

ANCASTER SADDLE CLUB

Rules

The Ancaster Saddle Club operates under Western Horse Association of Ontario (WHAO) Rules for Western Performance and Games classes, and Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF) Rules for English Performance classes.

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. All rules and by-laws will be determined by the current Board of Directors.
3. 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.
4. Horses are to be kept off the asphalt roads.
5. Club equipment may be loaned for use on the property (i.e. Ancaster Fairgrounds) at a fee set by the Board.
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. 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.
9. The Ring Steward may disqualify any exhibitor from a class or classes for misconduct. Continued misconduct will be dealt with by the Club Directors.
10. All contestants must make a genuine effort in each class or event or disqualification will ensue.

11. Any rider interfering with or colliding with other exhibitors may be disqualified at the discretion of the Directors or Judge.
12. The Judge shall have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment or accoutrement.
13. No exhibitor may be tied or fastened to the saddle in any way.
14. A horse may be exhibited only once in any class or event at a show.
15. Anyone practicing in the show ring must vacate upon request.
16. The gates will be closed after the competitor(s) enters the ring and will be re-opened on completion of the class.
17. 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.
18. Waivers must be signed before entry forms will be accepted.
19. 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.
20. Incorrect entry fees must be amended or persons will be suspended from showing at Ancaster Saddle Club as per our Constitution.
21. Once an entry fee has been accepted by the entry booth it will not be refunded.
22. Any person who is disqualified shall also forfeit an entry fee paid.
23. In performance classes any rider and/or horse which falls during a class is automatically disqualified.
24. 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.
25. 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.

26. Riders must use discretion when riding outside the ring, around the trailers and in the vicinity of the spectators.
27. In classes where backing is required the judge may at his discretion require backing of only the finalists in the class.
28. Class prices will be decided at the Annual General Meeting
29. Non-Member riding Member's horse to pay non-member's fee.
30. 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 will 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.
31. All lead line riders must wear an ASTM approved helmet.
32. Beginner walk/trot classes are for riders under the age of 12 (where indicated) or a rider in their first year of showing.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. Age in Senior classes is over 18 years as of January 1st of the current year.
36. 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.
37. Nonmembers will be allowed to show but will be ineligible for year-end awards.
38. Points are awarded as follows, dependent on the number of horses in the class:

PLACING	POINTS
1st	6
2nd	5

3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

39. Ribbons will be given for each of the 6 places (1st to 6th)

40. Class points must be acquired in three (3) or more shows to be eligible for Year-end Class Award.

41. The Ancaster Saddle Club encourages all exhibitors to wear protective headgear meeting ASTM standards with harness secured while riding anywhere in the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, or parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see that the headgear worn by the junior exhibitor complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ancaster Saddle Club is not responsible for checking headgear worn by the junior exhibitor for the compliance with these rules.

42. A pony, as defined by Ancaster Saddle Club is:

- under 14 hands in the Western/Games Division and if necessary measuring will be conducted according to the Western Horse Association rules
- under 14.2 hands in the English Division and if necessary measuring will be conducted according to the Canadian Equestrian Federation rules.

Western Performance

43. The attire for Western Performance classes follows Western Horse Association of Ontario (WHAO) rules. Excerpt from Rule #9 of the WHAO Rulebook: “Rider to be neatly dressed in suitable western show attire including western hat or CSA approved helmet, shirt with collar (band, stand up, tuxedo, etc.) to be tucked in, western boots, chaps, or jeans, or show pants. Short-sleeved shirts are permissible, but long-sleeved shirts must be rolled down and buttoned.

44. Horses to be shown in a western saddle.

45. 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.

46. Walk and Jog classes are open to all ages. Riders may not enter any other riding class INCLUDING WESTERN GAMES. Contestants will show at a walk and jog both ways in the ring. Western tack and attire is mandatory.
47. 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.
48. Reins are to be held in one hand on horses over the age of 5 (6 and older).
49. Horses 5 and under may be ridden with 2 hands if shown in a bosal or snaffle bit.
50. Riders hands to be clear of horse and saddle (except when jumping in trail class).
51. Showmanship at Halter: Neatness and cleanliness of horse and handler as well as showing ability of handler will be judged. Conformation of the horse not to count. Judged by W.H.A.O. Rules.
52. Open Command Class: Western or English tack and attire.
53. 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.
54. A hackamore, bosal, curb, snaffle bit is permissible subject to Judge's approval.
55. No mechanical apparatus allowed.
56. Curb chain to be not narrower than ½ inch.
57. No tapadaros.
58. Martingale, side-reins or tie-downs prohibited.

English Performance

59. A Beginner rider cannot enter any other jumping class other than a cavalletti class.

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

Games

72. The attire for Western Games classes follows Western Horse Association of Ontario (WHAO) rules. Excerpt from Rule #9 of the WHAO Rulebook: "Rider to be neatly dressed in suitable western show attire including western hat or CSA approved helmet, shirt with collar (band, stand up, tuxedo, etc.) to be tucked in, western boots, chaps, or jeans, or show pants. Short-sleeved shirts are permissible, but long-sleeved shirts must be rolled down and buttoned.
73. Horse to be shown in a western saddle.
74. Type of bridle is the choice of the contestant, but must meet the approval of the Judge.
75. Tie-down or martingale is optional.

76. Hats must be worn when starting through the timer or rider is given a 5 second penalty.
77. Excessive spurring, etc. will not be tolerated when going in or out of the show ring or during a class.
78. Riders under the age of 18 must wear ASTM approved helmets.
79. Stake Fees- Dash for Cash- Winner takes all less 20% to club. Mystery Class- 50% to 1st place and 30% to 2nd place.