

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

2. **Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 nonmember registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions; 8) Opportunity classes. 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.**

3. **Date of Entries: ENTRIES DUE: April 30, 2010** Post Entries will be accepted and all entries received at the horse show will receive a \$20 LATE FEE.

4. **Acceptance of Entries:** Once a horse is entered and accepted by the show it may not be withdrawn from competition without the permission of management. Exhibitors shall be held responsible for the stabling fee and service fee of all horse entered by them or their authorized agents(s) even though payment of these fees is not submitted with the entry form. In any case, horses that have not shown in classes on which they have been entered shall forfeit their fees except if a horse becomes ill or is injured prior to the start of the class or classes entered. The entry fee in this case will be dropped, upon receipt of a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian and presented to the show secretary prior to the start of the class or classes entered. Once the show has started, only certificates signed by the Show Veterinarian will be accepted.

The Horseshow Management reserves to itself the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, and cancel award prizes, without claim for damages; to change any course, to cancel or combine any classes, or to reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors; to change rings or rotate judges; use dotted line; and to change the specifications in jumper classes as competition warrants.

5. **Required Signatures on Entry Form:** Entry forms will be accepted only when signed by every exhibitor, rider, coach, agent, and trainer. If the rider or owner is a minor, the signature of the parent, guardian or trainer must be provided. Upon failure to sign an entry blank as required, such person (s) shall be subject to an automatic fine of \$250. (GR 908) Entry forms must be accompanied by a check for stall fee. No acknowledgement will be mailed.

6. Spectator admission per person is \$3.00 (including .20 sales taxes). All exhibitors, their families, trainers and grooms are exempt. Please pay at the show office.

7. **STABLING:**

MAY>>> The cost per stall or tack stall is \$140.00 (\$130.84 & \$9.16 sales taxes)

471 Permanent stalls with doors will be provided. Stalls are cement 12' by 12' – no initial shavings will be provided- Management reserves the right to limit tack stalls. **STALL CHECKS MUST ACCOMPANY STALL RESERVATIONS.** Initial bedding will not be provided, and will be available through the fairgrounds. Move in date is **May 13th, 2010**~ early arrivals will be charged \$15/day.

8. **Prize Money:** Prize money will be credited back towards each exhibitor's account. All refunds will be paid within 30 days off the close off the competition. IRS 1099 Miscellaneous Income Forms will be issued to the 1099 designee listed on the entry form. **REFUNDS UNDER \$20 WILL BE CREDITED TO YOUR NEXT SHOW BILL.** Prize money will be paid within 30 days of the last day of the show.

9. **Show Office Hours:** The Show Office will be open beginning one hour before the start of each show day and will close one half hour after the last class. Exhibitor accounts will be processed and numbers given out in the show office on Thursday May 13th, 2010 from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

10. **Back Numbers:** Numbers will be issued only when entries have been paid or an open check has been left, and when all necessary signatures, addresses, Social Security Information for Prize Money, USEF measurement, amateur, and membership cards have been presented for all riders; trainers and owners on entry.

