



# Central Arkansas Horse Show Association



## CONSTITUTION (REVISED MARCH 2008)

### 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 in the By-Laws.

#### *Section 2. Dues*

The annual dues shall be \$40.00 for a family and \$30.00 for an individual. Membership for each year will begin January 1 and end December 31. A family shall mean 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.

#### *Section 3. Expulsion*

The board members shall have the power to drop from the membership any member which has failed to comply with the association rules, by-laws and regulations of this association.

#### *Section 4. Voting Privileges*

Any person age 19 and over 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.

### ARTICLE 4 – EXECUTIVE BOARD & OFFICERS

The business and property of the Central Arkansas Horse Show Association shall be managed and controlled by the board of directors and elected officers. 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.

Officers will be nominated by the board as well as accepting nominations from the floor at the annual general membership meeting.

President: Shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting in conjunction with the Awards Banquet. 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.



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First & Second 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: 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: 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 meeting in conjunction with the Awards Banquet.

Board Members At Large: Members will be nominated to serve as members at large on the board. The entire board shall not exceed 15 members.

## ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

### *Section 1. Annual Meetings -*

Each year an annual general membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Awards Banquet 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 new officers for the new year. The President, as deemed necessary in order 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, may be amended or altered only by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Rule and By-Law meeting. All members must be a paid member in good standing of the Association. The board shall have the authority



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to amend or alter Article 10 Show Rules with a 75% approval of the current seated board members.

## 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 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 when due. The Association mandatory classes will include 75% of the State Show Classes plus classes approved by the board.

### *Section 2. State Show Director*

The Association 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 meetings, usually held in Little Rock, as necessary or required.

### *Section 3. State Show Entries*

The Secretary will keep points on the riders in the classes that are State Show Classes to determine the top five in each class that will be eligible to compete in the Arkansas State Championship Horse Show. The Association Secretary 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).

## ARTICLE 10 - SHOW RULES

### *Section 1. Gate & Entry Fees*

\*Gate fees will be \$2 per person and must be paid at the gate.

\*Entry fees for most classes will be \$4. Barrel Pick-Up will be that same amount for each rider. Exhibition Classes will be \$5.

### *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*

We have classes for four (4) age groups: Pee-Wee (0- 10 Years of Age), Buckaroo (13 and under), Junior (14-18), and 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; boys pleasure or 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



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only exception will be in Junior Reining. Riders in the buckaroo and junior divisions will be allowed to ride a stud in speed events. The same horse cannot be ridden but once in each class including exhibition classes.

## Section 4. Schedule of Classes

The show schedule will include all of the following classes but not always in this order. The first seven classes will always occur in this sequence. The remaining classes 8 – 34 will follow a rotation basis.

### **CLASSES**

1. JUNIOR REINING\*
  2. SENIOR REINING\*
  3. LEAD-IN
  4. WALK-TROT (10 & UNDER)\*
  5. QUEENS CLASS\*
  6. PONY CLASS\*
  7. 2 YEAR OLD SNAFFLE BIT\* **(ONLY AT THE LAST 5 SHOWS)**
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8. KEYHOLE\*
  9. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE\*
  10. LADIES GAITED\*
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11. MENS WESTERN PLEASURE\*
  12. JR SPEED\* (18 & UNDER)
  13. SR SPEED\*
  14. JR GIRLS WESTERN PLEASURE\*
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15. EXHIBITION POLES (ONE RIDE ALLOWED TO EACH HORSE/PONY)
  16. PONY POLES\* (Ages 10 & under –Pony 52" or under)
  17. BUCKAROO POLES \*
  18. JUNIOR POLES\*
  19. SENIOR POLES\*
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20. YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP\* (14-18 YEARS OF AGE)
  21. SLOW GAITED\*
  22. BARREL PICKUP\* (ANY AGE, HORSE OR PONY)
  23. LADIES WESTERN PLEASURE\*
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24. EXHIBITION BARRELS (ONE RIDE ALLOWED TO EACH HORSE/PONY)
  25. PONY BARRELS\* (Ages 10 & under –Pony 52" or under)
  26. BUCKAROO BARRELS \*
  27. JUNIOR BARRELS\*
  28. SENIOR BARRELS\*
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29. JR. WESTERN HORSE\*
  30. MENS GAITED\*
  31. BUCKAROO HORSEMANSHIP\* (13 & UNDER)
  32. JR. FLAGS\* (18 & UNDER)
  33. SR. FLAGS\*
  34. JR BOYS WESTERN PLEASURE\*

\*-Classes in which the top 5 year end point earners will be eligible to compete in the Arkansas State Horse Show.



