

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

POLICY AND PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023

Items under this heading may be changed by a majority vote at a regular membership meeting or by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee.

The officers and trustees of EUPHA take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation to those who helped make this Association what it is today. EUPHA was organized to provide knowledge and appreciation of horses in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Canada.

This rule book is intended to assist our members and exhibitors in planning for showing horses at our events.

SECTION 1. General Rules:

EUPHA classes are judged according to AQHA rules. Classes not in AQHA handbook, Michigan State 4-H rules will apply. The following rules are also in effect:

- A. All shows require exhibitors to present a current negative Coggins Test for each horse brought on the grounds.
- B. All exhibitors using stalls at the Grounds shall pay a fee for such use and shall clean stall before exiting grounds. A deposit of \$20 shall be collected for haul-ins or stall use and shall be refunded after stall/trailer inspection by an EUPHA Board Member.
- C. All Camping Fees whether camping in designated Kinross Township Camping Area or near horse barns shall pay the Township for Camping Fees as determined by Kinross Township. A representative of the Township will pick-up payment at the Announcer Booth. Envelopes will be available at the Booth.
- D. All exhibitors wishing to accumulate points for awards must be a EUPHA paid member. Points accumulation will be effective at the time the exhibitor is paid member; however, points are not retroactive. Points are accumulated on the horse and rider combination.
- E. Membership fees and exhibitor fees shall be determined annually by the Board.
- F. There shall be no refunds for scratched classes once the show day has commenced. Special exceptions will be made on a case-by-case analysis and final decision will be made by Executive Board.
- G. All Judges will be selected from the current Michigan Approved 4-H Judges list. A judge may judge no more than two years in a row. The judge does not have to stay for speed events with the understanding that one EUPHA Board member or alternate be present and observing to settle disputes. An apprentice judge will be

allowed in the ring, but the apprentice may not discuss the placing in the class with the judge, until the class has been placed and the judge's card turned in.

- H. The ring steward shall not take part in judging or discuss judging procedures with the judge. The steward must remain neutral at all times. The steward is in charge of all activities in the show arena. He or she is to assist the announcer and the gate-person in admitting animals to and from the arena. He or she is to see that all that animals registered in the class are present. He or she is to observe and enforce safety precautions and assist the judge only in situations where decisions of judges are not involved. The judge or steward may call out any exhibitor at any time for improper attire, or horse and tack, for safety reasons.
- I. Any complaint shall be presented to the steward who shall, with the Judge and an Executive Board Member, discuss said complaint and make a decision before the next class has begun.
- J. All protests, not agreed on by all parties in Item J, must be filed with the EUPHA Secretary, or a EUPHA Board Member if he or she is not available, within 48 hours of the show in which it occurred.

A protest or charge must state the full name and address of the accused and contain a complete and definite statement of the act which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the rules are necessary. The maker of the protest must be prepared to substantiate the protest by personal testimony at a hearing or by sworn statements, witnesses or other evidence. The maker of the protest must be an exhibitor or guardian.

A protest shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee, to be refunded in the event the protest is validated.

- K. Exhibitors may show more than one horse in the same event (i.e., halter, showmanship, any in-hand class) if separate entries and separate exhibitor numbers are used. Points are accumulated on the horse and rider combination.
- L. Six places will be awarded in each class.
- M. A pony will be less than 56 inches and a horse will be 54 inches and over. The animal will be designated either horse or pony at the beginning of the season, and must show in that classification for that season. An exhibitor must be 16 years of age or younger to show a pony in **pony** riding classes.
- N. The age of the exhibitor will be determined as of January 1 of that calendar year.
- O. Miniatures will be 38 inches and under. The animal will be designated either a mini or open horse at the beginning of the season, and must remain in that classification for the entire season. The exception is that designated minis are eligible for open driving if that class is offered.

- P. Walk Trot exhibitor/horse combination shall not ride in Walk Trot Canter classes during the same show day. Walk Trot exhibitor/rider combination may move to Walk Trot Canter Classes and back to Walk Trot classes but will not be eligible for year-end awards.
- Q. A Walk Trot exhibitor/horse rider combination may show Walk/Trot Pleasure classes and enter in Speed classes at the Walk Trot Canter.
- R. EUPHA follows AQHA rules and a Level 1 class exhibitor can show any aged horse, two-handed in a snaffle. The following classes are EXCLUDED from this rule:
 - a. Western Pleasure Sweepstakes
 - b. Western Pleasure Senior Horse
 - c. Western Riding
 - d. Reining
 - e. Ranch Trail

Shanked/curbed bits are not able to be shown two-handed, it has to be a snaffle bit or bosal.

- S. Per AQHA Rule SHW320.2 it is mandatory that ASTM/SEI helmets be worn properly in hunter hack for all ages of riders. It is mandatory that an ASTM/SEI helmet be worn by youth riders in all English classes and Speed classes. Helmet must be properly fitted with harness secured.
- T. An Open Class is open to all ages and breeds of horse or pony, and any age rider, with the exception being Walk/Trot exhibitors and Lead Line Exhibitors.
- U. Exhibitors shall be responsible for any damage caused by their animal, whether Township, EUPHA or personal property and shall hold EUPHA harmless.
- V. Improper language or abusive actions towards an animal or person will be cause for disqualification and possible dismissal from class and grounds.
- W. It will be up to the Judge's discretion to close the gate and commencing judging the class if the Announcer calls for a late exhibitor.

