

Rule Book

Sunnyside Open Horse Show 2021
East Coast Equine Inc.



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I. Programs, Entry Forms, and Rule Book

Show programs, entry forms, show results, all show updates and announcements, weather advisories, show photos and much more are found on our website: eastcoasthorses.com (or contact us and we'll send you what you need!) Please be aware that the website is the only "official" site for any horse show information.

Note: any of the following web addresses will go to our site:

<https://eastcoasthorses.com>

eastcoasthorses.com

[www.eastcoasthorses.com/](https://eastcoasthorses.com)

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Show Programs and Entry Forms:

- Prize lists and entry forms for all shows will be online at eastcoasthorses.com.
- Copies of show programs, entry forms and rule book will be available at each show.
- Contact us if you need a copy of this Rule Book or any show programs/entry forms mailed to you.
- All checks are to be made payable to **East Coast Equine, Inc.**
- Pre-entries must be made by a signed blank (open) check, completed check, or money order. Pre-entries may also be secured with a signed blank (open) check, which can be replaced upon arrival at the show office by a Credit Card payment in its place.
- Credit Card payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express) will be accepted during show office hours.
- Show Location: Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, North Carolina

II. General Announcements

1. Basis for Rules:

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rulebook is the basis for many of our rules, as it comprehensively covers more disciplines and different breeds than any other rulebook. Variations will apply. In the event of disputes, we will use the USEF rulebook as a guideline. Show management shall decide questions not covered by USEF rules, and its decisions shall be final.

2. Horse Traffic - All Exhibitors:

For safety reasons we ask

- Drivers please restrict driving practice/warmup in the Main Arena to the scheduled warm-up times (see program for scheduled times) and otherwise to Outdoor Ring 1 (see Item 3 below).
- All riding / lunging horses please yield Outdoor Ring 1 to any and all driving horses. Also, no parking cars or trailers on the grass/terrain surrounding Outdoor Ring 1. This area is to be left vacant to serve as a paddock and staging area for driving horses.
- Main Arena staging area/paddock: during classes, only horses entering the current division/classes are permitted in the indoor staging/paddock area.
- Outdoor Ring staging area: during classes, only horses entering the current division/classes are permitted in the outdoor staging area.

3. Driving Practice / Warm-Up Times and Locations: Horse – Pony – Miniatures

Driving practice in the Main Arena is permitted only at these designated times:

Friday Evening: At a scheduled time, drivers only are permitted in the Main Arena for warm up. Please see the Show Program for the specified time. We ask that all riding exhibitors yield the Arena and the paddock staging area to driving exhibitors at this time. Drivers will need complete access in and out of the paddock staging area and to the roadways/drives on either side of the paddock staging area during Friday evening warm up.

Saturday or Sunday Classes: 10 minute warm-up immediately before your driving classes begin on Saturday or Sunday. Riders are asked to yield the Arena and the paddock staging area to drivers at this time. Drivers will need complete access in and out of the paddock staging area and to the roadways/drives on either side of the paddock staging area during driving classes.

Random Driving Ring Practice - Outdoor Ring 1:

Outdoor Ring 1 (next to the wide sidewalk alongside the coliseum) is available for driving practice and warm up throughout the weekend. Please note, Outdoor Ring 1 is also the location for "Pick Your Route" Obstacle Driving on Sunday.

- Drivers are asked to restrict driving practice to the scheduled warm-up times in the Main Arena and otherwise to Outdoor Ring 1.
- All riding / lunging horses are asked to yield Outdoor Ring 1 to any and all driving horses.

III. Divisions and Classes

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards

Show High Point Awards for the following divisions will be awarded. Winning horses are announced after the final point tabulation for each division has been completed. Awards may be picked up at the Show Office.

Division and show high points are tabulated on the horse only (not a horse/rider combination) – different exhibitors may show a horse. Points follow the horse by the horse's assigned back number.

- Stock/Hunter Type Horse
- Saddle Pleasure Type Horse
- Halter 2 Yrs & Under – Stock Hunter Type
- Halter 3 Yrs & Over – Stock Hunter Type
- Halter 2 Yrs & Under – Saddle Pleasure Type
- Halter 3 Yrs & Over – Saddle Pleasure Type
- Western Pleasure
- Huntseat
- Saddleseat
- Field Hunter
- Working Western
- Dressage Suitability
- Off The Rail
- Pleasure Driving: Horse
- Pleasure Driving: Pony
- Miniature Equine
- Non-Trotting

The following Overall Show High Point Awards will be announced at the conclusion of each show:

- Overall High Point Horse
- Reserve Overall High Point Horse

Cross Entry Rules: See information about [Cross-Entry Rules](#) (page 16) for the following Divisions:

Field Hunter, Huntseat, Western Pleasure, Working Western, Driving (horse and pony) and Miniature Equine Divisions; also Stock/Hunter Type and Saddle Pleasure Type Divisions.

Non-Trotting Horses: Non-trotting horses are invited to enter the **Open – GAYP** (Go As You Please) or **Saddle Pleasure Type (GAYP)** classes that are outside the Non-Trotting Division, while following the same rules described regarding each division and cross entry requirements. For any classes labeled "Walk-Trot" or "Walk-Jog", a trot or jog will be required unless noted otherwise. Non-trotting horses/ponies may enter driving classes – if entering a non-trotting horse in the Driving Division, please let show management know so classes will be called appropriately. Please see more in Section III, A. 13, *Non-Trotting Division*.

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

Champion and Reserve Champion awards for the following divisions are offered at each show, with show high point awards to be presented at each show.

(Note: While certain breeds may be mentioned below as examples, registration of horses is not required.)

