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RULE BOOK

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MEMBERSHIP

1. Dues: The annual dues for show members shall be as follows:
 - a. \$15 for an individual rider
 - b. \$25 for a family membership
 - i. For the purposes of the GRHSA “Family” shall include the following: Husband, wife, step-parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather and in-laws of the same relation as stated above. Any exceptions must be presented to the GRHSA Secretary for approval.
 - c. \$5 per pony/horse
 - d. \$25 for a barn membership to include all ponies/horses owned by the barn. Names and information for each pony/horse must be submitted to the GRHSA for proper recording.
2. Annual dues are to be paid in full before a rider/pony/horse competes in the current show season. If dues are not paid by this time then any points earned will not be counted towards year end high awards.
3. The Board of Directors may revoke membership if it is found that there is a violation of the rules and regulations. Dues will not be refunded if membership is revoked.

COGGINS

A current copy of a negative coggins for each horse/pony must be submitted prior to competing at your first show of the season. You must also keep a current copy with you at all shows. It must be presented to show management at anytime they request it.

Department of Agriculture Regulation AHD 10, Sec 10.2 – “All horses to be assembled at a Recognized Show must be accompanied by a report of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia conducted within twelve (12) months prior to such. Failure to furnish such test reports when requested shall exclude such horses from such events.”

DEFINITION OF HORSE AND PONY

The term “horse” as used in these rules denotes either a horse or pony. When the term “horse” or “pony” is used or intended in prize lists and catalogues of Recognized Shows where height is one of the qualifications of the class, the word “horse” shall designate animals over 14.2 hands except registered Appaloosas, Arabians, Half-Arabians, Morgans, Palominos, Pintos, Quarter Horses and Western Horses. A mature horse is one over 4 years of age.

If an animal 14.2 hands or under is eligible to compete as a horse in any one of the aforementioned divisions, it may also compete as a horse in other appropriate classes. It may not, however, compete as a horse in one class and a pony in another class at the same show. Once an animal is shown in a class restricted to horses it cannot be shown as a pony the same year.

SOUNDNESS

Unless specific division rules state otherwise, all animals must be serviceably sound for competition purposes, i.e., such animal must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind. Animals with complete loss of sight in either eye may be found serviceably sound at the Judge’s discretion, except in classes over fences where a Judge may ask a rider to change horses.

INTERRUPTION OF PROCEDURE

In the event that a show is stopped while in program due to a storm or other emergency, the decision as to its continuance shall rest with the Show Management. If classes are postponed to a day not included in the original show dates, exhibitors are entitled to a refund of entry fees in the classes postponed and are relieved of any obligation to show back in postponed classes.

FALLS

1. A rider is considered to have fallen when he or she is separated from his or her horse, that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.
2. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.
3. In all classes, the fall of horse and/or rider shall disqualify the entry.

ATTIRE

It is the tradition of the show ring that riders be correctly attired for the class in question, hair neat and restrained, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses properly presented. Riders must wear appropriate jackets. Jackets will only be allowed to be removed in the ring by permission from the judge. And only if the rider is wearing a short or long sleeved shirt. Riders must wear approved protective head gear when mounted. This includes inside and outside the show ring. A rider will be disqualified and possibly barred from showing for not wearing the protective headgear. Assigned numbers must be clearly visible at all times while in the show ring.

Exception: Leadline – All leadline participants must be neatly dressed. Full attire is not required. Riding boots and proper protective headgear must be worn. Assigned numbers must be clearly visible at all times.

APPEARANCE OF HORSE

Horses must be properly groomed prior to competing. Any change in color or markings other than mane, tail or hoof is prohibited. Only clear grooming materials are allowed on the hide and hair. Materials may be used to remove stains. All artificial appliances other than those allowed by Division rules are prohibited. Bandages, tailsets, chains or other training devices are prohibited.

USE OF CROPS

No item may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a horse except one crop per rider. The only exception is the LeadLine division in which a lead line/rope is permitted.

RECORDING OF HORSES

1. The GRHSA maintains the only official record of winnings of horses at all GRHSA Shows. To keep these records complete a horse must be recorded with the GRHSA in the same name under which it is being exhibited.
2. **Transfer of Ownership.** Ownership of GRHSA recorded horse/pony may be transferred without affecting points. Written notification must be given to the GRHSA Secretary prior to the horse

competing under the new ownership. (See Appendix A). Note the points will follow the horse and not stay with the original owner.