SECTION 2: Timed Events (Speed Classes) General Rules:

EUPHA Speed Classes are governed by AQHA rules where applicable. The following General Rules will also apply:

- A. Speed events will not start until after 7:00 p.m. on Friday evenings and Saturday 5:00 p.m.

- B. Main Arena gate shall be closed during exhibitors run and shall remain closed until horse can exit arena at a walk. Main arena will be manually opened and closed beginning and ending of each run.

Exhibitor may start run in safety holding area, but Main Arena gate shall be closed after entering Main Arena during run. Gate keeper shall close gate and stand to side of gate during exhibitor run.

- C. Only the On Deck and In the Hole participating exhibitors will be allowed in the safety holding pen during the class. All other exhibitors shall exit the safety holding pen.
- D. No horses may run more than once in any event, except when involved in a tie, breakage of equipment, or the timer malfunctions.
- E. Courses must be laid out to allow sufficient room for stopping and turning as required in event pattern. There must be an enclosed safety holding area for all speed events of sufficient strength to deter contestants from leaving the area. It must be of snow fence or better. No rope or wire.
- F. In order to keep the show running smoothly and efficiently, contestants will only be called by the announcer two times to run their event. The announcer shall move to the next contestant and no-time entered for missed run.
- G. An electric timer must be used. In case of timer failure, the contestant may run the pattern again.
- H. Western type equipment is required. Bosal, hackamore and any humane bit is allowed. The judge or ringmaster may disqualify any contestant if equipment is considered unsafe or inhumane.
- I. Neat attire and boots required. Western hats and/or safety riding helmets are optional for contestants 19 and over. (Remember, ASTM/SEI helmets are required for all contestants in any Youth English or Youth Speed classes.) No other cap or head covering is allowed for youth.
- J. Two hands may be used anytime the horse is in motion for re-establishing balance and as an aid for stopping. This rule applies to speed events only. Excessive spurring, whipping, etc. will not be permitted. No hitting allowed in front of the cinch.
- K. Only horse show officials and designated volunteers should be allowed in the timing booth during running of timed events.
- L. An Exhibitor will be disqualified for not following the designated pattern, breaking of timer, loss of forward motion or falling off of horse.

SECTION 3: EUPHA Membership Awards:

To be eligible for year-end awards the exhibitor of the horse must be a EUPHA member before points will be counted towards year end awards. Points are counted from the date membership through that membership year.

- A. Points are awarded to each horse and rider combination. You must be a EUPHA member to be eligible. Every pointed show will count toward year-end awards. Exhibitor receives one (1) point for every competitor that it beats in a class, with no limit on the number of points allowable, including one point for the exhibitor's self. If a person scratches from a class prior to the start of the class, no points are awarded against the individual that scratched. If an exhibitor is registered in the class and enters the arena, it is counted towards year end point, even if they are disqualified or excuse themselves from the class.

- B. The method used to break a tie for the year-end awards shall be:
 - i. Points received times number of exhibitors in the class; and
 - ii. The horse showing against the greater number of exhibitors.

- C. Year End Awards will be presented by Division given the financial status of the Association. The Divisions are as follows:
 - i. Pleasure Divisions:
 - 1. Walk Trot Youth
 - 2. Walk Trot Adult
 - 3. Youth 13 & Under
 - 4. Youth 14-19
 - 5. Adult 20 & Over

 - ii. Speed Division:
 - 1. Youth 13 & Under
 - 2. Youth 14-19
 - 3. Adult 20 & Over

SECTION 4: Responsibility

EUPHA will not be liable for any loss, personal injury, or damage to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for any injury that may be caused to any person whosoever by a horse(s) owned or exhibited by him and shall indemnify the management against all legally established claims or damages of any kind or nature that grows out of any horse owned by him or arises from the negligence of the person in charge of such horse.

EUPHA sponsors, and/or agents ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE for any injury or damage to any participant, animal, or spectator, nor for any lost or stolen articles. Events held by EUPHA are protected under PA 351, the MI Equine Activity Liability Act.

SECTION 5: Registry Requirement

All horses to be entered in a registered class must show registration papers or proper photocopy of the same. In case of weanlings who have not received their registration papers by show time, proof that the foal is eligible to be registered must be shown. Properly filled out signed Breeder's Certificate and/or properly filled out signed Registration Application form from a recognized breed registry or photocopy of the same. Grade horses must not have previously shown in a registered class.

SECTION 6: Discipline

A recognized show reserves the right to refuse any entry of an exhibitor who has shown an objectionable attitude towards a given show or to its management, officials or employees. It is within the jurisdiction of a recognized show to disqualify an exhibitor and/or his entries and to cause his/her to forfeit his/her winnings, ribbons, and/or points at the show and for cause to have the horses removed from the grounds without being liable for damage. All such disqualified persons must be report to EUPHA. In addition, these persons may be suspended and/or expelled from EUPHA.

SECTION 7: Roberts Rules of Order

Meetings of EUPHA will be run on the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order. Re-votes will not be allowed on any issue once it has been voted on and approved. A topic can only be re-opened if the person had voted initially on that topic and has the support of at least 2/3 of the membership.

SECTION 8: Appointed Committees:

The President shall designate a chairman for the following but not limited to the following:

- A. Judges
- B. Show Bill
- C. Banquet
- D. Awards
- E. Promotional/Advertising
- F. Points
- G. Clinic
- H. Speed
- I. Good Cheer and Nominating