1. Stock/Hunter Type Division

This includes all Quarter Horses, Paints, Appaloosas, Thoroughbreds, and any equine fitting this general classification. Classes with Stock/Hunter Type in the class name count towards this division's high point awards. These classes are offered in Halter, Huntseat, Western Pleasure, Field Hunter, and Working Western divisions. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Stock/Hunter Type Division Points.

2. Saddle/Pleasure Type Division

This includes all Arabians, Morgans, Saddlebreds, Drafts, Friesians, Gypsy Vanners, non-trotting/gaited breeds, and any equine fitting this general classification. Classes with Saddle Pleasure Type in the class name count towards this division's high point awards. These classes are offered in Halter, Huntseat, Western Pleasure, Field Hunter, and Working Western divisions. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Saddle Pleasure Type Division Points.

****Important**** No cross entries are allowed for any horse between classes designated Stock/Hunter Type horse and Saddle/Pleasure Type horse. Please choose ONE type you feel is appropriate for your horse and enter only those classes throughout the show. Please designate type of horse on the entry form.

3. Halter Division

Open to all equines – Horses may cross enter from any division within their type (Stock Hunter Type or Saddle Pleasure Type).

The halter division is split by type and horse age into two separate sub divisions, each with their own high point awards: 2 Years & Under, and 3 Years & Over.

Stock Hunter Type:

- Halter 2 Yrs & Under – Stock Hunter Type High Point Horse & Reserve High Point Horse
- Halter 3 Yrs & Over – Stock Hunter Type High Point Horse & Reserve High Point Horse

Saddle Pleasure Type:

- Halter 2 Yrs & Under – Saddle Pleasure Type High Point Horse & Reserve High Point Horse
- Halter 3 Yrs & Over – Saddle Pleasure Type High Point Horse & Reserve High Point Horse

Championship Halter Classes: The 1st and 2nd place horses in each qualifying halter class are invited to show back in their corresponding Halter Championship Class (either 2 & Under or 3 & Over). Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Halter Division Points for each age group.

There are no entry fees for Championship halter classes.

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

4. Off The Rail Division

The "Off The Rail" Division consists of the following Utility Classes that require the horse and rider/handler to execute patterns and/or maneuvers. Open to all equines – Horses may cross enter from any division. Points earned in the following Utility Classes will count towards Show Overall High Point Horse and the Off The Rail Division award:

- **Trail Classes #1–8 (In-hand and under saddle)**

- **Western Horsemanship (with pattern)**

Western Horsemanship: 17 & Under

Western Horsemanship: 18 & Over

- **English Equitation (with pattern)**

English Equitation: 17 & Under

English Equitation: 18 & Over

- **Showmanship**

Adult Exhibitor Showmanship: Open – 18 Yrs. & Over

Youth Exhibitor Showmanship: Open – 13 yrs. & Under

Youth Exhibitor Showmanship: Open – 14 – 17 yrs.

5. Western Pleasure Division

No cross entries* are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Western Pleasure Division and Working Western Division:

Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Western Pleasure Division Points.

Note to Non-Trotting Exhibitors: When riding in the Western Pleasure division GAYP classes, one hand is to be used when riding with a curb bit.

6. Working Western Division

This division promotes a more natural working type of western horse. Free-flowing stride, correct gaits, and proper cadence will be emphasized. Artificial gaits will be penalized. Head sets are not to be emphasized. The head should not be behind the vertical. Appearance of intimidation, excessively slow gaits, or depression will be penalized.

No cross entries* are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Western Pleasure Division and Working Western Division.

Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Working Western Division points.

Note to Non-Trotting Exhibitors: When riding in the Working Western division GAYP classes, one hand is to be used when riding with a curb bit.

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

7. Huntseat Division

Horses are judged on the flat. No cross entries are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Field Hunter Division and Huntseat Division.

Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Huntseat Division Points.

8. Field Hunter Division

This division promotes the field hunter horse, which should have a free-flowing long stride with correct gaits and proper cadence. Excessively slow gaits or appearance of depression will be penalized. Emphasis will be placed on a frame and way of going that is proper for horses going over fences. Headsets are not to be emphasized. Field hunter classes are to be shown on the flat. No cross entries are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Field Hunter Division and Huntseat Division

Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Field Hunter Division Points.

9. Saddleseat Division

Unless otherwise specified in a specific class name in the show program, Saddleseat Classes are open to all breeds. Academy riders are invited to ride in classes specified as such in the show program. Martingales are allowed only in classes specified as such in the show program. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Saddleseat Division Points.

10. Suitability for Dressage

This division is open to all horses (horses may cross enter from any division.) Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Suitability For Dressage Division Points.

Non-trotting horses may enter Dressage Suitability division classes labeled "trot" or "jog" where so designated, substituting the breed's pleasure gait. For 2021, the only Dressage Suitability Division class not allowing non-trotting participation is Show Hack. All breeds will follow equipment regulations as specified herein (as per USEF).

Dressage Seat Equitation:

To be shown at the medium walk, working trot and canter, both ways of the ring. Only the rider is to be judged. The class will be performed by the exhibitors simultaneously (no pattern). The rider is judged for position, seat and correct use of aids. For non-trotting breeds the pleasure gait may be substituted for the jog or trot.

Suitability for Dressage:

This class promotes a horse with correct temperament and movement to perform in dressage events. Examples of qualities to be judged are: The freedom and regularity of the gaits, the lightness and ease of movements, lively impulsion, and acceptance of the bridle with submissiveness throughout and without any tenseness or resistance. In all his work, even at the halt, the horse must be on the bit. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. For non-trotting breeds the pleasure gait may be substituted for the jog or trot.

III, Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

10. Suitability for Dressage (continued)

Show Hack:

The Show Hack is a suitable section for the well trained animal. Show Hacks must be balanced and show vitality, animation, presence, clean fine limbs and supreme quality. Soundness is required. The collected and extended gaits must be called for; i.e., collected walk, extended walk, normal walk; collected trot, extended trot, normal trot; collected canter, extended canter, normal canter and hand gallop. At the discretion of the judge, horses while on the rail may be asked to halt and reign-back. A Show Hack shall be able to perform all of these gaits with a noticeable transition between the normal, collected, and extended gaits. The horse must be under complete control and easily ridden. Obedience to the rider is of prime importance.

Equipment Regulations (English Type, Dressage Saddlery & Equipment)

Reins: (in accordance with USEF Dressage Chapter DR) – A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bridle bit to the hand. Rein additions or attachments are not permitted.

Exceptions: Conventional laced hunt seat reins are acceptable; unconventional reins used for therapeutic or handicapped purposes may be allowed only with the permission of show management.

In addition, horses are to be shown in a plain snaffle bridle and smooth snaffle bit with cavesson or a full bridle (in accordance with USEF Dressage Chapter DR). Kimberwicke or Pelham bits are not allowed. Drop, flash (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or figure eight nose bands are permissible. Saddles shall be dressage or all purpose English type. Martingales of any type, draw reins, other artificial appliances, boots and bandages are prohibited in competition. One whip is permitted in all classes. The whip must not be longer than 47.2 inches or 120cm, including the lash.

Western Dressage Suitability

This class promotes a horse whose muscles are supple and loose, that moves freely forward in a clear and steady rhythm with a look of forward impulsion with purity of gaits, and accepting light contact with the bit. The horse should show lightness of the forehand and engagement of the hindquarters. Resistance and tension of the horse is to be penalized. The horse's potential as a Western Dressage mount is to be considered.

Horses to enter at a working jog, in a counter clockwise direction. Horse must perform requested gaits both ways of the ring. Gaits are the working walk, working jog, and working lope. Free walk on a loose rein with horse stretching forward and down to be performed in at least one direction. For lope classes, transitions into and out of the lope will be called for through the working jog. Horses will be asked to reverse direction at the working jog or working walk at the judge's discretion. Jog work may be ridden sitting or posting. In lieu of a jog, gaited horses perform gaits of various rhythms and footfalls. The non-trotting/gaited horse will perform a saddle gait (pleasure gait for the breed) in place of the jog.

In the lineup, horses must stand quietly and may be asked to back individually or as a group. To be judged: 70% on performance of gaits and transition, with attention to impulsion and submission, and using the objectives above as reference; and, 30% on the rider's position, seat, and effective use of aids.

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

10. Suitability for Dressage - Western Dressage (continued)

Western Dressage Suitability – Equipment Regulations: See USEF Subchapter WD-5 APPOINTMENTS (WD121 Tack, WD122 Illegal Equipment)

Western Dressage Suitability – Gaits: See USEF Subchapter WD-2 GAITS (WD 103 The Walk, WD 104 The Jog, WD105 The Lope, WD106 Saddle Gait (for non-trotting breeds – saddle gait means the same as our “Pleasure Gait”), and WD107 The Back.

USEF Chapter on Western Dressage:

<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/NpmAWxkXY6M/wd-western-dressage>

11. Pleasure Driving Division: Horse and Pony

The Driving Division will be split into 2 divisions, Horse, and Pony.

Classes in the Horse and Pony Driving Divisions:

- Pleasure Driving – Open
- Pleasure Driving – Working
- Pleasure Driving – Reinsmanship
- Pleasure Driving – Youth
- Obstacle Driving – Pick Your Route

Points will count for Show Overall Points, Show Driving Horse Division/Driving Pony Division Points.

Horse vs Pony Size Limit: 14.2 hands or under is classified as pony. This height restriction applies to driving classes only. Any equine 14.2 hands or under may only enter driving classes designated “pony.” They may not enter driving classes designated “horse.”

Youth Driving Classes: Drivers 17 & Under - to be accompanied by an experienced Adult driver. Youth drivers must wear fastened protective headgear.

Non-trotting horses/ponies may enter driving classes – if entering a non-trotting horse in the Driving Division, please let show management know so classes will be called appropriately.

Driving Practice/Warm Up – Driving practice in the Main Area is permitted only at the designated times: Friday Evening (times will be announced in the show program) and for a 10 minute warm up in the Main Arena before your classes begin on Saturday or Sunday.

For safety reasons, we ask drivers to restrict driving practice to the scheduled warm-up times in the Main Arena and otherwise to Outdoor Ring 1. **See page 3 for Driving Practice details.**

Miniature Equines: For purposes of the Driving classes, miniatures will not be considered “pony” or “horse” but will be considered “miniature” and are asked to drive only within the Miniature Equine Division. (For more information please refer to the Miniature Equine Division below).

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

12. Miniature Equine Division

Any equine 38" and under. Mini horses, donkeys and mules welcome. Registration papers not required.

Classes in the Miniature Equine Division

- Trail – Miniature Equine- In hand
- Miniature Equine Halter
- Miniature Equine Showmanship
- Miniature Driving – Open
- Miniature Driving – Working
- Miniature Driving – Reinsmanship
- Miniature Driving - Youth
- Obstacle Driving – Pick Your Route / Miniature Equine

Points earned in the above classes will count for Miniature Equine Division and Show Overall High Point Horse.

Miniature Equine Halter class is not associated with the Halter Division or Halter Division Points, and does not qualify entries to show back in the Halter Division Championship Classes. All mini equines are invited to show back in their appropriate class within the Halter Division.

