

CENTRAL ARKANSAS HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION

BY LAWS & CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

This association shall be known as the Central Arkansas Horse Show Association and at all time be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with the by-laws of the State of Arkansas, providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights as granted to associations of this kind.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Central Arkansas Horse Show Association is to promote better horse shows, better horsemanship, better sportsmanship in the Central Arkansas area, and to encourage more family participation in horse-oriented activities.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Any person interested in promoting better horsemanship, better horse shows, and better sportsmanship in the Central Arkansas area among exhibitors, judges, and show committees may join the Association. Any person who joins shall thereby become subject to the By-Laws and Rules then in force or later adopted by the Association, and shall be subject to expulsion from the Association as provided.

The Central Arkansas Horse Show Association will not be responsible for any accidents or damages that may occur to any person, animal, or property, nor any damage to any vehicles on the show grounds. Exhibitors and/or spectators shall hold management, board members, and/or property owners harmless and indemnify against any legal proceedings arising from such accidents.

All memberships subject to board approval.

Section 2. Dues

The annual dues shall be \$50.00 for a family and \$40.00 for an individual. Membership for each year will begin January 1 and end December 31. There will be a grace period through the first show of season to renew membership dues. A family shall be defined as married persons or grandparents and any unmarried children (under the age of 21) living in the same household. Dues will not be returned for any reason.

All minors must be on family membership with a parent or guardian.

Section 3. Expulsion

If at any time a member displays unsportsmanlike conduct on site, offsite, or on social media, the board reserves the right to expel the member, regardless of point standings, at their discretion without

reimbursement of dues paid. The board members shall have the power to remove the membership of any member who has failed to comply with the association rules at any time.

Section 4. Voting Privileges

Any person age 18 and over, as of January 1, who is a paid member of good standing of the Association, shall have one (1) vote. The membership and voting year will be from January 1 through December 31, with a grace period through the first show of the season.

Section 5. Points

Membership dues must be paid and member in good standing before points for that show year will start to accumulate.

Section 6. Year End Awards

Year-end awards will be given in each class and a year-end High Point award in each age division. A rider must show in 50% of the shows to be eligible for year-end awards. A rider must show in 50% of the shows in the given class for those points to count towards year end and High Point Awards.

ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE BOARD & OFFICERS

The business and property of the Central Arkansas Horse Show Association shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Board and Board of Directors. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Directors will be nominated by the Nominating Committee, as appointed by the President, and from nominations from the floor at the annual general membership meeting.

The President and Vice President shall be nominated from the elected Board of Directors as nominated by the Board of Directors and/or from the floor at the annual general membership meeting.

President: Shall be elected by the members at the annual general membership meeting. He/She shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees, and see that all rules and regulations are enforced and perform all other duties assigned by the Board.

First Vice-President: Shall be elected in the same manner as the President. He/She shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the president in his absence and perform other duties as assigned by the Board.

Secretary: Shall be appointed by the President. Will have the following duties:

1. He/She will keep minutes of all membership and board meetings.
2. He/She will be the custodian for the safekeeping of all documents and records of the association.
3. He/She will be ex-officio secretary of all committees.
4. He/She will be responsible for notifying the membership and board members of meetings and events in a timely manner.
5. Perform other duties as assigned by the Board.
6. Will keep points for year-end awards & state show qualifying points.

Treasurer: Shall be appointed by the President. Will have the following duties:

1. He/she will receive the money turned over to him/her by the secretary or others and make accountable deposits as approved by the board of the handling of money.
2. He/she shall disburse money upon receipt of itemized demands as approved by the board.
3. He/she shall account(report) for all income and expenses to the board and general membership. The end-of-year financial reports will be presented to the board and general membership at the general membership meeting.

Board Members: Board members will remain on the board until which time they wish to step down, as long as they remain in good standing. Board member may be removed by 75% vote of the Board. The entire board shall not exceed 15 members.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings -

Each year, the annual general membership meeting will be held the second Sunday in January to elect the Board of Directors and officers for the Association. Any amendment of the By-Laws and/or Rule changes will be voted upon before February. Ten days prior written notice must be given to all members of the Association.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President, Executive Board, or upon written request of 25% of the voting membership. Ten days prior written notice should be given to all members of the Association.

