

## Spartanburg Horseman's Association General Rules

All exhibitors must be current members of the Spartanburg Horseman's Association in good standing. Membership renews on February 1st and is valid for current calendar year. Each membership purchased may include immediate family residing at same address. Barn memberships are available.

**Neither Spartanburg Horseman's Association nor Croft State Park is responsible for accident or injury.**

Proper showing attire required. No shorts, cut off's, halter, tank tops or tennis shoes will be permitted. Minimum cap sleeve shirts required. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to know proper attire and equipment for their style of riding. Judges will deduct points or excuse exhibitor for improper attire and equipment. Refer to the appropriate rule books as noted.

All Western and English classes will use AQHA Rules  
Gaited and Saddle seat classes will use USEF Rules/TWHBEA  
Timed events will use NBHA Rules

If any of these rules conflict with SHA rules, Association rules will prevail over others.

**Age as of January 1 of current year determines age for class.**

Pee Wee:	12 years or under
Youth:	13 to 18 years of age
Adult:	19 years or older

**NO CROSS ENTRIES** allowed between age groups.

Exhibitor can move up to next age bracket but cannot move back down.

Entries and scratches are required at least one class prior to the class you are entering. Scratches will receive an \$8.00 refund if cashier or show personnel are notified one class in advance. No entries or refunds once class has started.

We adhere to a **one-minute gate call**. No refund if exhibitor fails to make the gate call for class. Notify show booth at least two classes in advance for tack changes. **Because of time limits imposed by Croft Park, this must be strictly enforced.**

**Green Horse or Green Rider** is defined as a horse or rider in their first year of showing. SHA rules will still consider a Horse or Rider as Green if they have showed no more than three times the previous year.

**NO CROSS ENTRY** in **Ranch and Western Pleasure** classes. **Go as You Please** classes are open to riders in either Division.

**Go as You Please:** Pleasure class to be shown in both directions at the walk and "go as you please". You choose to trot, canter, pace or running walk. Horse is judged on manners, way of going and responsiveness.

**Open Barrels** is also a payback **Jackpot class** – \$10 entry fee to run for points, \$20 entry fee to run for points and payback up to 6 placings.

**Good Sportsmanship will always prevail and is encouraged. Unnecessary roughness, discourteous acts or behavior will dismiss exhibitor from further competition in show.** We do not tolerate abuse to any horse or person. If an exhibitor's family or friends are discourteous towards show officials, exhibitor will be dismissed from any further competition for that show and possible loss of points. We encourage open communication with our board and appreciate any feedback from concerns. Slanderous speech and disparaging remarks (to include Social Media) could result in dismissal from SHA showing for the remainder of the show season.

Horses exhibiting lameness or injury may result in disqualification at judge or show official's discretion. South Carolina Law requires proof of current negative Coggins. Each Member is responsible for providing a current Original copy of Coggins to be checked at Show Booth and for Park Entry.

Each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the SHA Rules and Bylaws and familiarizing themselves with them. Rule Books are available at the show booth. For a complete list of Rules and Bylaws please refer to SHA Rule Book.

Horse and Rider Combination must use the same number for each class. Do Not change numbers during the show.

Ring entry is restricted to exhibitors and show officials unless they are assisting with setting up or removing class equipment such as jumps or barrels. Show booth is restricted to Show Personnel Only.

Exceptions at the discretion of the Board