11. **Presentation of Federation Membership Cards:** All owners, senior, junior, amateur, adult amateur riders and trainers are required to present the actual or a copy of their Federation membership card to the Show secretary. Failure to present a card will result in a \$30 per USEF and \$30 per USHJA fee (\$60.00 total) charged by USEF for non member fees. Junior and pony hunters must present the actual or a copy of their measurement cards at the Show Office before numbers may be picked up. All ponies and junior hunters that do not possess a current measurement card will be measured. All non-members will be charged a fee by USEF. Time and place of measurement stations will be announced.
12. Management reserves the right to limit the Courtesy Circle in Hunter and Equitation classes.
13. Horses competing without a number or with an incorrect number may be refused an award at Management's discretion.
14. Horses will be allowed in the show rings only at such hours as are announced by Management.
15. The Open Numerical Hunter Scoring System will be used at the discretion of Management.
16. Orders of Go are produced in accordance with USEF Rule HU 144. Riders and trainers who have conflicts due to classes in more than one ring at the same time should see the Paddock Master so that necessary adjustments can be made. At no time will any ring be held up over 3 minutes due to conflicts.
18. All dogs must be leashed at all times while on the show grounds. Loose dogs will be picked up and detained until the owner has paid a \$100 fine. For a second offense, the owner may be barred from showing and required to leave the show grounds. We find this extreme action necessary in order to protect our exhibitors and their horses from injury.
19. Parking will be permitted in designated parking areas only. Vehicles may be brought to the stabling areas for only the purpose of loading and unloading and then must be promptly moved to the Van Parking Area. Your cooperation is appreciated.
20. All entries are required to have a stall per Florida State Fairgrounds regulations.
21. In accordance with the 1989 Federal Waste Tracking Act, which restricts the disposal of medical waste, Bio Hazardous Medical Waste Containers will be provided in the stable area. All exhibitors and their agents are responsible for the proper disposal of the waste.
22. An office fee of 10% or \$25 (which ever is greater) will be charged on all returned checks.
23. All horses entering the state of Florida must possess an official interstate health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian attesting to the fact that the animals are free from any symptom of infections or communicable disease. Current negative Coggins Test must be available upon demand.
24. **ADDS/ SCRATCHES: All adds and scratches must be completed through the Show Office AND TAKEN TO THE RING BEFORE THE ADDED OR SCRATCHED CLASS BEGINS.**
25. All exhibitors are required to wear properly fitting protective headgear when jumping on the show grounds. Additionally, all riders (including adults) in hunter, hunt seat equitation and jumper classes is required and while jumping on competition grounds must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets. See GR 801.2 for further details.
26. Central Florida Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., The Bob Thomas Equestrian Center, their officials and employees will not be responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to any exhibitor, spectators, guest, rider, groom, attendant or other employee, animal or equipment at any of the shows.
27. Should any question arise that is not provided for in the rules, the same shall be referred to the show committee whose decision shall be final.
28. **Trophies:** In classes not offering prize money, trophies will be awarded in the show office.
29. By signing the entry form, exhibitors acknowledge and understand the following warning as provided in Florida Senate Bill 1658, Chapter 773, "Equine Zero Liability Statute": WARNING – Under Florida law, an Equine Activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities."
30. Tack stall splits will be accepted when all entries are received and before 3pm on Friday. If tack stalls are not split they will be billed to a barn account. All shavings and feed orders are COD in the Fairgrounds office by 6 PM on Friday.
31. **FORMAL ATTIRE IS REQUIRED.**
32. **MOTORIZED VEHICLE RULE (GR1301.7)** – Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of recognized competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties

may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

33.SCHOOLING RULES: MAY THURSDAY SCHOOLING SCHEDULE~PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

OPEN SCHOOLING FROM 12 NOON TO 3PM.

FROM 3 PM TO 6PM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLING SCHEDULE WILL BE ENFORCED.

AT 6 PM ALL RINGS WILL BE CLOSED. JUMP HEIGHT CANNOT BE CHANGED DURING THESE TIMES ~ NO EXCEPTIONS! THE MAIN RING WILL BE SUPERVISED. IF NECESSARY ALL RINGS WILL BE SUPERVISED.

- **MAIN RING – 2’6” – 2’9”**
- **ANNEX – 2’3”**
- **HTR III – 18”**

6 - 7 HORSES MAXIMUM WILL BE ALLOWED AND A MAXIMUM OF 10 MINUTES PER HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE RINGS DURING THESE TIMES. A COURSE WILL BE POSTED FROM WHICH YOU ARE TO JUMP BY. ALL SHOW RINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING THE SHOW THEREFORE SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY. AN EMT WILL BE ON THE GROUNDS FROM 12 NOON TO 6PM ON SCHOOLING DAY. THESE TIMES AND NUMBERS CAN CHANGE DUE TO MANAGEMENT DISCRETION.

34. Food concessions will be available on the show grounds during horseshow hours.

35. **CHECK OUT - ANY MISTAKES AT CHECKOUT MUST BE RESOLVED WITHIN 24 HOURS.**

36. **EXPRESS CHECK OUT = FILL OUT A SELF- ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AND WE WILL SEND YOU YOUR STATEMENT – FOR A FEE OF \$10. ****IF YOU FAIL TO CHECK OUT WE WILL NOT SEND YOU YOUR STATEMENT AND YOU WILL CHARGED \$20.**

37. **All horses competing in Federation non-breed restricted licensed competitions with hunter, hunter breeding, jumper and hunter seat equitation classes (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified and must obtain a Registration Number from USHJA. A registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career.**

38. **USHJA Zone Support Fee effective 12-01-09 is a \$2.00 USHJA Zone Support Fee to be charged to each horse entered at a Federation Licensed Hunter and/or Jumper competition. This fee shall be collected by the competition and remitted to the USHJA in accordance with GR1210.14.**