Section 3. Executive Board Meetings

An annual meeting of the executive board will be held in November to plan for the upcoming show season, set show dates, select judges, and work on nominations for board members for the new year. The President, as deemed necessary to conduct the business and affairs of the Association, shall call Executive Board meetings. A majority of members of the board may also call a board meeting.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws and Rules, excluding Article 10 (show rules), may be amended or altered by a majority vote of the members present at the annual general membership meeting. Should the board deem necessary an amendment after the general membership meeting, a soft email copy must be sent to members present at the general membership meeting with a 5-day window to approve. The amendment must then be approved by 75% of the current seated board members prior to the start of show season. All voting members must be a paid member in good standing of the Association. The board shall have the authority to amend or alter Article 10 Show Rules with a 75% approval of the current seated board members as necessary.

ARTICLE 7: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this Association

ARTICLE 8: NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Association does not have capital stock or shares and shall never be privately owned. The Association shall never pay any individual or profits to any individual and the net earnings shall never benefit any one individual. All funds acquired by the Association shall be used to pay expenses and for the extension and maintenance of its purposes and assets. In the event of any liquidation, dissolutions, or winding up of all obligations of the Association and in conformity with the status herein described, the Association shall adopt a plan of liquidation pursuant to the Arkansas Non-Profit Act as amended.

ARTICLE 9 - ARKANSAS STATE HORSE SHOW

Section 1. Membership

The Association is a member of the Arkansas State Horse Show Association and shall pay its annual dues as required. The Association mandatory classes will include 75% of the State Show Classes plus classes approved by the board.

Section 2. State Show Director

The President will be a member of the Arkansas State Horse Show Directors and our representative. The association president may appoint a member to represent him in his absence. He/She shall attend the directors State meetings, usually held in Little Rock, as necessary or required.

Section 3. State Show Entries

The Secretary will keep points to determine the top five in each class who will be eligible to compete in the Arkansas State Championship Horse Show annually. The Association will pay five place entries in each class to the State Show Secretary. (Each of the top five qualifiers will pay their entry fees to CAHSA for the State Show to cover expenses).

Section 4. Qualifiers

A rider must compete in 50% of the shows to be eligible to compete at the State Championship Show.

Section 5. Lottery

A rider must compete in 50% of the given class to be eligible to for the State lottery draw in that class.

ARTICLE 10 - SHOW RULES

Section 1. Gate & Entry Fees

Gate fees will be \$5 per person and must be paid at the gate. \$1 of each fee will go into a separate building fund account.

Board members receive complimentary gate fees for the show season.

Entry fees for all classes will be \$6. Barrel Pick-Up is \$6 for each rider. Exhibition Classes will be \$6.

No refunds will be given on entry fees once classes are entered.

Section 2. Coggins Requirements

HORSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE ARENA GROUNDS WITHOUT PRESENTING NEGATIVE COGGINS PAPERS DATED WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

Section 3. Age Divisions

There will be classes for four (4) age groups:

Pee-Wee (0- 10 Years of Age)

Buckaroo (13 and under)

Junior (14-18)

Senior (19 years and over)

Riders must ride in only ONE age division when there are specific classes limited to their age division (i.e. pony poles or buckaroo poles; youth pleasure or Ladies/Mens pleasure).

The age of an individual on January 1 of that year shall be maintained throughout the entire year.

Riders in the buckaroo and junior division will not be allowed to show a stallion in judged events – the only exception will be in Junior Reining.

Riders in the buckaroo and junior divisions will be allowed to ride a stallion in speed events. The same horse can only be ridden once in each class excluding exhibition rides.

Section 4. Schedule of Classes

CLASSES:

Start times and order of events will be determined each year by the Board.

1. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE
2. LEAD IN
3. WALK TROT 50+
4. JR REINING
5. SR REINING
6. YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP
7. SR SHOWMANSHIP
8. PONY WALK TROT
9. PONY CLASS
10. LADIES PLEASURE
11. EXHIBITION PLEASURE & GAITED
12. WT HORSEMANSHIP 50+
13. WT HORSEMANSHIP 10 & UNDER
14. WT HORSEMANSHIP 11-49
15. WALK TROT 10 & UNDER
16. JR RANCH RAIL
17. MENS GAITED
18. SR HORSEMANSHIP
19. LIGHT SHOD SLOW GAITED
20. WALK TROT 11-49
21. SR RANCH RIDING PATTERN
22. JR RANCH RIDING PATTERN

23. MENS PLEASURE
24. HEAVY SHOD SLOW GAITED
25. BUCKAROO/YOUTH PLEASURE
26. BUCKAROO/YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP
27. LADIES GAITED
28. JR HORSE PLEASURE
29. SR RANCH RAIL
30. WALK TROT RANCH RAIL
31. EXHIBITION FLAGS
32. PONY FLAGS
33. JR FLAGS
34. JERRY WHITE SENIOR FLAGS
35. STAKE RACE
36. KEYHOLE
37. EXHIBITION POLES
38. PONY POLES
39. BUCKAROO POLES
40. JR POLES
41. SR POLES
42. BARREL PICK-UP
43. PONY SPEED
44. JR SPEED
45. SR SPEED
46. EXHIBITION BARRELS
47. PONY BARRELS
48. BUCKAROO BARRELS
49. JR BARRELS
50. SR BARRELS

