

Ancaster Saddle Club Rules

The Ancaster Saddle Club operates under Western Horse Association Rules and Canadian Equestrian Federation Rules.

1. Ancaster Saddle club assumes no responsibility in cases of loss or damage to persons, horses, personal property from any cause and upon this condition only entries with signed waivers are accepted.
2. The Show Official reserves the right to prohibit any person from showing or attending to any horse in the show ring and to remove any person or horse from the show ring and show grounds.
3. Horses are to be kept off the race track.
4. Anyone practicing in the show ring must vacate upon request.
5. Club equipment will not be loaned or used for practice.
6. Any horse which enters the ring in an obviously unsound condition may be subject to disqualification by the Judge or Show Official.
7. All horses tampered with before coming into the show ring may be disqualified and may forfeit their membership in Ancaster Saddle club until reinstated by the Board of Directors.
8. Youth (18 years of age and under) are not allowed to show or ride a stallion other than weanling halter class, at any Ancaster Saddle Club.
9. Exhibitor's complaints must be in writing, signed and submitted to any director accompanied with a \$ 25.00 cash administration fee. These will be discussed in confidence at a Director's meeting and a written reply will be sent to the exhibitor submitting the complaint.
10. The Ring Steward may disqualify any exhibitor from a class or classes for misconduct. Continued misconduct will be dealt with by the Club Directors.
11. Any rider interfering with or colliding with other exhibitors may be disqualified at the discretion of the Directors or Judge.
12. A horse may be exhibited only once in any class or event at a show.
13. The gates will be closed after the competitor(s) enters the ring and will be re-opened on completion of the class.
14. A horse will not be allowed to compete unless proper entry has been made and both horse and rider have fulfilled all rules as required.
15. All contestants must make a genuine effort in each class or event or disqualification will ensue.
16. Waivers must be signed before entry forms will be accepted.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for their own entry forms. Horses exhibited but not entered must pay the entry fee and forfeit any prize and points won in that class.
18. Incorrect entry fees must be amended or persons will be suspended from showing at Ancaster Saddle Club as per our Constitution.
19. Once an entry fee has been accepted by the entry booth it will not be refunded.
20. Any person who is disqualified shall also forfeit an entry fee paid.
21. Class prices will be decided at the Annual General Meeting
22. Non-Member riding Member's horse to pay non-member's fee.
23. Youth/Junior Rider is 18 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current year. Youth/Junior Rider showing in Open class must pay Open fee.
24. Age in Senior classes is over 18 years as of January 1st of the current year.
25. A Novice Rider is limited to someone who has <50 points or 3 years of competition or has not won a High Point or Reserve High Point award in a riding class.
26. A Beginner rider cannot enter any other jumping class other than a cavaletti class.
27. In performance classes any rider and/or horse which falls during a class is automatically disqualified.
28. When riding in a performance class, the rider cannot hold on to the saddle or horn with the free hand except when required to jump in the trail class.

29. All horses must enter and leave the ring at a walk. Any horse whose rider deliberately allows it to exit or enter the ring at an excessive rate of speed will be subject to disqualification. Riders must use discretion when riding outside the ring, around the trailers and in the vicinity of the spectators.
30. In classes where backing is required the judge may at his discretion require backing of only the finalists in the class.
31. No exhibitor may be tied or fastened to the saddle in any way.
32. The judge shall have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment or accoutrement.
33. Children's Lead-Line is limited to children between 3 and 8 years of age as of January 1st of current year. Riders can not enter in any other class. Contestants to show at a walk and jog both ways in the ring. Halter to be placed over the bridle, shank to be used for leading. Proper tack and attire is required.
34. Walk and Jog is open to all ages. Riders may not enter any other riding class. Contestants to show at a walk and jog both ways in the ring. Western tack and attire is mandatory.
35. Any rider in a Beginner walk/trot or walk/jog class cannot cross over into a class that calls for a canter or lope, with the exception of the Beginner walk/trot/Canter class.
36. Beginner walk/trot classes are for riders under the age of 12 or in their first year of showing.
37. An Exhibitor must be a member of the Ancaster Saddle Club by the July show of the current year to be eligible for year-end class awards and year-end all around awards.
38. Nonmembers will be allowed to show but will be ineligible for year-end awards.
39. Points are awarded as follows regardless of the number of horses in the class:

PLACING	POINTS
1st	6
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

40. Ribbons will be given for each of the 6 places (1st to 6th)
41. Class points must be acquired in 3 or more shows to be eligible for Year-end Class Award.

