

ASAC
Academy
Rules
And
Handbook

2008 Show Season

(This copy precedes any other copies prior to (10-26-07))

**TO ALL INSTRUCTORS FOR THE 2008 SHOW SEASON:
PLEASE READ!!**

All Instructors should be familiar with this rulebook. These rulebooks are available at every horse show. They are discussed at the annual riding instructors meeting held during the ASAC convention. It is your responsibility to read and understand the rulebook.

In addition to notifying you about rule changes and new restrictions, we felt it necessary to encourage you to practice a very important part of the Academy classes – **ALL instructors are encouraged to have their stable own the academy/lesson horses.** If this isn't possible, you are encouraged to lease the horse. If the horse is privately owned, this horse **must be** used for more lessons than for the said owner of the horse and be shown by other riders. Academy horses should NOT be in training. We ALL know the characteristics of a TRUE lesson horse.

Please note that ACADEMY ENTRIES ARE TO FOLLOW ALL HORSE SHOW ENTRY RULES. ANY ACADEMY CHANGES MUST BE MADE BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAYS TO AVOID THE INDIVIDUAL HORSE SHOWS' PENALTIES. It is YOUR responsibility to be sure the show office has received your entries in advance.

A representative from UPHA Chapter 12 will be available to ensure the Academy session runs smoothly. If a problem or dispute arises, please contact this representative. The UPHA Chapter 12 Horse Show Representative's name will be posted in the show office. **The UPHA Chapter 12 Horse Show Representative, UPHA Chapter 12 Officers, ASAC Board of Directors/Officers along with Horse Show Management have the authority to enforce the ASAC Academy rules.**

***** PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ASTM/ SEI HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL 10 & UNDER RIDERS AND ARE ENCOURAGED FOR ALL RIDERS. 10 & UNDER RIDERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW WITHOUT A HELMET. *****

***** **In an effort to “*practice what we preach,*” please be aware that you are a role model for ASAC. Be aware of the IMAGE and IMPRESSION you portray to spectators, parents, bystanders, other riders and instructors. The excitement and tension of coaching our riders can run high, but please be aware of the IMAGE and IMPRESSION that DISTRACTING, EXCESSIVE, OR FOUL LANGUAGE AND/OR ACTIONS portray in the paddock and show ring!** *****

While it may seem that we have strict rules in the Carolinas, our success can be attributed to instructors working together as a TEAM! Large participation in our Academy division is a result of our hard work and knowing what is expected of us.

Good Luck to everyone in the upcoming show season. With your help and cooperation, the show season should run smoothly and successfully. Let's make ASAC a role model for Academy!

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ACADEMY DIVISION:

Academy classes are a very important part of the North and South Carolina horse industry. These classes should be judged with the same importance as any regularly judged show classes.

Riders should be entering their first years of showing. These classes are for growing and learning experiences and exposure to the “Horse Show Business.” These are our future show riders and owners and they are important to our industry.

General:

1. Horses are NOT judged!! Horses in the Academy classes MUST be lesson horses used regularly in a **professionally operated** lesson program. These horses must display the characteristics of such! Open to all breeds of horses.
2. All Academy classes are to be judged on the ability of the RIDER to control and show their horse to the best advantage.
3. **Academy Equitation** classes are judged on BASIC equitation skills with correct diagonals and leads. Riders should convey impression of effective and easy control.
4. **Academy Showmanship** classes should be judged on the rider’s showmanship and ring generalship abilities. The horse is NOT judged. It should be judged on the rider’s ability to control and show their horse. Promptness in finding correct diagonals and leads are important as well as the rider’s command of the horse (speed, placement in ring and collectiveness).
5. Headers are allowed in the 10 & under walk trot classes after the judge’s card has been turned in. No towels or whips allowed.

Riders:

1. No full riding suits allowed. Jodhpurs and jodhpur boots are recommended.
2. **ASTM/SEI Approved Safety helmets are the only acceptable headgear for academy riders and are required for ALL 10 and under riders. (eff. 10/05). ALL riders are encouraged to use safety helmets.**
3. Riders MUST be participating in a **professionally operated program** and show on lesson horses.
4. A rider may own his/her horses as long as the horse is REGULARLY used in a lesson program.
5. A rider who has shown in a regular division or in a full suit is prohibited from further participation in the Academy division with the EXCEPTION of Show Rider Practice.
6. Once a rider has shown in Walk/Trot/Canter classes, a return to Walk/Trot classes is prohibited. You cannot show in Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/ Canter classes at the same show. **Once a rider shows in a Walk/Trot off the lead, a return to showing on the lead is prohibited. (eff. 10/07)**
7. Academy riders may not show in any other performance division at the same show EXCEPT driving classes.