Section 5. POINTS

Points for Year End Awards and State Show qualifying will be for the first through fifth place as follows:

- 1st Place – 5 points
- 2nd Place - 4 points
- 3rd Place – 3 points
- 4th Place – 2 points
- 5th Place – 1 point

**Judges will be asked to place a minimum of 7 exhibitors in each class. This will be done in an effort to be able to award member points when non-members are showing at our shows. If a non-member places higher than a member, points will be adjusted to allow the members who placed to receive the points.

ARTICLE 11: JUDGES

A Judge for a CAHSA approved show must be approved by the Executive Board.

A. A Judge shall not appear on the show grounds more than thirty minutes before the judging. A Judge shall not visit with owners, trainers, exhibitors, or owner's representatives. The Judge shall not inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show or contest before the judging. The Judge shall be furnished a schedule of events by the show management prior to the judging.

B. The Judge, at his discretion, may refuse an entry into the arena or remove an entry from a class for improper attire and/or equipment.

C. The Judge may order any person or horse from competition for bad conduct of one or both, or may disqualify any contestant for excessive abuse of the horse.

Miscellaneous Show Rules - All Approved Classes

1. Unless otherwise stated, AQHA horse show rules will be used to govern our classes and the current AQHA handbook used for reference with exceptions for equipment. Changes adopted each year by the AQHA will also be adopted by CAHSA.

2. For any additional rules, please refer to the Arkansas State Horse Show Association rule book which can be found on their Facebook page under files or on their website.

3. Exhibitor numbers must be both sides of the saddle pad and must be in place before entering the arena. Showmanship numbers will be worn on back. Please make sure the judge will have a clear view of the number. Those entering the show ring without a number and those entering the arena with wrong number will be disqualified. This does not apply to timed events.

4. No sleeveless, spaghetti strap or high crop shirts may be worn while showing. Long sleeves are required for judged events. Long pants are required for all events.

5. For safety reasons, boots are required for riders to wear while showing including speed classes – the only exception would be the jumper in barrel pick-up.

6. Lounging will be allowed in the show arena the first hour after gate opens before the shows.

7. All mounted riders must have access to reins at all times.

8. No horses are allowed between the bleachers and the arena.

9. All exhibitors and spectators must abide by the rules of the facility shows are held.

10. No open containers (alcohol) or smoking in the arena at any facility.

Judged Events – General Information

1. All riders, except for Ladies Gaited Pleasure, must wear hats in judged events. Hats are optional in the ladies gaited class.

2. Any rail classes with over 20 exhibitors will be split into two cuts followed by a final to determine placings by judge. Walk Trot Ranch Rail and Ranch Rail classes will be split at 18.

ALL PONY MEASUREMENTS BELOW WERE CHANGED TO 54"

PONY CLASS- Ponies are to be 54 inches and under. Ponies will be measured on a flat surface with the same measuring device – which shall be measured while standing squared up. Any pony failing to measure 54" or under will be disqualified and not allowed to compete in pony events. Ponies will not be required to back up and must be ridden one handed.

HORSEMANSHIP (BUCKAROO & YOUTH) – Horses will be judged on pattern work only. The pattern will be posted prior to the beginning of the horse show.

REINING – Current AQHA rules will apply. Junior horses shown may be ridden with two handed. The pattern number will be posted prior to the show.

WESTERN PLEASURE – AQHA rules will apply. Only one hand may be used unless otherwise specified. Junior aged horses may ride two-handed if using a snaffle bit or bosal.

JUNIOR HORSE WESTERN PLEASURE- No horse that is older than 5 years of aged during the current calendar year will be allowed to participate. Horse may be ridden with two hands with snaffle bit or bosal or one handed with curb bit. AQHA rules will apply.