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## **Section 5. POINTS**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 4 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 3 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 2 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 point

\*\*Judges will be asked to place 7 exhibitors in each class. This will be done in an effort to be able to award members points when nonmembers are showing at our shows. If a nonmember places higher than a member then points can be adjusted to allow the members who placed to receive the points to qualify for the state show.

## **ARTICLE 11: JUDGES**

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

- A. A Judge shall not appear on the show or contestant 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. Changes adopted each year by the AQHA will also be adopted by CAHSA.
2. Exhibitor numbers may be worn on back or on both sides of the saddle pad and must be in place before entering the arena. Please make sure the judge will have a clear view of the number. Those entering the show ring without a number will not be judged. Those entering the arena with wrong number will be disqualified.
3. No sleeveless or spaghetti strap shirts may be worn while showing.
4. 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.
5. No lounging will be allowed in the arena during warm-up time before the shows. Lounging should take place in the warm-up areas or in an empty area on the horse show grounds.



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## JUDGED EVENTS – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All riders, with the exception of Ladies Gaited Pleasure, must wear hats in judged events. Hats are optional in the ladies gaited class.
2. Any class over 20 riders will be split into two groups then a work off group for the finals.

QUEEN'S CLASS-Contestants must be 21 years and under. Married, widowed or divorced contestants are not eligible. Must be female at birth and never given birth to a child. The judge shall judge as follows: 50% on appearance, 30% on rider horsemanship, and 20% on horse.

PONY CLASS- Ponies are to be 52 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 52" 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 work a pattern first then work on the rail. The pattern will be posted at 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 correspond with the show number (i.e. Show 3 will be reining pattern 3).

WESTERN PLEASURE – AQHA rules will apply. Only one hand may be used unless otherwise specified. Horses shown in 2 Year Old Snaffle Bit and Junior Horse 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.

2 YEAR OLD SNAFFLE BIT-A 5 minute warm-up will be allowed prior to this class. Horses that have been previously shown in anything other than a snaffle bit or bosal are ineligible. Horses are to be shown in standard, plan, or silver headstalls, smooth snaffle bit with broken mouthpiece (conventional)-ring, egg butt, or D-ring, with ring no larger than 4" (four) and no smaller than 2". A loose curb strap is optional and must be attached below the reins. Standard, leather, or woven, split reins are mandatory. Hair reins are not permitted with snaffle bits. All horses must be judged at the walk, jog, lope, and back as on all transitions between gaits. Horses must work both ways of the ring at three gaits. Horse must be shown with a non-mechanical hackamore or snaffle bit to AQHA regulation.

GAITED PLEASURE – 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 conformation 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.

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. Horses will be shown with split reins and with one hand only. No colored brow bands or ribbons are permitted. No cavesons 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.

WALK-TROT – The rider will be ten (10) years old or younger and the horse must be over 52" in height. The horse will be judged at a walk and trot.



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OPEN HUNTER UNDER SADDLE – AQHA rules apply. Hunters 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, at all times, 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.

## **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 will be given a re-ride either at that time or drop them to the bottom of the running order.
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 would be the jumper in barrel pick-up.

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 (at State Show a disqualification). 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 disqualified. Touching of a pole by rider is permitted. If a pole is knocked over a 5 second penalty will result.

FLAG RACE – Horse and rider may enter from either side as long as pattern is not broken. Buckets will be plastic of any color. Two 5 gallon buckets filled to three inches from the top of the bucket. 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. Judge will place flag in center 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. Judge 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 astraddle 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 52 inches and under. The rider must be 10 or under. Riders of 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.