



## UPHA Chapter 13

### Academy Program Rules and Guidelines

## Riders:

These Guidelines have been developed by the UPHA Chapter 13 Academy Committee. We urge all horse shows within our chapter that offer Academy classes to follow these rules and guidelines in the interest of continuity and fairness to all exhibitors.

Academy Classes are open to riders who actively participate in a lesson program (with an instructor that teaches more than one student and accepts remuneration for such) provided they have not shown in any division at any show with the exception of 4H and academy or academy tournament shows. Tournament shows may provide Show Rider classes for those riders who do compete at shows (other than 4H or academy). All riders must participate in a lesson program and show under an instructor.

UPHA Chapter 13 will provide ribbons and insurance for tournaments run by chapter members following these guidelines.

- Riders age will be determined by USEF Rules (December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year).
- Riders who have previously shown other than Academy and/or 4 H regardless of seat shown are not eligible for Academy classes. Exceptions can be made for Adult riders who have had at least a ten year break from showing in performance or academy.
- Riders who have cantered at any show or tournament, recognized, or non-recognized are not eligible to compete in Walk and Trot only classes.

## Attire:

- Permitted attire for academy classes are long-sleeved button down shirts, jodhpur pants and paddock boots (or seat specific pants and boots). Vests, Ties, Gloves and whips are optional. Tournament attire may be more casual.
- Riding Habits are prohibited.
- Protective helmets are the only permitted headgear. Derbies, hunt caps and cowboy hats are prohibited.
- Hair should be neatly pulled back in a bun or braid and should not obstruct the view of the riders number.

## **Horses:**

- Horses must be a mare or gelding earning their living as a lesson horse. Open horses not regularly used as a school horse for regular lessons may not be used as an academy horse.
- Horses may be any breed.
- School horses may be owned or leased by a rider as long as the horse earns its living as a lesson horse.
- Neat presentation is encouraged (Clean, Clipping of bridlepath, legs, etc)

## **Tack:**

- The horse should be tacked as if giving a lesson. Snaffle or show bridles are acceptable.
- The saddle should be consistent to the style of riding.
- Protective equipment is permissible (i.e. boots, leg wraps) Action devices and attention getting devices are strictly prohibited.

## **Suggested Classes for Horse Shows:**

1. Academy Equitation WTC Adult
2. Academy Equitation WTC 14-17
3. Academy Equitation WTC 13 & under
4. Academy Pleasure or Horsemanship WTC
5. Academy Equitation WT Adult
6. Academy Equitation WT 14-17
7. Academy Equitation WT 11-13
8. Academy Equitation WT 9 &10
9. Academy Equitation WT 8 & under
10. Academy Pleasure or Horsemanship WT

We encourage show management to split any class with more than six riders and encourage horse shows to make sure all participants receive ribbons. Classes may also be split to be seat specific.

## **Judging:**

Academy classes are to be judged in accordance to USEF Guidelines for that division. In Equitation classes the rider only is to be judged. Walk Trot and Canter and Walk and Trot only are to be judged both directions of the ring at the appropriate gaits. No additional tests are allowed to be asked of the riders. Pleasure or Horsemanship classes should be judged with emphasis on the riders showmanship, ring awareness, and horsemanship abilities.



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