

KVHA ACADEMY RULES 2012 and STALL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Academy Riders may ONLY show in Academy Classes. They may NOT return to the Academy Division after having shown in regular performance or equitation in regular performance or equitation classes at ANY shows. Any class which is not defined as "Academy" and limited only to Academy riders will not be considered an Academy class.

- Riders showing in Leadline Walk/Trot are not eligible for Leadline (Not to be Judged) at the same show.
- Riders may not cross enter between walk/trot & walk/trot/canter divisions at the same show. Once they have shown in WTC at ANY show, recognized or unrecognized, they may not return to walk/trot division.
- Riders are to be judged at appropriate gaits both ways of the ring. Entries will be judged 1st through 10th
- Any question regarding eligibility of rider or horse may request board review prior to show

Judging Requirements *HORSES NOT TO BE JUDGED!!*

ALL Academy classes to be judged on the ability of the RIDER to control and show their horse to the best of their ability.

SAFETY in the Academy division is paramount.

- **The judge has the right to excuse a horse that is considered unsafe or is endangering other riders.**
- **To insure the safety of other riders, any OUT OF CONTROL HORSE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY EXCUSED.**
- **The judge must stop the class until the horse and rider have been assisted out of the ring.**
- Headers are allowed. All handlers/headers in any Academy class for any horse or rider must be 16 years of age or older.
- **Backing is not allowed.**

Splits

- 8 & under classes will be split after 6 riders
- All other classes to be split after 10 riders

Academy Equitation

- The RIDER is judged on BASIC equitation skills with correct diagonals and leads. Riders should convey impression of effective and easy control. The horse is not to be judged.

Academy Showmanship

- The RIDER is judged on the horsemanship and ringmanship. (the ability of the rider to handle the mount and put it through its required gaits correctly). The horse is NOT to be judged. Promptness in finding correct diagonals and leads are important as well as the rider's command of the horse (speed, placement in the ring, and collectiveness)

Leadline walk-trot classes

- All riders will enter the ring and line-up
- Each rider will individually be asked to trot one rail, reverse, and trot back, line-up

Horse

- The horse must be regularly used for lessons in a riding program, not just for the owner's lessons.
- The horse must be a mare or gelding of any breed, full mane and tail. ABSOLUTELY NO STALLIONS.
- School horses may be owned or leased by a rider as long as the above criteria are met.
- Horse is to be tacked as if giving a lesson. Snaffle and Martingale is encouraged on young riders, full bridles are acceptable. However, the saddle must be consistent with the style of riding.
- Horses must be neatly presented with clean coat and clipped bridlepath, face, ears, and legs. Hoof black is acceptable.
- One pad and/or wedge is permitted as needed for therapeutic/corrective purposes with up to 16 oz. shoe. Anything heavier will be considered a show package and will not be permitted to show.

Attire

- Shirts: Long sleeved, button down shirts with a tie, vest optional.
- Pants: To consist of jodhpurs.
- Footwear: To consist of paddock, jodhpur, hunt or boots.
- Headgear: ASTM approved helmets are required. ABSOLUTELY NO DERBIES ALLOWED
- Hair: Must be neatly pulled back in a bun or braid as to not obstruct the view of the rider's number.
- Gloves & Whips are optional.
- No barn logos or identifying marks of any kind on any student or horse.
- Students not complying with the above rules will simply not be judged, but will instead receive a participation ribbon
- Spurs are not allowed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION phone Kathy Hamilton (304) 965-0700 or visit the website www.kvhashow.com

For **stall reservations** call Connie Irvin at (304-542-5878) . Reservations MUST be made **before** the Monday prior to the show or stabling preferences may not be available. Stalls reserved but not used may be charged double the daily rate. This charge can be avoided by contacting the stall manager by the Wednesday prior to the show to release such stalls. Stalls are limited. Sending stall reservations with entries does not guarantee stalls! Please contact the stall manager for stalls.