Miniature Equine Showmanship class is not associated with the Off the Rail Division or Off the Rail Division points. Miniature entries are welcome to also show in the Showmanship Division.

Miniature Equine Trail class is not associated with the Off the Rail Division or Off the Rail Division Points. Miniature entries are welcome to also show in classes within the Trail Division.

Miniature Equine Driving: Miniatures will not be considered "pony" or "horse" but will be considered "miniature" and are asked to drive only within the Miniature Equine Pleasure Driving Division.

Miniature Driving Youth Classes: Drivers 17 & Under - to be accompanied by an experienced Adult driver. Youth drivers must wear fastened protective headgear.

Miniature Equine Obstacle Driving: Rules are as per USEF Carriage Pleasure Driving, Obstacle Driving – Pick Your Route.

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

13. Non-Trotting Division

Our Non-Trotting Division is open to all gaited breeds under the following guidance:

Shoeing Requirements: Keg shoes or barefoot. No pads or hoof bands. No devices allowed on the show grounds: no boots, collars, chains, rollers, hoof extensions, caustic substances, etc. No weights or pads stacked and inserted and then tightened with metal bands. We do not allow techniques used to accentuate the non-trotting horses' natural, inherited gaits. Entries will not be rewarded for exaggerated gaits and may be excused from the ring. Show management retains the right to refuse any entry.

Sunnyside Open Horse Show supports the USDA Horse Protection Act. Non-trotting classes within the Sunnyside Open Horse Show are intended to promote and include only sound, naturally gaited horses.

We are not sanctioned through any breed associations. Our judges are objective and appreciative of all gaited breeds. Our shoeing regulations are not meant to discriminate against nor single out any sound gaited horses; regulations are strict to help ensure no harmful artificial means are used on lower limbs or hooves to alter or enhance a horse's gait. These guidelines form a baseline from which we can build a sound, common-sense platform allowing natural-action, sound, non-trotting participation at the Sunnyside Horse Show in the future. If we err, we will err on the side of caution. Therefore non-trotting horses will be barefoot or wear a keg shoe, no bands or anything else. And while we do not indulge practices done to achieve exaggerated gait and unnatural motion, it is just as important that we do not penalize a naturally gifted horse whose athleticism may cause a bit brighter step or a more rolling natural motion, etc.

Let us also say, currently sound entries are not judged on any previous performances or show life, but are instead judged on their present performance and use as presented to our judges at the Sunnyside Open Horse Show.

What Classes Can Non-Trotters Enter Outside of the Non-trotting Division?

Non-trotting horses may enter **Saddle Pleasure GAYP (Go As You Please) classes** and **Open GAYP classes** in the following Divisions, substituting the horse's Pleasure Gait for a jog or trot. Entries are to follow show-wide cross entry rules:

- Working Western Division OR Western Pleasure Division
- Field Hunter Division OR Huntseat Division
- Halter (Saddle Pleasure Division)

AND non-trotters are invited to ride in the following Divisions/Classes not categorized by Saddle Pleasure Type, substituting the horse's Pleasure Gait for a jog or trot:

- Trail Division: Non-trotting entries are welcome to show any Open trail classes (Nos. 1–8), plus Non-Trotters have a *Non-Trotting Division* Trail Class, No. 9. (Non-Trotting Trail class #9 is not associated with the Off the Rail Division or Off the Rail Division Points.)

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

A. Divisions for Show High Point Awards (continued)

13. Non-Trotting Division (continued)

- Dressage Suitability (where indicated)
- Saddleseat Division -- with the exception of classes designated "Morgan/Arab" and "American Saddlebred"
- Halter Specialty Classes
- Driving Horse or Driving Pony Division (Please let show management **know ahead of time** you are entering so classes will be called appropriately)
- Interim Walk-Trot class, Walk Only class, and Lead Line class.
- Showmanship Classes

Note to Non-Trotting Exhibitors: When riding in the Western Pleasure OR Working Western division Open GAYP classes or Saddle Pleasure GAYP classes, **one hand is to be used when riding with a curb bit.**

B. Utility Classes

Utility classes are open to all horses, regardless of Type (Stock/Hunter or Saddle/Pleasure) or other divisions you show in. Points from utility classes (Trail, English Equitation, Western Horsemanship, and Showmanship) will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Off The Rail Division Points.

Utility Classes	Off The Rail Division Points	Show Overall High Points
Trail	✓	✓
English Equitation (Pattern)	✓	✓
Western Horsemanship (Pattern)	✓	✓
Showmanship	✓	✓

1. Trail Classes:

This class will be judged on the performance of the horse in maneuvering obstacles. Both In-Hand and Under Saddle Trail classes are offered. Trail entries may show at will during the specified time slot (see the show program for announced times). Classes are run concurrently, and exhibitors will show on a first-come first-serve basis. When you arrive at the Trail Course for your turn, you are to declare to the Paddock Master which Trail class or classes your horse is showing in. For horses showing in 2 or more Trail classes, you have the option to perform 2 classes back-to-back. After 2 back-to-back turns, if other horses are waiting in line for their turn, you must go to the end of the line to ride your additional classes.

Trail patterns will be available at the Show Office and at the Trail Course. Any equine, using any appropriate tack, may be entered. All trail classes will be listed in the show program. For non-trotting breeds, the trot will be substituted by the pleasure gait for the breed.

Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Off-The-Rail Division points.

III. Divisions and Classes (continued)

B. Utility Classes (continued)

2. English Equitation Classes (Pattern):

The English Equitation Class is designed to evaluate the horse and rider's ability to execute, in concert with each other, a set of maneuvers predetermined by the judge or show management, with precision and ease, while exhibiting confidence. Patterns will be posted in the Show Office. Equines entering this class must be capable of executing the trot. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Off-The-Rail Division points.

