

Spartanburg Horseman's Association General Rules

All exhibitors must be current members of the Spartanburg Horseman's Association.

No class entry permitted unless current membership dues are paid.

Membership renews on February 1st and is valid for current calendar year.

Each membership purchased includes immediate family residing at same address. Barn memberships available – please see board member.

Proper showing attire required. No shorts, cut off's, halter, tank tops or tennis shoes will be permitted. Minimum cap sleeved shirt required. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to know what is proper attire and equipment for their style of riding. Judges will deduct points for improper attire and equipment and/or will disqualify the exhibitor. 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.

Timed events will use NBHA Rules.

If any of these rules conflict with SHA rules, club rules will prevail.

Entries and scratches are required at least one class prior to the class you are entering.

Scratches will receive an \$8.00 refund as long as cashier or show personnel are notified one class in advance. No entries or refunds once that class has begun.

We adhere to a **one minute gate call**. No refund if an exhibitor fails to make last call for the class. Notify show booth at least two classes in advance for tack changes.

Because of time limits imposed by Croft Park, this is strictly enforced.

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

Pee Wee: 12 years of age or under as of January 1

Youth: 13 to 18 years of age as of January 1

Adult: 19 years of age or older on January 1

NO CROSS ENTRIES allowed between age groups. Exhibitor can to move up to next age bracket but cannot move back down.

Green Horse or Green Rider is defined as a horse or rider in their first year of showing in a specific division. SHA rules will still consider a Horse or Rider as Green if they have shown 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.

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

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. We encourage open communication with our board and appreciate any feedback from concerns. Slandering 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 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.

Exceptions at the discretion of the Board