WESTERN PERFORMANCE CLASSES

42. All riders in western classes must be neatly dressed in suitable attire. This includes western hat, suitable shirt, western boots, pants, scarf, tie or broach, chaps are optional. If denims are worn, they must be covered by chaps.
43. Reins are to be held in one hand on horses over the age of 5 (6 and older).
44. Horses 5 and under may be ridden with 2 hands if shown in a bosal or snaffle bit.
45. Riders hands to be clear of horse and saddle (except when jumping in trail class).
46. Horses to be shown in a western saddle.
47. A hackamore, bosal, curb, snaffle bit is permissible subject to Judge's approval.
48. No mechanical apparatus allowed.
49. Curb chain to be not narrower than ½ inch.
50. No tapadaros.
51. Martingale, side-reins or tie-downs prohibited.
52. Riders cannot use quirts, crops, bats, ends of reins, ropes, hands or excessive spurring, etc. going out or into the show ring or during the class. This will constitute disqualification.

GAMES CLASSES

53. Western attire as per “western dress code” is mandatory.
54. Horse to be shown in a western saddle
55. Type of bridle is the choice of the contestant, but must meet the approval of the Judge.
56. Tie-down or martingale is optional.
57. Hats must be worn when starting through the timer or rider is given a 5 second penalty.
58. Excessive spurring, etc. will not be tolerated when going in or out of the show ring or during a class.
59. Riders under the age of 18 must wear ASTM approved helmets.

ENGLISH CLASSES

60. English Pleasure and Hunter Hack exhibitors to wear coats suitable for a hunter class.
61. Breeches and English Boots to be worn, hunting cap or bowler, ties, stock, or choker needed.
62. Ladies hair to be contained in a braid or net.
63. Bridle may be snaffle, pelham or full bridle.
64. Cavasson nose band is required.
65. Standing Martingales are acceptable only in over fence classes that are categorized as ‘Hunter’
66. Boots are not allowed in any English style class, except those categorized as ‘Jumper’
67. Running Martingales and boots are acceptable only in over fence classes that are categorized as ‘Jumper’
68. Draw-reins are prohibited in any English style class
69. English saddle must be used.
70. Spurs, crops, hunting breastplate, braiding of mane and tail, gloves are optional.

RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

71. Open Showmanship at Halter: Neatness and cleanliness of horse and handler as well as showing ability of handler will be judged. Conformation of horse not to count. Judged by W.H.A. Rules.
72. Open and Youth Activity Trail: Judged by W.H.A. rules.
73. Novice Pleasure: a Novice Rider is limited to someone who has <50 points or 3 years of competition or has not won a High Point or Reserve High Point award in a riding class.
74. Open and Youth Activity Games: Judges to use W.H.A. rules.
75. Youth Horsemanship: Shown under western tack and attire. Open to any person 18 years and under as of January 1st of the current show season.
76. Ladies Western Pleasure: Judged same as Open Pleasure.
77. Open Command Class: Western or English tack and attire.
78. Youth Equitation 18 and under: Shown under English tack and attire. Open to any person 18 and under as of January 1st of the current show season.
79. Youth Pleasure 18 and Under: Judged same as Open Pleasure.
80. Stake Fees- Dash for Cash- Winner takes all less 20% to club. Mystery Class- 50% to 1st place and 30% to 2nd place.
81. All rules and by-laws will be determined by the current Board of Directors.

These rules were amended as of January 2009