3. Western Horsemanship Classes (Pattern):

The Western Horsemanship Class is designed to evaluate the horse and rider's ability to execute, in concert with each other, a set of maneuvers predetermined by the judge or show management, with precision and ease, while exhibiting confidence. Patterns will be posted in the Show Office. Equines entering this class must be capable of executing the jog. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Off-The-Rail Division points.

4. Showmanship:

Classes are judged on the exhibitor's ability to prepare and present the horse safely, correctly and elegantly. Conformation of the horse is not to be judged. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, appropriately attired exhibitor leading a well-groomed and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision.

Any equine, using any appropriate tack, may be entered. For non-trotting breeds, the trot will be substituted by the pleasure gait for the breed. Patterns will be posted in the Show Office. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse and Off-The-Rail Division points.

C. Specialty Classes

Most Colorful, Hunter In Hand, Draft Horse Halter and Best Halter Turnout specialty classes do not count for any division points, yet points from these classes will count towards Show Overall High Point Horse. For non-trotting horses, the trot will be substituted by the pleasure gait for the breed.

Interim Walk/Trot class, Walk Only class and Lead Line class points do not count for any show high points.

1. Interim Walk/Trot Class: (Specialty Class – Performance)

This class is for riders who are becoming competent at the trot, to help riders gain experience and confidence in the show ring. One assistant (parent/trainer etc.) must accompany entries. No lead lines allowed. Assistant will stay within helpful distance of their horse & rider. Riders will be asked to walk, trot, halt, and reverse both ways of the ring. The class begins by all entries entering the ring and lining up in the center with their assistants. At this time, assistants may hold the horse. Up to 4 exhibitors at a time will be asked to take a well-spaced position on the rail and execute the above requirements of the class. Upon completion of their "go", exhibitors will return to the line-up and the next group gets a go. This is a judged class through 8 placings.

Exhibitors in this class may cross enter into Lead Line and Walk Only. Exhibitors entered in this class may not enter any other classes requiring a trot or canter. Exhibitors may ride in this class as many times as they wish at subsequent Sunnyside Shows; however, once they "graduate" into regular trotting classes, they are no longer eligible for the Interim Walk Trot class. Walk/Trot Interim Class is open to all equines, and all ages of riders. For non-trotting horses, the trot will be substituted by the pleasure gait for the breed.

2. Walk Only Class: (Specialty Class – Performance)

Open to all equines, Exhibitors of Any Age, Any Tack. One assistant may walk beside the exhibitor (without use of a lead line) to help control the horse if necessary. Judged through 8 places. Entries may also enter Lead Line and Interim Walk/Trot classes. Points will not count for Show High Points.

3. Most Colorful: (Specialty Class – Halter)

Open to all equines. To be judged 60% on color, 40% on conformation. This halter specialty class is not associated with the Halter Division or Halter Division Points, and does not qualify entries to show back in the Halter Division Championship Classes. “Most Colorful” entries are welcome to also show in their appropriate class within the Halter Division. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse.

4. Hunter In Hand: (Specialty Class – Halter)

Open to all equines. Horses are judged on the qualities befitting a good Hunter Under Saddle prospect. To be judged on their potential athleticism, considering soundness and quality of movement, conformation, and temperament. To be shown in a bridle (horses two and under may be shown in a halter.) There is no pattern. Hunter in Hand class is not associated with the Halter Division or Halter Division Points, and does not qualify entries to show back in the Halter Division Championship Classes. Entries are welcome to also show in their appropriate class within the Halter Division. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse

5. Best Halter Turnout: (Specialty Class – Halter)

Open to all equines. Halter horses are to be judged on the grooming and conditioning of the horse. Emphasis, as suggested in the name, is on appearance, fitting, conditioning of the horse, and tidiness of the horse and handler, not on conformation. This halter specialty class is not associated with the Halter Division or Halter Division Points, and does not qualify entries to show back in the Halter Division Championship Classes. “Best Halter Turnout” entries are welcome to also show in their appropriate class within the Halter Division. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse.

6. Draft Horse Halter (Specialty Class – Halter)

Open to all Draft Horses (light and heavy). This halter specialty class is not associated with the Halter Division or Halter Division Points, and does not qualify entries to show back in the Halter Division Championship Classes. “Draft Horse Halter” entries are welcome to also show in their appropriate class within the Halter Division. Points will count for Show Overall High Point Horse.

