

General Information, Rules & Regulations

Entries - Entries close, August 20, 2009, those received after this date must possess a valid postmark earlier than August 20, 2009 or owner will be charged the post entry fee. All entries must be completed on an official entry form for this show, or an official AHA entry form and have attached a valid check or money order for the total amount of stall fees, AHSA drug fees, office fees, and class fees. Futurity Entries must be on separate Futurity Entry Form and paid by separate check from regular show entries. A horse may only be entered under the legal name of the owner; no horse may be entered on more than one entry form. **A copy of the front and back of all appropriate registration papers for each horse must accompany entry. If registration papers do not reflect current legal owner, additional paperwork is required. If entry is showing in Amateur Adult, Amateur or Junior Owner classes, leased horses may not be shown by the lessee unless the lessee and lessor are members of the same immediate family.**

Returned Checks (NSF): Exhibitor will be charged \$50, in addition to bank charges assessed for NSF Checks. If payment is not received within promptly to clear amounts owed, plus NSF Fee and bank charges - exhibitor's name will be turned in to Region IX and USEF, and will unable to show until amounts owed are paid in full.

Health Certificate Coggins - Any horse entering the grounds must be accompanied by a current health certificate issued within 45 days by a licensed vet and presented at the show office before numbers will be issued for this or any other horses owned by the same owner. Horses with any communicable disease must immediately leave the show grounds. **A negative Coggins issued within 12 prior months is required for all horses. HEALTH PAPERS AND COGGINS WILL BE CHECKED AT THE ENTRY GATE TO THE FAIRGROUNDS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PAPERS ARE WITH THE CORRECT HORSES, AND ANY HORSES COMING IN MORE THAN ONE TRAILER ARE TOGETHER, OR YOU HEALTH CERTIFICATES ARE SEPERATED. THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED BY THE STATE.**

Responsibility - All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Arabian Horse Club of Texas nor the State Fair of Texas will be liable for any loss, injury or damage to horses, persons or any possessions while at the show. The authority of Show Management shall oversee all horses, although they remain the risk of the owner, exhibitor or trainer responsible for loss. Thus, the owner indemnifies the Arabian Horse Club of Texas and the State Fair of Texas against any and all loss, damage and/or liability including, but not limited to legal costs incurred as a result. A signed entry form constitutes acceptance of this policy.

Cruelty or Abuse - Cruelty or abuse is forbidden anywhere on the grounds. The Show Committee shall penalize such actions (USEF Rule III, Art.302). **Excessive harm to any horse (including harm caused by a whip or any other object) anywhere on the grounds before, during or after the show renders the offender subject to penalty.** Judges shall enforce this policy in the show ring. A signed entry constitutes acceptance of this policy.

Discipline - Any act of dishonesty, discourtesy or disobedience to any Show Official by an owner, trainer, groom or exhibitor will result in disqualification. Management may remove an owner/trainer/groom exhibitor without liability.

Care of Animals - Exhibitors are required to keep their animals as well as stalls clean and neat with refuse matter disposed of as the Horse Show Management may direct. Humane treatment must be exercised at all times by all exhibitors and their employees.

Class Entries - Show Management reserves the right to consolidate or cancel any class in which there are not at least five (5) entries. Classes containing over 40 entries will be split into two separate classes with the awarding of premium money and ribbons in each class. If class is split, Riders and/or horses may not show in both classes.

Amateur Classes - all riders in Amateur Classes **MUST HAVE** in their possession an Amateur Certification Card issued by USEF or make application for such card prior to riding in these classes. Applications available at the Show Office.

Wash Rack – Washing of horses in any other location than wash racks provided, is prohibited.

Stalls and stall assignments – Stalls are full box stalls of wooden construction and have doors. Stalls will be available at **12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008** and must be vacated by **8:00pm SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009. Early arrival must be confirmed with Jane Ann Godsey and is available.** Early move-in or late move-out fees will apply to any stall occupied other than these times at \$10.00 per night per stall (by request from Barn Manager). Stalls have a clay base (some sand). No bedding is provided, but will be available from the State Fair at a fair rate. A night watchman will be on duty in the barns and arena each night. Stalls will be assigned by Show Management upon receipt of stall fees. **REQUESTS FOR ADJOINING STALLS MUST BE RECEIVED TOGETHER, AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED, BUT WILL BE HONORED IF POSSIBLE.** Exhibitors will be charged for any stalls they use for any reason.

Post Entries – Post entries for show will be accepted for horses after closing date of August 20, 2009 at the regular fees plus the per horse post entry fee of \$25.00 (paid once per horse, not per class). **NEW HORSES MUST BE ENTERED NO LATER THAN 2 HOURS BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE SESSION THEY ARE TO BE SHOWN IN.**

Stallions - Arabian Stallions may be shown by ladies and children, except in Junior Halter Showmanship, Leadline and Walk/Trot classes.

Refunds and Premium Payments - Official notice must be received prior to the Entry Closing Deadline if any Horse is to be withdrawn. Otherwise, no refund will be paid except those with a licensed vet statement. Refunds approved by a vet are honored, if received in the Show Office by Noon the day before the 1st day of the show, class entry fees (only) will be refunded. There are no refunds of stall, office or other fees. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the show office during the show of any or all refunds due. Refund checks are mailed by 30 days after the show.

Footing is red sandy loam. The main arena is 120' x 240'. The arena that the sport horse events and reining is held in is 100' x 240'.

GR318 regarding protective headgear will be in force. Local rules are not stricter than the regular rules.

Governing Organizations - This show is conducted in accordance with the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Divisions (GR). The official rules of these organizations shall prevail; any change or correction of these rules automatically becomes part of this premium. Each participant is subject to all rules as they apply. Any questions not covered by the rule books of these organizations shall be decided by the Show Committee, whose decision will be final.

USEF Membership.

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 provided the respective breed/discipline dues or breed/discipline category fee has been paid. 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 \$20 nonmember registration fee and a \$5 breed/discipline category fee for each breed/discipline. 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.

AHA Membership - all horses entered in any AHA approved show **MUST** be owned by a member of AHA, or pay the current AHA single event fee, including junior exhibitor owners. Any trainer, rider, driver or halter handler who exhibits a horse or signs the entry form is considered the 'responsible' party for horses entered on that form, and **MUST** be an AHA member or pay current AHA single event fee. **PROOF OF MEMEBERSHIP IN AHA MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY, OR AHA SINGLE EVENT FEES WILL APPLY - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Anyone showing or owning horse should have **COMPETITION LEVEL CARD**>

Show Office - The Show Office will open at noon, Wednesday, September 9, 2009. Office hours will be posted in the Show Office. Phone Number of State Fair Show Office is: (214) 421-8836