



Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. We have never shown at the Ancaster Saddle Club before. What should we expect?**
- A.** The Ancaster Saddle Club shows are held at the new Ancaster Fairgrounds at the corner of Trinity Road and Hwy. 2 (Wilson Street) just west of Ancaster. This is a new facility.
- There are no mature trees, so make sure to bring hats and sunscreen for competitors and spectators.
 - Bring lots of water for competitors and spectators. There are water taps just outside the rings, so remember bring a bucket for your horse.
 - If you and your horse are being dropped off at the Fairgrounds, please keep in mind that while there is a peripheral fence it is not suitable for tying a horse. You may wish to bring a friend to hold your horse when you are not riding.
- Q. I printed the membership form from the web page. Where do I send it?**
- A.** Please bring your completed membership form to the first show.
- Q. Is there prepared foods or a snack booth available?**
- A.** The Optimists Club sets up a food booth for each show. You can purchase soft drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, etc.
- Q. I understand that 4 hours of Volunteer work is required in order to be eligible for a year end award. When I am competing it is difficult for me to work those hours during the show. What other options are there for ensuring I get my 4 hours done?**
- A.** You are correct. Each competitor is required to volunteer 4 hours time to help with a variety of tasks that are required to ensure each show runs smoothly. In order to ease the burden on the competitor on show days, the following options are available:
- the competitor can delegate a friend, relative, barnmate, etc. to work their hours.
 - help set-up the jumps or trail course on the Saturday before the show.
 - help clean-up/tear down the jumps at the end of the show.
 - help in the office before the show begins.

Q. Have there been enhancements to the rings since last year?

A. Yes. The Fair Board has purchased new grooming equipment for the rings. They also plan to add more footing. There are plans to add more warm-up areas as well. Hopefully, this will be done by our first show.

Q. I noticed there is a new Hack Division this year. What is the difference between the three Hack Classes?

A. Show Hack – a little more contact. The judge can ask for a sitting trot, extended trot, and a normal/collected/extended canter.

Road Hack – light to medium contact, a little more forward moving. The judge can ask for a normal to strong trot, canter and possible a hand gallop.

Pleasure Hack – light contact, easy trot and canter. I once had it described to me a “show me your horse is a pleasure to ride.”

Q. Can I pick and choose within a division or do I have to do the whole thing?

A. You are more than welcome to pick and choose classes from divisions, as long as they don't already have a rule about them. Example: Doing both Green and Open. You do not need to enter the whole division.

Q. How do the points work?

A. Rule #39: 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

Q. What classes are included in the Versatility?

A. Western Performance: Youth and Open Versatility

- a. All classes must be entered in three or more shows
- b. Classes included:
 - i. Showmanship
 - ii. Trail
 - iii. Pleasure
 - iv. Horsemanship
 - v. 1 English class (Hunter under saddle or English equitation)