IV. Definitions of Terms

- Stock/Hunter Type Horse:** This includes all Quarter Horses, Paints, Appaloosas, Thoroughbreds, and any equine fitting this general classification (registration papers are not required). Offered in Halter, Field Hunter, Working Western, Western Pleasure and Huntseat divisions.
- Saddle Pleasure Type Horse:** This includes all Saddlebreds, Morgans, Arabians, Friesians, Gypsy Vanners, Drafts, Gaited breeds, and any equine fitting this general classification (registration papers are not required). Offered in Halter, Field Hunter, Working Western, Western Pleasure and Huntseat divisions.
- “Open” Classes:** Classes designated as **Open Classes** refer to type of horse. These classes may be entered by both Stock/Hunter and Saddle Pleasure type horses (Stock/Hunter type horses and Saddle Pleasure type horses will show together). Non-trotting horses may enter the Open Go-As-You-Please (GAYP) or Saddle Pleasure Type Go-As-You-Please (GAYP) classes. For any classes labeled “Walk-Trot” or “Walk-Jog”, a trot or jog will be required unless otherwise indicated on the show program. For example, Trail, Dressage Suitability, Showmanship and Halter classes allow a pleasure gait in place of a jog/trot.
- Novice Horse:** Novice classes are open to horses which have not won three first place ribbons in any breed or open shows in the particular performance division in which they are shown. If novice status is broken during the show, the horse will retain that novice status until the close of the show. However, the horse may no longer ride in a novice class in any subsequent Sunnyside shows. In all cases, ribbons won within one section do not count in the reckoning of Novice status if the horse competes in a different section.
- Maiden Rider or Horse:** Maiden classes are open to riders or horses which have not won a first place in any breed or open shows in the particular performance division in which they are shown. If maiden status is broken during the show, the rider or horse will retain that maiden status until the close of the show. However, the rider or horse may no longer ride in a maiden class in any subsequent Sunnyside shows. In all cases, ribbons won within one section do not count in the reckoning of Maiden status if the rider or horse competes in a different section.
- Pleasure Gait:** For non-trotting breeds, the pleasure gait may be substituted for the jog or trot
- Go As You Please.** When “GAYP” is announced, select the gait of your choice (the jog or trot, or the lope or canter; for non-trotting breeds, select your pleasure gait) – within one class, the gait you select must be performed both ways of the ring.
- Amateur Class:** These classes are offered for amateur riders only (horses may currently be in training with a professional trainer).
- Jack Benny Class:** Riders 39 and older.
- Junior Horse:** Horse 5 years old and under as of January 1 this year. Curb bits are allowed.
- Miniature Equine:** Any equine 38" and under. Mini horses, donkeys, and mules are welcome. Registration papers not required. Mini driving equines are asked to drive only within the Miniature Equine driving classes.
- Horse vs Pony Size Limit:** 14.2 hands or under is classified as pony. This height restriction applies to driving classes only. Note: Miniature equines will be considered miniature, not pony.
- Distinction of Horse vs. Pony in the Horse/Pony Driving Classes:** The height restriction for pony size limit (as stated above) will apply to all equines for the Horse and Pony pleasure driving classes: Any equine 14.2 hands or under may only enter driving classes designated “pony.” They may not enter driving classes designated “horse.”

To all exhibitors: We trust that you will use the honor system with regards to entering classes specified for Novice and Maiden Riders or Horses, and Amateur Riders. Please be aware that the status of exhibitors may be checked periodically, in an effort to maintain the integrity of these classes.

V. Cross Entry Rules and Explanations

Cross Entry of Exhibitors	
Lead Line	Exhibitors in this class may cross enter in the Walk Only and Interim Walk/Trot classes only. The Lead Line class is open to ALL equines.
Interim Walk Trot	Exhibitors in this class may cross enter in the Lead Line and Walk Only classes only. Exhibitors may ride in this class as often as they wish in subsequent Sunnyside shows but, once they "graduate" into regular trotting classes, they are no longer eligible for the Interim Walk Trot class. Walk/Trot Interim Class is open to all equines, and all ages of riders. For non-trotting breeds, the trot will be substituted by the pleasure gait for the breed.
Walk Only	Exhibitors in this class may cross enter in the Lead Line class and Interim Walk-Trot class. Walk Only class is open to all equines, and all ages of riders.
Cross Entry of Horses	
Stock Hunter Type and Saddle Pleasure Type:	No cross entries are allowed for any horse between classes designated Stock/Hunter Type horse and Saddle Pleasure Type horse. Please choose ONE type you feel is appropriate for your horse and enter only those classes throughout the show. <u>Please designate the type of horse on the entry form.</u>
Field Hunter Division and Hunt Seat Division:	No cross entries are allowed for any horse between the divisions designated as Field Hunter Division and Huntseat Pleasure Division. You must ride only in one division or the other.
Working Western Division and Western Pleasure Division:	No cross entries are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Western Pleasure Division and Working Western Division. You must ride only in one division or the other.
Driving Horse Division Driving Pony Division and Driving Miniature Division	<p>Driving Divisions are split into three sections: Horse, Pony, and Miniature.</p> <p>The height restriction for <u>pony</u> size limit: 14.2 hands or under is classified as pony. The height restriction will apply to the Horse and Pony Pleasure Driving Divisions: Ponies 14.2 hands or under may only enter driving classes designated "pony." They may not enter driving classes designated "horse."</p> <p>For purposes of the Driving classes, Miniature equines will not be considered "pony" or "horse" but will be considered "miniature" and are asked to drive only within the Miniature Equine driving classes.</p>

VI. General Rules and Show Operations

WARNING:

Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

REGISTRATION PAPERS:

Registration papers are not required. This is an open all-breed horse show. Everyone is welcomed to come out and participate!

COGGINS:

Proof of current negative Coggins: All horses (over 6 months of age) coming into the show will be required to show proof of a current NEGATIVE COGGINS CERTIFICATE (EIA). Negative Coggins Certificate must be current and issued within 12 months. PLEASE HAVE YOUR COGGINS CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE FOR THE BARN MANAGERS TO CHECK AS YOU ARRIVE AT THE SHOWGROUNDS. Horses will not be allowed on the premises without a current negative Coggins certificate, as required by state law. This applies to all horses whether they are being shown or not.

Please place a copy of your Coggins certificate on the stall door in the holders provided. If you're showing out of a trailer, please place a copy of your Coggins certificate in plain view for the duration of your stay.

ARRIVAL:

Scheduled move-in times for stalled horses are from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on the day before classes begin. Our barn manager is stationed at the stall assignment board to assist you with stall assignments, RV power and shavings requests during these times.

If you arrive after move-in day, please check in at the show office during office hours for stall assignments and RV hookup.