GAITED – Horses will be shown at a walk and favorite gait. Horses will enter the arena at a walk. English or western equipment may be used. The class will be judged on performance and confirmation of the horse at the discretion of the judge. The wearing of hats is optional for ladies, the wearing of hats is mandatory for men. One or both hands may be used on the reins. Action devices are prohibited. Protective boots made of soft rubber or leather will be allowed but not to exceed 6 ounces in weight. Gaited horses will not be asked to back up. **

LIGHT SHOD AND HEAVY SHOD SLOW GAITED PLEASURE – Horse should be shown with at light rein at a flat trail walk (NO SHOW WALK) and a moderate rein at a favorite gait. Horses will enter the arena at a walk. The horse should give the rider a pleasant ride with true road and trail qualities. It should be well mannered and responsive to the rider, displaying soundness, quality, and ability to stand quietly. The slow gait favorite gait will be a comfortable, smooth gait displaying no stress on horse or rider. Slow gaited riders must use western tack only with the type of bit being optional. One or both hands may be used to hold reins. No colored brow bands or ribbons are permitted. No cavessons or nose bands of any kind will be permitted.

Shoes will be steel-to-foot (flat shod). EXCESSIVE SPEED IN THIS CLASS WILL BE PENALIZED. Horses will not be asked to back. State guidelines will be followed for Gaited classes. **

**State Show Rules will be final guidelines for Gaited classes.

WALK TROT PONY CLASS - The rider must be ten (10) years old or younger and the pony must be fifty-four (54) inches in height and under. The pony will be judged at a walk and a trot and will not be asked to back.

WALK-TROT – The rider will be ten (10) years old or younger and the horse must be over 54” in height. The horse will be judged at a walk and trot. Backing will be at judge discretion.

WALK TROT 11-49 - The rider must be eleven (11) years to forty-nine (49) years old and the horse must be over fifty-four (54) inches in height. The horse will be judged at a walk and a trot.

WALK TROT 50 and over - The rider must be fifty (50) years or older and the horse must be over fifty-four (54) inches in height. The horse will be judged at a walk and a trot.

RANCH HORSE RAIL - AQHA rules will apply.

1. Horses must be over 54”. Points in this class will apply to the riders’ ages according to the age divisions listed to this rulebook.

2. The Ranch Pleasure horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse.
3. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse does not have to be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements, and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.

4. Requirements

- a. No horse less than 3 years of age.
- b. Horses will work collectively on the rail only.
- c. The required maneuvers will include walk, jog, and lope both directions: and the extended jog and extended lope at least one direction, at judge's discretion; as well as stop, reverse, and back.
- d. The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be that of a western pleasure horse, with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.

5. Apparel and Equipment

- a. No hoof polish
- b. No braided or banded manes or tail extensions
- c. Trimming inside ears is discouraged
- d. Trimming the bride path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
- e. Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.
- f. No nosebands or tie-downs

RANCH RIDING - Horses must be over 54". Points in this class will apply to the rider's ages according to the age divisions listed in this rulebook. AQHA patterns will be used.

LEAD LINE - This class is for youth ages 3 to 7. The horse must be led by an individual 18 years of age or older. The age for a Lead Line participant (rider and leader) is as of January 1st of the show year. The horse must be 3 years of age or older as of January 1st of the current year. 1. Exhibitors may not ride or lead a stallion in Lead Line.

2. Exhibitor must have his or her feet in the stirrups and the stirrups must be securely attached to the saddle.
3. An exhibitor cannot be tied, buckled, or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means during competition.
4. A hard hat may be worn.
5. An exhibitor may show in either Western or English attire but must include hat, long sleeves, collared shirt/jacket and boots with heels.
6. The horse must be led by a minimum 6' lead shank attached to a halter or caveson that is under a bridle, head stall or bosal. The lead shank cannot be attached to the bit.
7. Lead Line classes will be performed in both directions at a walk only. A backup is optional at judge discretion.
8. Exhibitors are judged on their Horsemanship/Equitation skills, basic position in the saddle and an apparent attempt to exhibit and direct the horse.

9. State qualifications must be as a team. The rider and leader must qualify together.

HUNTER UNDER SADDLE – AQHA rules apply. Hunter under saddle should be suitable to purpose. They should move in a long, low frame and be able to lengthen their stride and cover ground. They should be obedient, alert, and responsive to their rider. Quick short strides will be penalized. Horses which move in an artificial frame and are over flexed and behind the bit should also be penalized. This class will be judged on the performance, condition, and conformation of the horse; however, a minimum of 20% of the judging shall be based on condition and conformation. Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Horses should back easily and stand quietly. In all English classes, exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that, entrants are being judged on ability rather than personal attire. However, riders should wear hunt coats of traditional hunt seat style and conservative color, breeches of traditional shades of buff, gray, or rust, high English boots or jodhpur shoes. Black, navy blue, or brown hunting cap is mandatory. A tie or choker is required. Spurs, crops, or bats are optional. Hair must be neat contained. Judges must penalize contestants who do not conform.