3. **Change of Name.** The recorded name of a horse may be changed by submission of a written statement to the GRHSA Secretary. Must include the previous name and the current name. (See Appendix A)
4. **High Score Awards.** No points will be credited to horses towards a High Score until they are recorded and unless they are entered under their official recorded names and ownership. The responsibility for such recording shall rest entirely with the exhibitor.

JUDGES

All judges must adhere to the same rules and regulations as stated in the current VHSA Rule Book. Please refer to www.vhsa.com for the most current set of rules.

CLASS DEFINITIONS

1. **LEADLINE** is open to riders through age 7 who have not previously shown in any trotting or canter class. They may ride ponies or horses. Points are based on attendance. One point is given for each show attended. Year end ribbons will be awarded. No trophies or prizes will be awarded.
2. **PRE SHORT STIRRUP** is open only to Junior members who have not reached their 13th birthday as of December 1st of the current show year and will not be showing in any canter class. Will consist of 3 classes. Two flat and one over fences. Fences: 18". Riders are not allowed to canter or will be subject to disqualification.
3. **SHORT STIRRUP** will be judged as a Hunter division. For GRHSA the points will be on the rider. For those riders also competing in VHSA the points will be on the pony throughout the year. It will be the responsibility of the rider to ensure they ride the same pony for VHSA. They will also be awarded points as a rider for GRHSA regardless of the pony they ride. Short stirrup is open to Junior members who have not reached their 13th birthday as of December 1st of the current show year. Rider **MUST** canter but can trot lead changes. Horse/Riders may cross enter into Pleasure classes only at any show in which they exhibit in the Short Stirrup Division for VHSA and into Pleasure and Novice Equitation classes for GRHSA. The jump height for this division shall be at least four fences at 18" and may include a change of direction. The Short Stirrup division cannot be combined with any other VHSA Associate High Score Award Division.
4. **PLEASURE PONY** is open to all Junior members on ponies. Ponies are shown at a walk, trot and canter. They will be judged on manners, performance, quality and suitability of pony to rider, with emphases on suitability and manners.
5. **NOVICE EQUITATION** is open to Junior and Amateur riders on horses or ponies showing in classes with fence heights of 2' or lower. Fences will be 18" or 2'. The division may be split at the Show Management or Judges discretion. All points will be combined at the end of the show regardless of jump height. Rider may only jump one height per day in this division or all points earned will be disqualified.
6. **STUDENT HUNTER** is open to Junior's or Amateurs on horses or ponies and will jump a course of 6 fences of 2' or 2'3". All points will be combined at the end of the show regardless of jump height. Rider may only jump one height per day in this division or all points earned will be disqualified.
7. **CHILDREN'S PONY** is open to ponies ridden by Junior members who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. Please note this is not a VHSA class. Fences 2'3" and 2'6".
8. **GRHSA/VHSA ASSOCIATION PONY EQUITATION** is open to GRHSA and associate Junior members who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. Judged on hands, seat and control. At least one quarter of riders must return on the flat. Fences: Small 2',

Medium 2'3" & Large 2'6". Rider may only jump one height per day in this division or all points earned will be disqualified.

9. **PLEASURE HORSE** is open to all horses. Junior and Senior may be split. Points will be split into separate divisions for Junior and Senior. Please make sure the GRHSA secretary has accurate recording of junior versus senior.
10. **SPECIAL HUNTER** is open to horses and ponies. Adults may ride ponies. Fences: 2' or 2'3". The division may be split at the Show Management or Judges discretion. All points will be combined at the end of the show regardless of jump height. Rider may only jump one height per day in this division or all points earned will be disqualified.
11. **BABY GREEN HUNTER** is open to horses and ponies in their first or second year of jumping. Adults may ride ponies. Fences: 2'.
12. **GREEN PONY/HORSE** is open to Junior's on ponies in the first year of showing and any rider on horses in their first or second year of showing over fences at or above 2'6". Fences are small 2'; medium 2'3", large 2'6" and horses 2'6". For VHSA points, adults may not ride ponies.
13. **OPEN WORKING HUNTER** is open to all horses. Horses may cross enter in any other division. Fences: 2'6" or 3'. Rider may only jump one height per day in this division or all points earned will be disqualified.
14. **CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTER** is open to Juniors and Adult Amateurs and horses only. Entries may be split at show manager's discretion. Fences 2'6" or 3'. Rider may only jump one height per day in this division or all points earned will be disqualified.
15. **GRHSA/VHSA ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S/ADULT EQUITATION** is the same as GRHSA/VHSA Association Pony Equitation except open to horses ridden by Junior or Adult Amateurs. Class may be split if entries warrant. Fences: 2'6" or 3'. Rider may only jump one height per day in this division or all points earned will be disqualified. For accurate recording of points with VHSA please provide all necessary information for other Associations to the GRHSA Secretary.
16. **CALIFORNIA WARM-UP**. A one time class that can be used in the afternoon only as a "practice" trip. This is for exhibitors who did not arrive at the show in time to school prior to the division starting. Please inform the gate attendant that your first trip in the ring is a warm-up and not to be judged. May only be requested one time per show and only in the afternoon.

