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**GYPSY VANNER NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
HANDBOOK**

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules become effective September 1, 2024, for the conduct of the 2024 Gypsy Vanner National Championships Show. This show shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the 2024 Gypsy Vanner Horse Society Official Rulebook and the 2024 Gypsy Vanner National Championship Handbook.

All participants and owners agree to abide by such rules and regulations. Any rules and regulations not covered by the 2024 GVHS Official Rulebook or by rules and/or regulations of the 2024 Gypsy Vanner National Championships Show will be handled by the Show management, and their decision will be final without recourse of any nature.

This show will follow all regulations of the Horse Protection Act of 1970, Public Law 91-540 or as amended.

Upon entry, every exhibitor, owner, trainer, person in care, custody, or control of a horse, and all other National Show participants (collectively "Participants") accept the facility and grounds, including but not limited to, the arenas, barns, stalls, and alleyways on an "as is" basis.

All Participants agree to obey the decisions/instructions of FHC representatives, Cadence Bank Center Equine & Livestock Complex officials, and local, state, and federal officials.

Admission to the Arena

No person will be permitted to enter the arena, except participants in the class, judges and their assistants. In classes where attendants are allowed, they will not be permitted in the arena until summoned by the judge.

Arrival

Early Arrival will start on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 8am. See Entry Form for Applicable Fees. There will be someone onsite to check you in. **ABSOLUTELY NO ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THIS TIME.** Except Sponsors: Title & Presidential which is part of their Sponsorship Perks.

Standard Arrival begins Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 8am.

Arena Gate Calls

Barn calls are a courtesy and will be made for each class. Regardless of the circumstances, it is the exhibitor's ultimate responsibility to report to their class on time.

Attire for Driving

All attendants must be neatly and suitably attired for a National Championship Show. Stable Livery as defined in the GVHS Rule Book and appropriate footwear are required.

Shorts, tank tops, sandals, etc., are not considered proper. Hats are optional, but ball caps are not permitted. The management may, at their discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the arena if deemed not suitable to appear before an audience.

Breaks

FHC reserves the right to reschedule any published breaks as necessary. Additional breaks will be announced as deemed proper according to the progression of the show.

Cancellations/Refunds

No Refunds for stalls, classes, shavings, office fees, vendor space, sponsorships, catering or advertising. No refunds for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, human or equine accidents, illness or emergencies.

Check In Procedures

Please bring to the Horse Show office your printed copies of your Health Papers, Registration Papers and Amateur Cards. You will be given your Horse Show Packet with your back numbers at that time.

Class Placings/Awards/Points

1st - National Champion – Neck Ribbon & Award

2nd – Reserve National Champion – Ribbon & Award

3rd – 6th – Ribbons

7th – 10th – Will be awarded Finalist Ribbons

During the Gypsy Vanner National Championship, individual placings for each judge will be posted online at www.horseshowing.com after the conclusion of class. The announcer will announce the average placings in all classes. Placings for all three judges will be submitted to GVHS for points. The Call Judge will change each day and GVNC will be using the below listed point system to determine final placings for all placed classes.

Average placings only will line up for awards.

Showmanship, English Equitation, Freestyle Riding, Trail (In Hand & U/S), Western Horsemanship and Ranch Riding are scored classes.

All other classes are placed classes.

Dressage Tests held on Friday are single judged.

Results of classes are considered final upon receipt of the judge's cards, unless an error in tabulation has occurred. FHC reserves the right to correct obvious errors on judges' cards when detected. If a tabulation error is suspected, a written inquiry may be presented to the Show Steward within 24 hours after the completion of the affected class without using the protest procedure, EXCEPT AT THE END OF THE SHOW WHEN ALL INQUIRIES MUST BE GIVEN BEFORE THE AWARDS ARE PRESENTED.