Horses:

1. Horses in the Academy classes **MUST** be lesson horses regularly used in a professionally operated lesson program. These horses **MUST** display the characteristics of such! Horses are **NOT** to be judged!!
2. Horses **MUST** be flat/keg shod. **NO PADS WILL BE ALLOWED**. Soundness is **NOT** to be considered. *“Equi-Packs” are allowed.*
3. Horses may be shown in snaffle bridles with martingales. Pelham and curb type bits (curbs through martingales are discouraged) are allowed at the discretion of the Instructor. **PLEASE** use caution and common sense when biting and mounting horses for beginners. Flat cutback type English saddles are to be used. Blinkers or blinders are not allowed in under saddle classes.
4. Horses **CANNOT** cross-enter from the academy division into any performance division at the same show. (Exceptions: Lead line, costume, ride-a-buck). Academy horses may cross enter into the Equitation Division at any show; however, Equitation horses cannot cross enter into the Academy division.
5. Hoof blacking is optional and ribbon braids are **NOT** allowed.
6. Horses are **NOT** exempt from USA Equestrian drug testing rules.
7. Horses should be owned **OR** leased by the Instructor or riding program. Horses in **professional training will not be allowed!** Tail sets are prohibited. Chains or other action devices must not be used on the show grounds. Attention getting devices are prohibited.

SHOW RIDER CLASSES:

These are advanced classes. These are for any amateur or juvenile rider enrolled in a professionally operated lesson program who need show ring practice.

Riders **MUST** show on lesson horses. Riders **CANNOT** cross enter into the performance division at the **same show** (with the exception of driving classes) but can switch from performance to show rider classes at different shows. No full riding suits are allowed.

Once a rider has advanced to Show Rider Practice, a return to regular Academy is prohibited.

Show Rider Practice classes will be judged under academy rules. **NO** personal show horses will be allowed. Horses are not to be judged.

ACADEMY DRIVING SHOWMANSHIP:

Open to any amateur or juvenile drivers who have **never shown** in a competitive driving event. Driver may cross enter into under saddle performance classes or other academy classes. **Appropriate attire is the same as for academy under saddle classes.** Safety helmets optional but encouraged.

Work or show type harness. Two wheel work or show type buggy only (jog carts, roadster bike or pleasure driving). Overchecks or side checks are optional. Blinder/blinker bridles are required. One or two snaffle bits may be used.

To be judged on ringmanship, horsemanship and showmanship abilities at the flat walk, pleasure trot and extended trot. Entries should stand quietly in the lineup. Backing not required. Headers required and may hold horse. Horses are not to be judged!

ENTRIES & SPLITS:

ACADEMY ENTRIES ARE TO FOLLOW ALL HORSE SHOW ENTRY RULES. ANY ACADEMY CHANGES MUST BE MADE BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY to avoid penalty. (ASAC BOD March 2003).

Since the Academy division is growing larger each year and many of these classes are split several times, we propose that the splits be better defined. This should prove to help instructors as well as management. We think there is a need to categorize riders according to skills and experience levels.

If there is a need to split classes, the management can split according to our predetermined "classifications." This will be very simple by adding an A, B or C in parenthesis by the rider's name on the entry blank. It is VERY important that you classify riders on the entry forms! On 8 & under riders, please list the child's age to assist if a 6 & under split is needed in addition to your classifications.

- (A) Advanced Riders. These riders' skills are more advanced than beginners or competitors.
- (B) Beginner Riders. "B" class is limited to three (3) horse show appearances. Winter Tournament experience does NOT count.
- (C) Competitor Riders. These riders' skills fall in between Advanced and Beginner riders.

Entries made without split information will automatically be placed in the advanced splits. Please bring enough horses to accommodate your riders without depending on split classes. Random switching of splits will result in disqualification!

PLEASE NOTE: Horse Show Management will try to split riders according to skill levels provided by the Instructors BUT many times the splits on the paddock sheets will not reflect our riders skill classification. Example: All beginner riders may be placed into the same split together but management may call this the "C" or "D" split.

Horse Show Managers

After much consideration, we are proposing a new Academy Class list. We hope this relieve some inconvenience our managers and office staff have experienced. **We encourage you to hold the Academy division as one session in its entirety on Saturday Morning.**

We would appreciate you using the list in the order with the names listed as stated. Please also use the information section in its entirety. Please use all classes specified on the list to eliminate splitting of classes. This will help you with your time schedule as well as ribbon orders!

Classes should have no more than 12 entries. Walk Trot 10 & under must have no more than 10 entries in each class. All 6 & under classes must have no more than 6 entries in each class (effective 5/1/03)

In an effort to make sure the Academy rules are clear to everyone, please see that the judge receives an Academy Rules and Handbook. We also ask that you hire a judge with *an interest* in Academy.

Please place the class description stickers on the judge's cards.

Please post the Academy Rules and Handbook in the horse show office for everyone to view.