PRIZE RIBBONS

Six ribbons will be awarded in all classes. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in all divisions except Leadline where points are based on attendance. For those riders who have registered for points prior to competing for points the values are:

Champion: 10 points

Reserve Champion: 6 points

1st: 5 points

2nd: 3 points

3rd: 2 points

4th: 1 point

5th: 0 points

6th: 0 points

HIGH AWARDS

The following divisions have GRHSA year end points applied to the rider so as long as the rider has registered for cumulative points. The rider may use more than one pony/horse throughout the year in the below divisions. However, they may only enter a division once or all points will be disqualified for the day.

Pre Short Stirrup	Assoc Child/Ad Eq	Novice Equitation
Short Stirrup*	Student Hunter	Assoc Pony Eq

**Short Stirrup – VHSA points will only count if you ride the same pony throughout the entire show season. For GRHSA you can change ponies. To be recorded with VHSA you cannot change ponies.*

The following divisions have GRHSA year end points which apply to the pony/horse and NOT the rider as long as the pony/horse has registered for cumulative points. The points sheet will reflect the owner's name and not an individual rider. It is the owner's responsibility to appoint the year end rider to receive any awards earned. The pony/horse may only be entered in a division once or all points will be disqualified for the day.

Pleasure Pony	Special Hunter	Green Pony/Horse
Open Working Hunter	Children's Pony	Green Hunter
Junior/Senior Pleasure	Children/Adult Hunter	Baby Green Hunter

1. The winner of the Year End High Award will be that rider or animal (based on division) which scores the highest number of points in its classification at member shows from a time period of January 1 through October 31st.
2. **To be eligible for a high award a horse or rider MUST be registered with the GRHSA prior to competing and the owner must be an individual member in good standing. Points won previous to the date the horse or rider became a member WILL NOT count.** Ownership of an animal may be transferred during the competition without affecting the animal's score. Any award earned will be given to the new owner. Any points earned as a rider will stay with the original owner/rider.
3. **It is up to the exhibitor to rectify their point discrepancies.** Please submit a request form (see Appendix B) to the GRHSA Secretary no later than 15 days upon completion of the last scheduled show of the season. Any requests received after this date will not be reviewed. Please use the provided points tracking sheet throughout the show year. Copies should be available at every show or by contacting the GRHSA secretary. It is highly suggested you use this form to record points received at each show.
4. No credit will be given for a division which has less than 3 entries. The only exception is the LeadLine division as points are based on attendance.

Appendix A
Horse Change Request Form

Amy Barlow, Secretary
3515 Pease Road
Midlothian, VA 23112

Please use this form and complete all applicable sections to update any information with the GRHSA Secretary concerning your horse. Please note that some information will not be accepted. You will be notified if information is not able to be updated and the reason why.

Date _____

Type of Request:

Name Change Ownership Change

Horse's Original Recorded Name : _____

Horse's New Recorded Name: _____

Reason for change: _____

Original Owner Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (including area code): _____

New Owner Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (including area code): _____

Barn where horse will be stabled: _____

Note that you must submit this form for any cumulative points to follow the horse during a change

Appendix B
Points Discrepancy Form

Please use the following form no later than 15 days upon the completion of the last scheduled show of the season to the GRHSA Secretary for an audit of your points. Please complete all sections below. Any incomplete forms or forms received late will not be reviewed and the points will remain "as is".

Date: _____

Name of Person making request: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (including area code): _____

Email: _____

Rider/Horse/Pony Name to be audited: _____

Division you wish to have audited. (If more than one, please complete a separate form)

Reason for your request. Please be as detailed as possible and print clearly. Use the back of this form if necessary.

If you have used the Points Tracking Form throughout the season please attach a copy to this request form.

To the best of my knowledge the above statement is true and accurate. Upon completion of the audit if the results are not satisfactory then I understand a request can be made to Elaine Wilson, President of the GRHSA.

Signature of person making request

Date

Please mail this form to:
Amy Barlow, Secretary
GRHSA
3515 Pease Road
Midlothian, VA 23112

Secretary Use Only:
Date Received: _____
Results: _____

Notice to requestor sent Y/N Date: _____