

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL BREEDS & NON-REGISTERED HORSE OWNERS

1. Every class offered herein is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules of the AHA Handbook and Amendments and Equine Canada. All decisions made by the Show Committee are final.
2. Grooms entering the ring are to appear neat, clean and suitably attired in the opinion of the Show Committee (i.e. unmarked smock).
3. No person other than the Officials, Steward, attendants on duty, and the Judge of the class may enter the ring without the permission of the Judge.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for reporting all entries to the Gate Attendant ten minutes before each respective class is classed for showing and must enter the ring promptly when called. Those who are not ready when called will not be allowed to enter the ring to compete. No fees will be refunded.
5. Any Exhibitor using a wrong back number or having no number may be excused or disqualified from the class at the discretion of the Judge. No fees will be refunded.
6. **Competition numbers must be worn and visible at all times in the schooling and exercise rings. PLEASE COMPLY WITH THIS RULE** as requested. One back number has been issued for each horse.
7. Upon any act of discourtesy to the Officials on the part of the owner, groom, rider, driver, or handler, the owner may forfeit his entry fee. Show Management reserves to itself the power to remove any person or horse from the Show or the Show Grounds without being liable for compensation.
8. Courses/patterns will be posted at least one hour before the class at the Show Office and in an area designated by the Show Committee.
9. All horses artificially, improperly or unfairly prepared or tampered with before coming into the Show Arena will be disqualified. If it is ascertained that an exhibitor has made or caused to be made a false statement in regard to any animal or article exhibited or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the Judge in the performance of his/her duties, that exhibitor shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting. In case of any animal being disqualified, the winner of the next succeeding prize shall take the prize that has been awarded to such animal and lowest prize in the class shall go to the reserve number.
10. No horses shall be allowed on the show grounds that are not entered in the show. Exceptions: Mares with foals at side and turn-back horses for cutting.
11. An approved helmet and harness **MUST** be worn in all over fences classes and Hunt Seat Equitation Not To Jump. All Junior exhibitors are strongly urged to wear hard hats until just before they enter the show ring without being penalized. See Protective Headgear Notice.
12. Hors Concours will be allowed with permission from the Show Management one full session before the class.
13. For safety reasons, no dogs will be allowed in the arena area.

## RULES REGARDING CONDUCT/SPORTSMANSHIP and VIOLATIONS

The AHA Board of Directors will strictly enforce and actively support all AHA rules regarding Sportsmanship, conduct and courtesy at all AHA Recognized Shows and Events. This includes, but is not limited to, rules that govern owners, exhibitors, agents, trainers, managers, riders, drivers, handlers, competition officials, competition employees, and members of the families of the above, individual members of AHA or any person who acts in a manner in violation of the rules of the Association or deemed prejudicial to the Association's best interest. Any AHA violations committed will be subject to the AHA penalties. (Refer to Chapter 3, Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship)

1. Membership, registration and other rule violations will subject the violator to be disqualified. AHA membership and qualifications are required for Regional and National Championship classes.
2. In the event of any rule violation which necessitates a disqualification of any entry, Show Management will make the necessary corrections and submit the results to the AHA office.
  - a. Judging, class specifications and conduct shall be in accordance with the current USEF/EC Rulebook. All decisions made by the Judge and/or Show Management are deemed final and cannot be protested.