This event is triple-judged, and exhibitors will be presented with a set of overall 1st-6th Place Rosettes and 7th-10th Finalist Ribbons

1st= 120

2nd=105

3rd= 91

4th= 75

5th= 66

6th= 55

7th= 45

8th= 36

9th= 28

10th=10

Commercial Exhibits/Vendors

If an individual wishes to sell, display, or advertise tack, clothing, jewelry, furniture or any miscellaneous merchandise, a signed vendor contract must be on file with FHC. In addition, the merchandise must be sold in designated vendor areas only. No items may be displayed or sold out of the barns or parking lots. Anyone found

in violation of this rule will be issued a written warning on the first offense. The second and all subsequent offenses will yield a \$500 Fine each.

Contact Information

Gypsy Vanner National Championships Show entries with stall reservations must be mailed to:

Gail Shrine Events

C/O Julie Usoff

10863 Knottingby Drive

Jacksonville, Florida 32257

Online entries can be made at

<https://www.horseshowing.com/show.php?show=13008>

All Entries and Stalls may be paid for by:

Check (payable to Gail Shrine Events)

Paypal: horsesgirl@aol.com (send Friends and Family)

Venmo: @Gail-Shrine

Credit Card via Paypal (add 4% Credit Card Convenience Fee)

All Entries and Stall MUST be PAID and RECEIVED by September 25, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS

Adding a Class at Nationals

Adds may be done only in the Show Office and a Check is required to be on file in the Show Office. A Late Fee of \$70 plus \$70 Class Entry Fee Per Class(\$140 total will be due) – You still must have Qualified for this Class during the Qualifying Season (Jan1 – Oct 30th). No Adding of ANY Dressage Classes will be Permitted, meaning the Dressage Tests.

Departure

All facilities must be vacated by 9pm Sunday, November 3, 2024 unless other arrangements have been made with Show Manager.

Disqualification

Abuse – Any horse that shows evidence of fresh blood in the mouth, nose, chin, shoulder, barrel, flank or hip area will be considered to be abused and may be excused from the arena.

Dishonesty – Any exhibitor that has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article exhibited, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he or she shall be excluded from exhibiting.

General – In all individual work classes, simple majority opinion of the judges shall prevail, such as off pattern and lameness.

Lameness – A horse will be excused from the arena if a simple majority of judges disqualify the entry due to lameness.

Loose Horse – Any equine that becomes separated from its handler, rider or driver and cannot be caught by the original exhibitor or is beyond the exhibitors control may be disqualified and excused from the arena.

Driving Classes

Use of Marathon carts as well as wire wheel and pneumatic tires will not be allowed in the Pleasure Driving Classes.

Electronic Devices

Any exhibitor using an electronic device or has an electronic device on their person (this includes cell phones) in the show arena will be immediately disqualified. (Exception: Reasonable Accommodation certificate has been issued.)

Exhibitor Back Numbers

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify, prior to entry into the ring, the correctness of their exhibitor number. Any exhibitor not displaying a number or displaying a wrong number will not receive credit for placing in that class and will be disqualified. Please make sure that your back number is clearly displayed.

In-Hand – Exhibitor numbers should be worn on the exhibitor's back, between the neck and the waist.

English and Western/Ranch Classes – One number must be on **EACH** side of the saddle pad/blanket.

Driving Classes – Number must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle shafts.

Equipment Judges/Technical Delegates

Equipment Judges/Technical Delegates shall be responsible horse & exhibitor welfare, rule violations and safety issues as well as attire and equipment rule interpretations. Final interpretations are the responsibility of show management. If

you have any questions or concerns regarding rules or equipment, please consult with the Technical Delegate.

All bits, tack, appointments and attire shall be checked by the equipment judge prior to entering the arena. Any equipment considered to be inhumane or illegal by the official equipment judge must be removed or entry into the arena will be denied.

The equipment judge may disqualify an entry for the presence of blood on the horse.

The equipment judge (s) may serve as an official alternate judge at the discretion of show management.

Exercise/Lungeing

Exhibitors will receive a schedule of available practice times for some specific disciplines in their show packets. No lungeing will be allowed in the show arenas. Lungeing areas will be designated and should be closely followed.

Health Requirements

All equine must have their printed health certificates and Coggins papers checked.

Required Health Documents

To comply with Texas State Animal Health Regulations and to ensure the health of your horse, the following requirements will be strictly enforced for all equine at the Gypsy National Championship Show.