Show packets (including your back numbers) will be available in the show office on move-in day and throughout the show. The show office will be open on Friday afternoon and evening, and all day Saturday and Sunday. Please see individual show programs for show office hours.

Please see the information below for Stalls, Grounds Fees, RV/Camper, Parking, and Shavings.

STALLS:

Pre-entries are strongly encouraged in order to secure the stalls you need. Stalls for purchase will be available on a first come first served basis. The Ag Center requires that a barn unit is filled to 80% capacity before stalls are assigned in additional barn units. We will do our best to accommodate your stall requests.

Phoned-in or emailed stall reservations *must be followed up with entry forms and payment*, to be considered binding. Stall reservations that are called in and not followed up with payment (or a blank, signed check) cannot be assured of the stalls requested. When stall availability reaches full capacity, preferred or requested stalling will be assigned according to entries received with payment and according to post marked date.

Stall Assignments: On move-in day (the day before classes begin) our barn manager is stationed at the stall assignment board to assist you upon arrival from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. If you arrive after hours on move-in day, please see the stall assignment board. If you arrive during show days, please check in with the office during office hours for your pre-assigned stalls. If you did not pre-order stalls, stall assignments will be made by the barn manager during 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. on move-in day, or through the show office during office hours on show days, with available vacancies.

Stalling Together: Parties wishing to stall together are encouraged to mail their entries together in the same envelope and indicate on the entry form who they wish to be stalled with. We will make every attempt to accommodate all group stalling requests, but cannot guarantee stalls together if entries come in separate envelopes.

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Overnight Stabling: Any horse kept on the show grounds overnight must be kept in a purchased stall with bedding. Stalling overnight in trailers is not allowed. This complies with the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center bylaws and contract. All violators will be submitted by show management to the Ag Center. Offenders will be required either to comply or leave the premises.

Stall Refund Policy: Once a stall has been occupied, there will be no refunds allowed on stall fees. SBMEAC will charge the show for any use of a stall, if a stall appears to have been occupied even temporarily as a tack or dressing stall. **Please do not occupy any stalls that have not been assigned to you.**

Stalled horses do not pay a grounds fee (see Grounds Fees below.)

GROUNDS FEES

All exhibitors showing out of trailers pay a one-time \$25.00 grounds fee per horse per weekend. This fee is for all non-stalled horses on the show grounds whether they are being shown or not. Please note: If you are purchasing stalls, grounds fees do not apply.

RV/CAMPER

Camper spaces:

Camper/RV spaces are available on first-come first-serve basis upon arrival. Reservations will not be taken for camper spots.

- When you arrive at the show on move-in day, select a vacant camper spot and then notify the barn manager (at the stall assignment board) of your camper spot number and they will turn the power on.
- Please tell the show office what camper space(s) you use when you pick up your entry number in the Show Office.
- If you arrive any time after Friday, please select a vacant camper spot and notify the show office of your spot number when you pick up your entry packet - power will be turned on for you.
- Please back into each camper space; do not park parallel or in any way block vacant camper spaces. Driving space is limited behind the barns – when you unhook from your camper or trailer, please do not park your vehicle in the center isle of the parking lot or in any way that obstructs the flow of traffic. See “Parking” below.
- **Scheduled move-in times are from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on the day before classes begin (move-in day.) If you plan to arrive after 10:00 p.m. on the move-in day of a show, you must let show management know ahead of time so we can make arrangements for RV power to be turned on when you arrive.**
- Camper fees apply for each day/night of use.

SHAVINGS:

Please see individual show programs for the procedure for ordering shavings.

Bag shavings will be available at the show. Straw will not be available. In accordance with the SBMEAC facility policy, retail sales and/or delivery of shavings by any commercial vendor on the show grounds during move-in day or show days is prohibited.

NOTE: Per the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center shavings policy:

- #1: ALL shavings used during the show must be purchased from the Ag Center through the Sunnyside Open Horse Show. No personal shavings may be brought in. No shavings from any outside vendor may be brought in, purchased, delivered or sold.
- #2: A mandatory minimum of 2 bags of shavings per stall is required.

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PARKING

Parking: Please leave the center "isle" of the parking lot (where the light poles are) vacant. Do not park there, to allow RVs and campers to be able to park and/or leave. Anyone parking in the center isle of the parking lot will be asked to move, and may ultimately be towed.

PAYMENT:

Payments in the form of signed open checks, completed checks, or money orders are to be made to **East Coast Equine Inc.**

Cash transactions and **credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express)** will be accepted during show office hours.

Pre-entries: Pre-entries (entry forms post marked by the pre-entry deadline) must be accompanied by payment or they will not be processed until the show weekend, resulting in a \$10.00 late fee. **Pre-entries must be made by a signed blank check, completed check, or money order.**

Pre-entries secured with a signed blank check may be replaced upon arrival at the show office by a Credit Card payment in its place.

Any unsigned checks, or other lack of payment, will be considered as non-payment and we will hold your entries until you arrive at the show office before processing, assigning stalls, and assigning back numbers. No exceptions.

Bounced checks/insufficient funds: All show checks received that bounce or are returned to us for insufficient funds will be processed with an **additional \$50 office fee**. Please be aware that a horse show can only survive if all checks are good for the amount that they are written for. Returned checks hurt us all by incurring unforeseen costs which are ultimately passed on to the management and the exhibitor. Any checks returned for insufficient funds will be pursued, if necessary, through the Magistrates Office. Show management reserves the right to place continuous offenders on a cash-only basis, and/or to refuse entry into the show.

Failure to check out at the show office will result in a non-closeout fee of \$25.00.

ENTRIES

Pre-Entries are entry forms mailed and post marked by the pre-entry deadline of each show. Pre-entries are encouraged to avoid the late fees (see below.)