Your UPHA Chapter 12 Horse Show Representative or ASAC Academy/Winter Tournament Committee Member can assist you with any questions.

WE understand that the academy division is an important part of the horse shows by providing new customers to our industry.

Thank you for your support of this program!

Labels for the judge's cards should read as follows:

Academy Equitation: To be judged on BASIC equitation skills with correct diagonals, canter leads and well-balanced form. Riders should convey impression of effective and easy control.

Academy Showmanship: Judged on the rider's showmanship and ring generalship abilities. Promptness in finding correct diagonals and leads to count 50%; rider's command of the horse (speed, placement, usage of the ring and collectiveness) should count 50%.

THE HORSE MUST NOT BE JUDGED!!

TO BE PUBLISHED IN EACH PRIZE LIST:

Special class division-Academy Division

The purpose of this division is to introduce potential owners to the joys of showing horses and give riders the opportunity to gain experience in a fun horse show atmosphere. The AMERICAN SADDLEBRED ASSOCIATION OF THE CAROLINAS sanctions these classes. A complete copy of the rules and regulations governing these classes are available at the horse show office.

RIDERS: Riders in this division are students who are enrolled in a professionally operated program and are to be judged on their basic riding skills. Riding suits are NOT allowed, Jodhpur boots and pants are suggested. Riders may NOT cross enter into any performance classes with the exception of driving classes. A rider who has shown in a regular division class or in a full riding suit is prohibited from further participation in the Academy division with the EXCEPTION of Show Rider Practice. **ASTM/SEI APPROVED HELMETS ARE THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE HEADGEAR AND ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL 10 & UNDER RIDERS!**

HORSES: Horses are to be lesson type horses! These horses must display the characteristics of such! HORSES MUST BE FLAT/KEG SHOD! Instructors are encouraged to own or lease their academy horses. Horses must not be in training. Horses may be shown in a snaffle bridle with martingale or a Pelham/full bridle. Blinkers not allowed in under saddle classes. Flat cutback English saddles are to be used. Hoof-blackening is optional and ribbon braids are NOT allowed. Horses cannot cross-enter into the performance division at the same show. Soundness is not to be considered. HORSES ARE NOT TO BE JUDGED.

While rules may be different in other states, horses from programs outside of the Carolinas MUST abide by these rules at ASAC sanctioned shows in North & South Carolina. **Anyone not abiding by these rules, or horses deemed to be a danger, will be eliminated by authority of Horse Show Management, UPHA Chapter 12 Representatives/Officers or ASAC Officers/Directors.**

Classes Offered:

1. Academy Showmanship Driving
2. Show Rider Equitation WTC
3. Academy Equitation Adult WTC
4. Academy Equitation 14-17 WTC
5. Academy Equitation 11-13 WTC
6. Academy Equitation 10 & under WTC
7. Show Rider Showmanship WTC
8. Academy Showmanship Adult WTC
9. Academy Showmanship 11-17 WTC
10. Academy Showmanship 10 & under WTC
11. Academy Equitation Adult WT
12. Academy Equitation 14-17 WT
13. Academy Equitation 11-13 WT
14. Academy Showmanship Adult WT
15. Academy Showmanship 14-17 WT
16. Academy Showmanship 11-13 WT
17. Academy Equitation 9 & 10 WT
18. Academy Equitation 8 & under WT
19. Academy Equitation 6 & under WT
19. Academy Showmanship 9 & 10 WT
20. Academy Showmanship 8 & under WT
21. Academy Showmanship 6 & under WT
22. Academy 8 & under on a Lead (optional)

UPHA CHAPTER 12 HORSE SHOW REPRESENTATIVE

Please familiarize yourself with the Academy division rules. You **MUST** be available to watch these classes and assist the show manager and paddock manager. Your help is definitely needed!!

Please make sure the Academy Rules are posted in the Horse Show Office and that the judge is familiar with ASAC rules.

Please remember the purpose of this division is three-fold:

1. To encourage participation in our lesson programs.
2. To introduce potential owners to the joys of showing horses in a fun atmosphere.
3. To give our riders an opportunity to gain show ring experience and perfect their riding skills.

Academy horses may cross-enter into the equitation divisions at any show; however, equitation horses may not be entered into the Academy division. Horses **CANNOT** show in the Academy division and be cross-entered into the performance division at the **SAME SHOW** (Exceptions: Lead line, costume, ride-a-buck).

Please encourage Instructors to be aware of the IMAGE and IMPRESSION they portray to spectators, parents, bystanders, other riders and instructors. Remind them that they are professionals. Distracting, excessive, foul language OR actions will NOT be allowed.

If there are arguments or complaints about the rules, remind them that these are the rules for this year as sanctioned by ASAC, the governing body for the Academy Division in North and South Carolina. Everyone must abide by these rules!

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