 2012, Tri-State Expo - Amarillo, TX**

This show is open to any ASHA Collegiate member riding any stock horse breed, either registered or unregistered. All classes will be conducted according to the General Rules of the ASHA National Collegiate Championship Show and the ASHA Handbook. The ASHA Handbook can be found at www.americanstockhorse.org

COLLEGE - UNIVERSITY TEAMS

Each college or university is limited to one team per school (two entries in each division - Open/Non Pro, LTD Non Pro and Novice) plus an unlimited number of individuals.

ENTRY FORMS

College coaches and/or University faculty sponsors must sign all entry forms. Team members and/or point riders should be designated on their entry form.

SHOW MANAGEMENT

The management has made every effort to provide the highest level of competition. The show committee reserves the right to substitute a judge or change the schedule assignment during the show. No one shall approach a judge during the ASHA National Collegiate Show except through a show official. Judge's & Show Committee's decision is final. All exhibitors, owners and agents shall be under the direction of the show management and the Tri-State Expo. Show management, directors, employees and Tri-State Expo shall not be responsible for loss or injury to any person, horse, tack or other personal items that are lost or in any way injured or damaged. Exhibitors, spectators and guests are responsible for the protection of their equipment and are encouraged to lock trailers, vehicles, tack stalls and other personal items.

DOGS & PETS

Dogs must be on leash at all times on the show grounds. They may NOT be tied in the aisle or stalling area. Owner assumes all liability for pets.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All exhibitors are required to be current ASHA Collegiate members. Copies of exhibitors' membership cards should be submitted with their entry form. Non-members must submit ASHA Collegiate membership form applications and fees with entries.

ASHA HORSE COMPETITION LICENSES

All exhibitors must attach a copy of the ASHA Horse Competition License of the horse they are entering to their entry form. Horses without a license must include a completed ASHA Horse Competition License Application along with papers and fees.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Out of state horses are required to have 30 day health papers. All horses are required to present current negative Coggins papers at the show office before show packet can be picked up.

STALLING INFORMATION

Stalls will be pre-assigned. Stalling and 2 bags of shavings are included in your entry fee. Additional bags of shavings are available for purchase from the Tri-State Expo for \$10 per bag. Outside shavings cannot be brought in. No more than one animal may occupy a stall. Anyone using an unassigned stall for grooming, storage or stalling of a horse will be charged a full stall fee. Fans are allowed only if extension cords are secured and not on the ground. Horses may arrive on show grounds no earlier than 8:00 a.m., Thursday, April 12, 2012 and must be removed by 11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 15, 2012

RV HOOK-UPS AVAILABLE

RV Hook-ups are available and should be reserved through the **Tri-State Expo: 806-376-7767.**

ASHA COLLEGIATE SHOW HEADQUARTERS MOTEL

The **Holiday Inn** in Amarillo has agreed to special rates for the show. You may make reservations online by visiting www.AmarilloHi.com click on reservations tab, enter dates, go to Group Code and enter ASH or by calling.

Holiday Inn: 806-372-8741 or 888-465-4329 and ask for NCCS Group Block rate of \$69.00 per night.

ASHA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE SHOW DIVISIONS

The National Collegiate Show will offer three competition divisions—Open/Non-Pro, Limited Non-Pro, and Novice. All divisions are based entirely on the rider. HIGH POINT AWARDS will be based on a one horse/one rider team showing in all four classes in designated division. A horse may be shown in any division by eligible riders, but may not be shown in any one class more than once.

REFUNDS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM CLASS OR SHOW

No refunds of any fees will be made when a horse is withdrawn by exhibitor or owner for ANY reason. Substitutions may be allowed due to unavoidable circumstances if notified prior to show date. No refunds will be given for missed classes. Please advise the show office if you plan to withdraw from a class. Any entry fees paid on that class would be forfeited. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be on the grounds and ready to show on the day of his/her scheduled classes without public notice.

RETURNED CHECKS

A \$50.00 penalty will be assessed for any returned check issued at the ASHA Collegiate Show. The person(s) whose name and address appears on the check will be notified by U.S. mail and given ten (10) days to clear the account with cash, certified check or money order. If not rectified by show time, it will constitute cause to disallow entry in classes. Bad checks not corrected by end of show will result in loss of points and/or title.