Late Fees: \$10.00 per horse. To avoid a late entry fee of \$10.00 per horse, all entries must include payment and be postmarked no later than the entry deadline specified on each show program,

Entry Forms: All entries must be made on the entry forms. Exhibitors that have pre-entered have priority. You may call in your stall reservations and are encouraged to do so; however, stalls secured with payment and written, completed pre-entry forms will have priority of location and availability.

- Proper horse identity must be specified on the entry form with the horse's name.
- One Entry Form per horse should be used.
- All entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor, or exhibitor's parent or guardian if under 18.
- Entry forms must include the responsible party's (the person paying the show tab) complete Name, Address, and Phone Number. Email addresses are optional but recommended.

Showing Out-of-trailer: If you plan show out of your trailer for a day (not stall overnight), we encourage you still to pre-enter your classes. This will speed up your check-in procedure in case you have early classes (plus save the \$10 late fee.) NOTE: If you trailer in to ride in the first Division of the day without pre-entering, please try to arrive early enough to have your class entries done by 7:45 a.m. in the show office. If there is a line in the show office, please let the office staff know you have 1st classes. Please place a copy of your Coggins certificate in plain view throughout your stay. Also, see GROUND FEES if you are showing out of trailer (not renting stalls.)

Entries for Trail Classes: Please see individual show programs for the cut-off times for submitting entries for Trail Classes.

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CLASSES

Add/Scratch: Shows are not "Ride through the Gate." To **add a class**, you must add it in the show office before the last class of the Division or Section that precedes the Division or Section you wish to add a class in.

Any scratched class must be made in the show office before the last class of the Division or Section that precedes the Division or Section you wish to scratch a class from. **Scratches MUST be made in this manner to receive credit.** If your class is in the first division in the morning, you must have added or scratched any classes for that division by 7:30 a.m. that day.

No classes will be moved either forward or back. You must know your time situation and come prepared to enter the classes as the schedule indicates. Our schedule is tight, and we will follow the schedule as printed. The gate will close two minutes after the first horse in the class has entered the ring. The P.A. system and paddock calls are considered a courtesy.

Championship Halter Classes: The 1st place horses and 2nd place horses in each qualifying class are invited to show back in their corresponding Championship Halter class. There are no entry fees for Championship Halter Classes. Points will count towards division and overall high point awards.

Patterns will be available in the show office for Showmanship, Trail classes, horsemanship, equitation and any other classes requiring a pattern.

SHOW PROTOCOL & CONDUCT

Family Environment: We ask for your help in maintaining a family environment. Please remember that we are all setting an example for others by our behavior, language, and sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike, violent, disorderly or unruly conduct will not be tolerated.

Only qualified persons shall be allowed in the ring during judging.

Exhibitors are hereby notified that **any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judge or show officials on the part of the owner, rider, agent, or groom will disqualify horse or rider and the owner shall forfeit his entry fees and other fees.**

If exhibitors wish to speak to the judge, an appointment needs to be made through the show management. No one shall approach a judge about a decision unless they first obtain permission from the Show Management, who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place.

SHOW MANAGEMENT

The show will be under the absolute control of the Management. Show management reserves the right to:

- Split, combine, add or cancel classes, or switch rings in which classes are held, as deemed necessary.
- Vary or add to the names of those Officials who have been invited to participate.
- Refuse any or all entries, return any money paid for stalls or entry fees without explanation or recourse against the Show for liability or compensation.
- Limit the number of horses accepted in each division. Every animal entered for competition shall be under the control of the management.
- Change or cancel classes in the event of inclement weather.
- Adjust prices associated with horse shows.

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SAFETY

In Gate: Please keep the in-gate to the main arena clear of horses. The in-gate to the main arena must only be occupied by horses showing in the current division entering or leaving the main arena. The staging (paddock) areas must only be occupied by horses showing in the on-going division.

Helmets: Appropriate hats and headgear are requested. ASTM approved safety helmets acceptable in all classes.

Boots: Boots with heels required.

DOGS:

The Ag Center facility enforces a strict **No Dog Rule** for the following areas:

- **Anywhere in the Coliseum: This includes the paddock (staging) area, show office, vending areas, food court, grandstands etc.**

In addition, horse show management requires that no dogs are allowed in the following areas:

- **The staging area for the Covered Arena, the practice rings, and lunging rings.**

Otherwise, dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please do NOT tie dogs in the barn aisle ways (which are for Horses and People).

Vaccination records must be made available upon request. We ask that you please abide by this rule and keep the pets away from all horse traffic.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Show Management will in no way be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it will be a condition of the entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Sunnyside Open Horse Show, East Coast Equine, Inc. and the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center blameless for any loss or accident to his or her horse, horses or equipment that may occur from sickness, fire, or otherwise. Nor shall they be held responsible for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed, or stolen; and will not be responsible for or liable for injury sustained in any way to exhibitors, spectators, employees, or any other interested parties or third parties. All owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damages, incurred by them or their agents to barns or other properties on the Show Ground and will be BILLED ACCORDINGLY.

BASIS FOR RULES

Judges are selected for their integrity, skills, and knowledge in judging multiple breeds and disciplines. They are made aware of special rule variations that may set this show apart from others. The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rulebook is the basis for many of our rules. This rulebook comprehensively covers more different breeds and disciplines than any other rulebook. Variations will apply. There will be variations in rules for the Non-trotting Division to allow for the appropriate style of showing for each type of non-trotting horse. In the event of disputes, we will use the USEF rulebook as a guideline. Show management shall decide questions not covered by USEF rules, and its decisions shall be final.