WALK TROT HORSEMANSHIP- (Pee Wee, 11-49, & 50 and over) Will be judged on pattern only. Pattern will be provided in advance. This is not a STATE SHOW class, but points will count towards year-end awards.

SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER- (Youth & Senior) Judges evaluate the grooming and fitting of the horse, and expertise of the exhibitor in presenting the horse. Each exhibitor is required to perform a pattern with emphasis on preciseness of pattern and degree of confidence exhibited by the showman. This is not a STATE SHOW class, but points will count towards year-end awards.

Speed Events – General Information

1. Dragging the arena will be done after 10 exhibitors or at appropriate intervals according to the number of entries in a class.
2. If a rider makes a qualified run and the timers fail to work properly, they will be given a re-ride either at that time or drop them to the bottom of the running order. In the event of timer failure, a contestant may have a choice regarding time for their re-ride. They may run immediately or following their run or at the end of the class. If the contestant is the last rider in the event when the timer fails, they will be given 5 minutes to rest their horse. The rider must make a bona-fide attempt in the re-ride and will receive a time even if an automatic penalty or disqualification would normally apply. Note: Deliberate and intentional disqualifications to achieve a fast time will not be tolerated and the decision of the show management will be final.
3. Speed riders must wear a shirt with sleeves and be long enough to be tucked in. Contestants violating this attire will be disqualified.
4. For safety reasons, boots are required for riders to wear while showing including speed classes – the only exception will be the jumper in barrel pick-up.
5. No restraints other than rubber bands on the contestant's feet will be allowed in speed events, without a qualified and approved medical statement from doctor.

BARREL RACE - Horse and rider may enter from either side as long as pattern is not broken, and exit

is made between two front barrels. Knocking over a barrel will result in a 5 second penalty. Touching of the barrel by the rider is permissible.

POLE BENDING – The pole bending pattern is to be run around six (6) poles. Failure to follow the pattern shall cause disqualification. Touching of a pole by rider is permitted. If a pole is knocked over, a 5 second penalty will result. A pole cannot be moved to gain an advantage.

FLAG RACE – Horse and rider may enter from either side if pattern is not broken. Buckets will be plastic of any color. Two 5-gallon buckets with sand filled to meet State Show current guidelines. The bucket must be placed on the inside of the barrel. Upon completion of ride, barrels and buckets must be standing upright. Flag must be in sand inside the bucket. If any barrel or bucket is knocked over, the rider is disqualified. Show official will place flag at the inside edge of the pickup bucket.

JUNIOR/SENIOR SPEED RACE – Horse and rider may enter from either side as long as pattern is not broken. Rider will receive a no time if barrel is knocked over.

KEYHOLE RACE – Keyhole shall consist of a 12-foot circle with a 10 foot long by a 5-foot-wide throat. Horse may enter pattern with a flying start. This is a timed event. Keyhole used will be outlined in white. Horse must turn in circle – not in throat or approach to circle. If a horse steps on or over a line, it will be disqualified, and no time will be given. Show official must stand behind the keyhole or to the side at a safe distance.

BARREL PICK-UP – This race is to be run with a barrel at the opposite end of the arena at least 20 feet from the fence, and the rider may ride to the right or left circling the barrel. The person jumping must mount the horse from the barrel and must be straddle of the horse at the finish line. Persons being picked up must mount unassisted. If the person jumping touches the ground, it will result in disqualification.

PONY BARREL & POLES - Ponies must be 54 inches and under. The rider must be 10 or under. Riders over 10 may ride a pony in their age division. Participants who ride in Pony Barrels or Poles may not ride in Buckaroo Barrels or Poles.

STAKE RACE - The start/finish line is 30 feet wide and marked by two upright markers (cones or pylons) short enough to not interfere with the timer if one is used. Short pylons or cones are recommended. There are two stakes in this event. The stakes shall be 80 feet apart. The first stake shall be 21 feet from the start/finish line and the second stake shall be 101 feet from the start/finish line if arena size permits. The pattern may be shortened depending upon arena size; however, the two stakes must always be placed 80 feet (24.38 m) apart, regardless of the distance between the first stake and the start/finish line. Exhibitor shall cross the start/finish line and run down the right side or left side of the poles to the second pole making either a right- or left-hand turn. Exhibitor shall not cross between the two poles before making the first turn. The exhibitor shall then run to the first pole and make a turn in the opposite direction. Exhibitors must then run back to the second pole and repeat first turn then run straight back down either the left or right side of the poles (opposite side than when first crossing start line and running to second pole) and cross the start/finish line. A no-time is given if either of the upright poles or either of the two upright markers are knocked down.