All equine must have:

1. A 12-month Original Negative Coggins test. The State of Texas Department of Animal Health Division requires a negative Coggins Test, showing said animal to be negative to either AGID or ELISA test for EIA within 12 months prior to show date, must accompany all equines. Foals, 8 months of age and under, are exempt from this requirement if accompanied by their negative tested dam. Date and results of this test must be shown on the health certificate. Test result papers should include animals REGISTERED NAME (rather than barn names) and MARKINGS.
2. A PRINTED hard copy of a 45-day Health Certificate or a current, valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card issued within 6 months is required for all equines entering the facility..

3. Any equine arriving without a negative Coggins test and Health Papers will be quarantined until released by a veterinarian or until originals can be supplied. All tests will be at the owner's expense.

4. Make sure and bring your Health Certificate & Coggins to the Show Office in order to get your show packet. All health papers must be printed on paper; no pictures on phones will be accepted.

Horses, Dog & Pet Management

No horses should be turned loose in any arena on the grounds of the Cadence Bank Center Equine & Livestock Complex at any time.

No dogs will be permitted on the Cadence Bank Center Equine & Livestock Complex during the course of the show except those under leash control of the owner. Any dog running free will be impounded and removed from the grounds. No dogs are allowed in the show arenas.

Dogs are prohibited in the warmup arenas and makeup areas while classes are showing.

Owners must assume all liability for pets brought to the show.

Proof of current rabies must be available upon request

Horse Show Office Hours

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – 10AM to 3PM – Pick Up Back Numbers

Thursday, October 31, 2024 – 7AM to 6PM

Friday, November 1, 2024 – 7AM to 6PM

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – 7AM to 6PM

Sunday, November 3, 2024 – 7AM to 30 minutes after last class of day

Inhumane Treatment

No person shall treat any equine in an inhumane manner. This prohibition against inhumane treatment applies to all Trainers, Agents, Representatives, Employees, Exhibitors, Owners, and Spectators. Inhumane treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the prohibited conduct specified below.

1. For purposes of this rule, a person responsible for the care of an equine is also responsible for and may be disciplined for the inhumane conduct of their trainers,

agents, representatives and employees. For violation of this rule, an individual may be disciplined, suspended, disqualified, expelled from show grounds. The Show Steward will be on hand to police any type of inhumane treatment.

2. Inhumane treatment of any horse or any other animal on show grounds is strictly prohibited. Treatment of any horse will be considered inhumane if a person, educated or experienced in accepted equine training techniques, would perceive the conduct of an individual to be inhumane.

3. For purposes of this rule, a fines and penalty system has been established based on the severity of the offense. All offenses below will be assigned a minimum level of offense (level 1 = mild - warning; level 2= moderate – probation with FHC and written complaint to Registries; level 3 = severe – 1 year suspension from FHC and written complaint to Registries). Depending on the facts of a situation, the level of offense may be increased.

4. Warning or Show Ground Removal cards will be issued based on the frequency and level of offense.

5. Inhumane treatment includes, but is not limited to:

a. placing an object in an equine's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress (min. level 2);

b. leaving a bit in an equine's mouth for extended periods of time so as to cause undue discomfort or distress (min. level 1);

c. tying an equine up or around in a stall or anywhere at event in the manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress (min. level 2);

d. longing or riding an equine in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress to the equine (min. level 1);

e. tying or fastening any foreign object onto an equine, halter, bridle and/or saddle in order to de-sensitize the horse (min. level 2);

f. use of training techniques or methods such as poling or striking an equine's legs with objects (min. level 2);

g. excessive spurring or whipping (min. level 1);

h. excessive jerking of reins (min. level 1);

i. use of prohibited equipment, including, but not limited to: saw tooth bits; hock hobbles; tack collars; or tack hackamores; whips used for showmanship; war bridles or like devices; riding in a curb bit without a curb strap; wire or solid metal

curb straps no matter how padded; wire cavesson; wire or cable tie-downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on a horse's head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops; draw reins attached between or around the front legs will not be allowed (min. level 2);

j. use of any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the equine's tail (min. level 3);

k. exhibiting an equine which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired (min. level 1);

l. intentional or negligent treatment which results in any bleeding – intentional (min. level 3); negligent (min. level 1);

m. applying excessive pressure on or excessively jerking of a halter lead shank (min. level 2);

n. Any other treatment or conduct deemed by a show official to be inhumane or abusive (min. level 1).

