

## Hants County Fall Finale General Performance Rules 2023

1. Stalls will be allotted with paid entries only. Please note if you want to be stabled together, state with whom and we will make every effort to accommodate requests but make no guarantees. We reserve the right to refuse any entry. Entries will be accepted without late fees until October 1<sup>st</sup> or stalls are full whichever comes first.
2. Show fees are required when submitting your show form (E-Transfers are preferred). Stalls are not assigned until entries are paid regardless of order received.
3. If you cancel prior to two weeks to the show the fees will be refunded; minus admin fee. Cancellations within one week from the show without proof of medical/veterinary necessity will not be refunded.
3. Tack stalls will only be assigned if available. They can be paid at the show office upon arrival.
4. Insurance is MANDATORY (Equestrian Nova Scotia, homeowners, etc.). Proof of insurance must accompany the entry forms if private insurance. No entry will be considered complete without this.
5. Exhibitors are responsible to be ready when the class is called, if you are not ready when the class is called and the gate closes you will be disqualified from the class. No refund will be given for missed classes.
6. All youth 18 and under must wear a helmet at all times they are mounted.
7. Exhibitor ages will be based on the age as of January 1st of that year.
8. Exhibitors are encouraged to use their own back numbers if available. Numbers must be noted on the entry form, always worn and visible. Proper Western show attire must be worn in all classes.
9. Participants are required to clean (strip) their stall prior to leaving the grounds along with the space directly in front of their stall. We arranged to have onsite cleaning available for an additional fee – see our Facebook page for information regarding this.
10. Any act deemed as abusive towards an animal or individual is strictly prohibited and shall allow for immediate expulsion from the show grounds with no refund of fees paid.
11. All patterns will be posted on Facebook no sooner than one week prior to the show; can be emailed if requested.
12. No stallions are permitted to compete in youth classes, green rider, walk-jog or novice classes. Stallions may only be shown by a senior exhibitor (19 & over).
13. Junior or Senior horse classification is based on the age of the horse. Junior horses are classified as 5 years old and younger; Senior horses are classified at 6 years old and older as of January 1st of that year.
14. Division of groups is as follows:
  - Lead Line - 8 and under - riders must always have a leader when on the horse
  - Small Fry - 13 and under walk jog classes only with the exception of the Small Fry Barrel Race / Dash For Cash classes; these are the only time Small Fry exhibitors will be permitted to lope.
  - Green Rider/Horse Performance Division – beginner rider/horse only to do walk/jog classes.
  - Novice Horse/Rider - designed for beginner horses/riders, those who have ridden but limited training and/or those with very little show experience. Novice is two hands, any age horse with a snaffle bit or shank. These are a Walk, Jog, Lope classes and an excellent step up from walk jog divisions.
  - Youth 14-18
  - Open
15. Small Fry can ride with two hands any age horse with a snaffle bit or shank.

16. Green Horse/ Rider Classes are for beginner riders that are eligible. These classes will be walk/jog only and anyone showing in this division cannot cross enter except for Showmanship and Halter. Participants may ride with two hands and a snaffle bit or Bosal or with one hand with a standard western bit as approved by AQHA equipment rules on any aged horse in this class only.

17. Reining class rules are as follows:

- Green Rider – May use one or two hands on the reins with any legal bit. Must not change hands or switch from one to two hands during pattern. Four spins and flying lead changes are required. All other NRHA rules apply.

- Green Horse – May use one or two hands on the reins with any legal bit. Must not change hands or switch from one to two hands during the pattern. Four spins and flying lead changes are required. All other NRHA rules apply.

- Youth 18 & Under – Same rules as other youth classes. Four spins, two hands and a snaffle may be used on junior horses only.

- Open – four spins, two hands and a snaffle may be used on Junior horses only.

- Open Reining Stake – four spins, two hands and a snaffle may be used on Junior horse only.

18. Cross entering between Ranch and other classes. Youth are allowed in Open classes. Small Fry and Green can show higher in showmanship if they like.

19. There is no penalty on banding, hoof blackening, etc. to cross into or out of Ranch classes in any division.

20. Stake payouts: 1st – 38% 2nd – 22% 3rd – 15% 4th – 11% 5th- 8% 6th 6%

- Exhibitor must show a minimum of three other classes throughout the weekend to enter and receive funds from an added stake class.

- 50% of stake class entry fees added to the payout.

21. The High Point Awards will be:

Lead line – 26, 54

Small Fry – 4, 20, 27, 65

Green Rider/Horse- 6, 21, 28, 66

Novice- 8, 22, 29, 67

Youth – 10, 23, 30, 68

Open- 12, 24, 31, 69

22. The Ranch High Point Awards will be:

Small Fry - 5, 33, 58

Novice - 9, 35, 61

Youth 18&Under - 11, 36, 62

Open - 13, 37, 63

There will be no Green High Point in ranch because ranch must lope in patterns.

23. The judge's decision is final.

24. Any class or division with less than 3 entries may be combined or cancelled at the Show Management's discretion. Concurrently run classes will be placed separately.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to the show committee.