2023 MN POAC SHOW RULES

GENERAL SHOW RULES:

- Entries and stall reservations are due 7 days before the start of the show or a $25 per exhibitor late fee will be assessed.
- All MN POAC shows will start at 7:30 AM sharp. The arena will be open on Friday evening and prior to 7:00 am on the day of the show for warm up.
- POAC National rules will apply at all MN POAC. Any point that comes up not specifically covered in these rules will be ruled by the Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD decision is final.
- The MN POAC Show Committee reserves the right to combine or split classes as size warrants. The Show Committee also has the right to run classes simultaneously at the direction of the Show Committee in like classes.
- There will be no warm ups for longeline, JPFC or Futurity Classes.
- Any person acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a matter contrary to the Rules of the POAC, or in a manner deemed un-sportsmanship-like, improper, unethical, dishonest, or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interests of the POAC, shall be reported to the POAC and subject to disciplinary procedures.
- All patterns will be posted on the MN POAC Facebook page and website prior to the show.
- Cross over of entries is allowed for POAC non-pointed NOVICE classes, WJ/WT, SELECT and OPEN Classes.
- To enter the NON PRO POAC pointed classes you must show a NON PRO card issued by POAC stating whether you are walk/trot or 3 gait.
- No rider may enter the same class in 6 & Under and 9 & Under. If exhibiting in 9 & Under WT pleasure, cannot exhibit in 9 & Under three gait classes.
- Designation Forms: A completed Designation Form MUST be in show office on any POA ridden by more than one rider in same type class, different age groups except for rider classes for POAC Points. A pony may be ridden by more than one rider in a POAC pointed class, provided that the riders are in different age divisions. It MUST be specified on a POAC point designation sheet before the show begins from which division the pony will receive points, or all points will be forfeited. The designation sheet must include the pony's name, the riders' names, and the name of each class entered. This also includes 19 & Over riders. LEADLINE classes 6 & Under are exempt from designations.
- Approved safety helmets are required in hunt rail classes, all gymkhana, and jumping events for 18 & Under and all gymkhana events for 19 & Over.
- Shows with high point awards will post the criteria used for the high point award calculations on the MN POAC website, the MN POAC Facebook Page and at the show.
- All tack changes will be declared to the gate person prior to the class or the gate will be closed.
- The grounds and MN POAC are not responsible for any injuries or theft.
- The camping fees are one unit per plug in. If more than one unit is connected, you will be charged a second camping fee.
- NUMBERS MUST be worn on each side of the horse or pony in all mounted classes.
- State Health Guidelines recommended while on the show grounds.

SHOW NUMBER REGISTRATION:

- You must register each year to obtain your show numbers for each pony/rider combination. The fee for your exhibitor numbers is $5.00 per pony/rider combination if sent in ahead of the show and $10.00 per pony/rider combination if obtained at the show. If you want a specific number, the request MUST be made by April 1; after that numbers will be issued in sequence. No exceptions. Number fee must accompany request and all information submitted to receive number.
- A copy of the registration papers, a copy of the negative Coggin's Test, and the appropriate fee per number must be attached to the completed show number registration form before a number will be issued. This form can be obtained on the MN POAC website and the MN POAC Facebook Page.

- MN POAC members may renew their numbers from year to year, but will still be charged the $5.00 fee. If this is the case, please make note of this on the registration form.
- Numbers issued in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota may be used at MN POAC shows.

SHOW FEES:
- **B&P SHOWS:**
  - Class Fee: $4 per class per judge *(plus $1 to POAC assessment)* for a total of $5 per class per judge
  - National Fee: $7 per pony per judge
  - MN POAC Fee: $5 per pony per judge
  - Equipment Fee: $5 per pony (trail, jumping and games)

STALLING:
- Stall reservation forms will be available electronically and in hard copy for those choosing not to do electronic entries. Hard copy forms will be available upon request. Stalls will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Showing out of the trailer is NOT allowed at the Minnesota Equestrian Center (MEC) and Simon Arena.
- Two bags of Shavings will be included in each stall reserved and additional shavings will be available to purchase at each show by contacting the Show Chair.
- Anyone putting anything in an unrented, open stall will be charged a full stall rental fee for that stall.

MEASURING:
- All ponies that are ages 5 & Under and those ages 6 & Over who do not have a Permanent Height Card (PHC) must be measured.
- Measuring times will be announced prior to the show and will take place the evening before the start of the show. If this is not possible, you must notify the inspector to coordinate inspection for the morning of the show. Our inspectors are volunteers and need time to get their own ponies and exhibitors ready for the show.
- Ponies ages 6 & Over who have a PHC card must provide a copy with the Show Number Registration Form.

NOVICE:
- NOVICE exhibitors must be 18 years and under as of January 1st of the current calendar year and a member in good standing.
- An exhibitor is a NOVICE until they accumulate 1,000 points (age 10-18) or 1,500 points (age 9 & under) in POAC approved shows.
- NOVICE exhibitors must have earned less than 20 points in AQHA, APHA, ApHC, PtHA, and other breed associations NOT including small fry division points.
- Exhibitors participating in NOVICE classes may also exhibit in NON-NOVICE classes at all 2022 MN POAC shows including the 2023 MW Regional Show.
- The intent of this Novice Program is for those new to showing horses in horse/pony competitions. We will entrust in the honor system for this program.

HIGH POINT AWARDS:
- The exhibitor and owner must be a member of the MN POAC to be eligible for Year-End and High Point Awards sponsored by the MN POAC and must enter in 51 percent of classes offered in that division for each show (Regional Show excluded).
- You must designate which POAC pointed division you will compete for High Point for, if riding in multiple divisions with the same pony/rider or horse/rider combination. Anyone can compete for High Point in the non-POAC pointed divisions
- WALK TROT, NOVICE, SELECT, and OPEN classes are non-POAC pointed classes but count for high point awards. Cross entering from POAC pointed classes and competing for high points in non-pointed classes are allowed. Non-POAC pointed classes are open to all breeds, solids, and over-heights. All other classes are open to registered POAs only.

YEAR END AWARDS:
- The exhibitor and owner must be a member of the MN POAC to be eligible for year-end awards sponsored by the MN POAC.
- A resident of another state may be eligible for year-end awards sponsored by the MN POAC, provided they are MN POAC members.
- New memberships will be accepted at any time throughout the year.
- MN POAC dues must be received prior to the first show an exhibitor competes at in order to receive points for that show.
- Points will be accumulated at shows following payment of membership dues.
- A pony or member must show under 51 percent or more judges at MN POAC pointed shows during the 2023 show season (including MN POAC sponsored and MN POAC pointed shows) to be eligible for participation awards or graduating senior awards. A pony/rider combination must show under 51 percent or more of the judges to be eligible for year-end awards in a given division, with the exception of in-hand and JPFC awards which are based on pony points and the equitation awards.

SHOW RESULTS:
- Unofficial show results will be posted on the MN POAC website after completion of each show.