EXHIBITOR NUMBERS

Entry numbers will be assigned to each horse/rider combination. This number is to be used for all classes in which the horse/rider combination is entered. Entry numbers are not to be altered, cut or folded. Entry numbers in performance classes should be displayed on the left side of the saddle pad. Exhibitors must use entry numbers assigned by ASHA National Collegiate Show.

WORKING ORDER

All classes will have a working order posted. Show management reserves the right to make changes as deemed necessary.

TIMEOUTS/EQUIPMENT FAILURE

There will be no time outs for equipment failure. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be prepared for each class.

EQUIPMENT & ATTIRE

EQUIPMENT: Horses shall be shown in a stock saddle. Silver equipment will not count over good clean, working equipment. Horses of all ages may be shown in a snaffle, bosal or curb bit. When a bit is used, the mouthpiece must be at least 5/16" and not more than 3/4" in diameter measured one inch from cheek and must be smooth. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece such as extensions or prongs. Split reins shall be used with all bits except that a romal is acceptable with a curb bit. Closed reins are not allowed except as standard romal reins. No more than one finger is allowed between non-romal reins with curb bit. No fingers between the reins are allowed with a romal. Curb straps are required for curb bits and the curb chains or straps must be at least 1/2 inch in width and must lie flat against the horse's chin. No wire curbs are permitted, regardless of the amount of padding or tape. Absolutely no iron will be permitted under the jaws. Prohibited equipment includes tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, mechanical hackamores and running martingales. A judge may prohibit the use of any equipment deemed to be inhumane. **Bits will be checked during the show.**

ATTIRE: Riders shall wear protective headgear or western hats, long-sleeved shirts and western boots. Western boots shall include typical cowboy boots and lace-up ropers. All other footwear is prohibited. The use of spurs and chaps shall be optional. Clothing should be neat and clean.

DRUGS AND MEDICATION

The use of any stimulants or depressants is prohibited. Any surgical procedure or drug that could affect a horse's performance or alter its natural conformation is prohibited. (Butazolidin use is legal.)

SCORING

No horse shall be disqualified except for illegal equipment, obvious lameness, or inhumane treatment or misconduct by rider. A horse will be given credit for what it can do subject to a few standard deductions. Using two hands on a curb bit or using more than one finger between split reins or any finger between romal reins will result in a two point run

content deduction each time there is a violation. Continuous use of two hands on reins with curb bit is a major fault and should be reflected in the maneuver score. Specific deductions are listed with each class.

POINT SYSTEM:

The judge must place each class in its entirety. Each maneuver in each class must be given a score, and whole and half points may be used. Every horse in the class is awarded one point for each horse they beat, plus one point. (Example: In a ten horse class, the first place horse gets ten points; and the tenth place horse gets one point.) Disqualified horses will count as entries in the class, but will not receive points (Example: In a twenty one horse class where one horse is disqualified, the first place horse gets twenty one points, the twentieth place horse gets two points and the disqualified horse gets 0 points. The last point is not given because the disqualified horse gets no points.) This system will be used for any size class.

CLASS JUDGING PROCEDURES

A scribe shall assist each judge by recording the score after each of the maneuvers on the appropriate class score sheet. Specific maneuvers will be selected by judges prior to the class as tie-breaking maneuvers. These maneuvers will be ranked by the judge as first tie breaker, second, third, fourth, fifth, etc. and noted on score sheets for show secretary to use in breaking ties. Show secretaries will total individual scores and check for accuracy. They will then use the judge's tie breakers in the order listed to place the class on scores earned. The class score sheets will be posted after each class to allow riders to evaluate their performance.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE DOUBLE JUDGED

Double judged shows have two judges in the arena judging independently at one time. Each independent judge's score sheets in each class will then be turned into show secretary and tabulated separately for pointed rankings, which will be determined according to the number of entries in a class. Each judge's scores, class placings and points will be posted. A final class placing for the National Championship Show will be determined by the total of both judges' class rankings. Each class will have one judge designated as a tie-breaker judge.

HIGH POINT TIES

High Point ties for individuals in each division will be broken by awarding the high point award to the horse/rider combination with the highest placing in the cow horse class, followed by reining, trail then pleasure. High point ties for teams will be broken by the most first places earned, followed by highest placing in the cow horse class, reining, trail, then pleasure.

PICTURES & VIDEO

No one other than official show personnel will be allowed in the arena to take pictures or video tape classes