Lost Back Numbers

In the event of a lost back number, a fee of \$20 will be assessed for a replacement.

Lost & Found

Lost & Found items should be turned into or claimed at the Horse Show Office.

Official Photographer/Videographer

The Championship Show's official photographer, and videographer are the only parties permitted to provide others with competition photos or videos – whether for payment or for free. Anyone, other than credentialed official sources, who provides or intends to use photos or video footage in violation of this Policy can be ejected from the event and/or indefinitely banned from the show.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike Conduct or any other form of misconduct that is irresponsible, illegal, indecent, profane, intimidating, threatening or abusive is prohibited. This provision applies to exhibitors, trainers, owners, owner representatives, spectators and all other persons on the show grounds. Show management may immediately

expel individuals exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct from show grounds and shall file a written report with above mentioned associations concerning the conduct in question.

Qualifying Requirements

Every entry must have shown at least one show during the qualifying period (January 1, 2024 thru October 26, 2024) and placed 1st thru 6th in respective classes.

Show Rules

Gypsy Vanner National Championships show will follow Gypsy Vanner Horse Society Show Rules. Anything that is not covered by GVHS Rules will be covered by Gypsy Vanner National Championships Show Rules.

Show Schedule

The National Gypsy Vanner Championship Show will be held October 31 – November 3, 2024 at the Cadence Bank Center Equine & Livestock Complex, Belton, TX.

The tentative schedule is available online and may be changed at show management's discretion.

Show Services

Photographer

Avery Fletcher Photography
averyfletcherphotography@gmail.com
averyfletcherphotography.mypixieset.com

Videographer

Cheri Prill
Stunningsteeds@yahoo.com
<http://www.stunningsteeds.com/>

Stall Mat Rental

Performance Stall Mat Rental – Cody Smith
www.OpenStalls.com
phone: (432)301-6982

Host Hotel

Comfort Inn & Suites (Room Rate \$131.99)
235 West Loop 121

Belton, TX 26413

(254)613-5289

Rate: \$131.99 October 8, 2024 Cutoff

Splits

Any classes deemed necessary by the Show Management will be split. For Rail Classes, all recalls from the average will be announced in random order by the exhibitor numbers and will retire to the Paddock area until call for the Final Go.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Contact featheredhorseclassic@gmail.com for information regarding 2024 class and sponsorship opportunities.

Stalling/Shavings

Stall Fees must be received and paid for by the September 25, 2024 deadline. Please make sure that you order all horse and tack stalls on your entry forms. There will be no switching of stalls once they are assigned and no additional stalls will be available in Main Barn after deadline.

Initial Shavings order must be on the Entry Form and subsequent orders will be done on-site from the facility.

IF STALL CURTAINS ARE USED ACROSS AN ALLEY, THEY MUST BE TIED BACK AND REMAIN OPEN FOR PASSAGE THROUGH DURING SHOW HOURS. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

No part of the decorations may extend from the edge of the stall in any alleyway. No nails, liquid nails or tacks are to be placed in any stalls to hold up decorations.

Stall decorations may not extend more than three feet into the alley.

Stall decorations may be constructed any time until the first day of competition. Once the show has begun, construction may only occur outside the hours of competition.

Stalls must NOT be taken down for any stall decorations.

Tack Changes

All Tack changes must be pre-scheduled with the Paddock Master. There will be a **3 minute** time limit which will start when the final class call from the Equipment Judge will be allowed for all changes to be made in the Paddock Area.

Vendors

Only approved vendors are allowed to sell product or services during the Gypsy National Championships Show.

No one, including exhibitors, may sell products or services from their stall area.

For more information on how to become a vendor please contact us at

featheredhorseclass@gmail.com