

Rules Changes for 2020

1. Children of Professionals in All Day and Classic All Day

Adult individuals who share the same residence as a professional or the immediate family of a professional are not allowed to exhibit in the All Day Pleasure or Classic All Day Pleasure classes. Note: Children of professionals *who are 17 or under* are allowed to exhibit their own or immediate family member's horse in All Day Pleasure division. No co-ownership or leases allowed.

2. Showmanship must use halter

F. Special Requirements and Equipment for Halter Division

1. Halter/In hand classes: Mares, stallions and gelding may be shown in bridle or halter. *Showmanship must be shown in halter*

3. Penalty for unacceptable image

Any Flat Shod horse is considered to have an unacceptable image if it exhibits stiff front legs, crampy rear leg motion, laboring, *continuous* stumbling, unevenness in its way of going, quick flipping of its front feet, or landing on its heels, or repeatedly rocks back in the lineup. *A horse which exhibits these traits must be penalized. The degree of penalty shall be at the discretion of the judge and may include disqualification.*

4. Rider's appearance in the saddle

Any bouncing, swaying or undulating motion or exaggeration of the rider should be penalized. Any bumping, pumping or extreme use of aids and body shall also be penalized.

5. Flat Shod Pleasure Racking

Reins may be held in two hands.

6 Crossover in Country Pleasure and Classic Country Pleasure

Country Pleasure horses are not allowed to show in any Classic Park, Lite Shod, Classic Lite Shod, Trail Pleasure, Classic Trail Pleasure, *Classic Country Pleasure*. All Day Pleasure or Classic All Day Pleasure at the same show, but they are eligible to show in, Halter, Showmanship, Equitation and Versatility classes at the same show.

7 All Day Pleasure Division

The pleasure gait must be on a light rein (contact is allowed)

“It is not necessary for this horse to walk or shake” deleted

Academy Division

The Academy Division is a division for beginner riders to compete in a fair and enjoyable manner.

A. Horse Eligibility

- (1) All horses must be Registered Tennessee Walking Horses
- (2) The horse may be regularly used in a lesson program.
- (3) Horses may be owned or leased by the rider; horse and rider to be in an active lesson program.
- (4) Only mares and geldings will be allowed regardless of age of the rider.
- (5) Horses may also enter in regular amateur or open classes while still being eligible for Academy classes.
- (6) Horse's appearance should be neat and clean with ears, legs, face, and bridle path correctly clipped.

B. Rider Eligibility

- (1) Lesson students of any age are eligible.
- (2) Classes are open to riders in their 1st and 2nd year of showing. After 2 years a rider is no longer eligible for Academy competition. (Showing Lead line and Walk Only classes only do not count as showing)
- (3) Riders may participate in non-Academy (other youth/amateur) classes without losing their Academy eligibility as long as they are within the 2 year limit

C. **Required Attire**

- (1) English
 - a. Jodhpurs or breeches in good condition (with tie downs)
 - b. A long sleeve button down shirt with vest and tie
 - c. Paddock or jodhpur boots
 - d. Helmets are required in Academy classes
- (2) Western
 - a. Jeans or dark riding pants
 - b. Button down shirt or western show shirt for girls
 - c. Cowboy boots
 - d. Helmets are required in Academy classes
- (3) Other
 - a. Gloves are optional
 - b. Whips are permitted with English attire
 - c. Spurs are permitted with English or Western attire
 - d. A mixture of English or Western attire or tack is not permitted.
 - e. Ear pieces/ communications devices are not allowed

D. Judging Guidelines

- (1) Riders are allowed to use two hands in western tack regardless of horses' age or bit used.
- (2) Academy should be judged on the combination of horse and rider.
- (3) Consistency, rider's position, manners of the horse and overall appearance of the team are to be judged.
- (4) Riders are required to back in the lineup.
- (5) Judges are encouraged to give riders feedback in the lineup to help participants to learn and improve performance.

Shows are encouraged to offer classes that will fit the need for their area. Classes can be divided into various age groups. Adult classes can be offered where there is a need. Also classes can be divided into Academy Pleasure, Academy Equitation/Horsemanship and

Academy Showmanship. Showmanship and Equitation/Horsemanship will follow the general rules in the WHOA Versatility rule Book) Patterns are not required in Equitation/Horsemanship classes but can be used.