

Tennessee Saddle Club Association (TSCA) - State Rules And Regulations

CLASS RULES

Revised February 2016

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Timed Events

- **Note 1:** Unless specified otherwise, all barrels must be 55 gallon plastic and white in color, with the exception of barrels that have been sold for advertisement. If advertisements are sold for the barrels, they must be affixed to the barrel by either taping or tying tightly.
- **Note 2:** There will be a 5 second penalty assessed if a rider loses a hat/cap in the arena during their ride. (revised 2016)

1. BARREL RACE – (Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Men's, Women's, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth 12 & under with Ponies 52" and Under, Youth 6 & Under with Ponies 52" and Under)

- Contestants may go either right or left of the first barrel, but must make one right turn and two left turns, or one left turn and two right turns.
- The barrels must be 20 feet from the starting line, 90 feet between marker number 1 and number 2, 105 feet from marker number 3 to barrels 1 and 2, barrels are to be set inside the marker
- Knocking over a barrel or not following the pattern as set by the Association will result in disqualification
- Contestants may start and finish across the line.

NOTE: Riders in the 50 and over classes **cannot** ride in ANY other barrel class. Riders in the 6 and under Leadline can only ride in the 6 and under speed classes. The 6 and under speed classes must be ridden alone without assistance.

2. KEYHOLE – (12 & under with Ponies 52" and under)

- Pattern is in the shape of a basic keyhole and is marked using powdered chalk.
- Starting at the clock with a lane that is 40 feet long and 4 feet wide, leading to a circle 20 feet in diameter.
- Contestants are to run the pony to the end of the lane and into the circle, perform a rollback inside the circle, then ride back out of the lane to the finish line.
- The contestant is disqualified if the pony steps on or over the line at any time during the run.
- The class will have five (5) judges from the Rules and Regulations Committee. Each judge will be assigned to one area of the pattern and will be responsible for judging that part only.

3. POLE BENDING – (Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Adults, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth 12 & under with Ponies 52" and Under, Youth 6 & Under with Ponies 52" and Under)

- Pattern to be set with 6 plastic poles at least 6 feet high, a minimum of 2 inches in diameter, with approximately 1/16 inch wall thickness, and white in color.
- Poles to be uniform and set 21 feet apart, and 21 feet from the starting line (clock).
- Contestant may have a running start. Contestant runs to the last pole, begins and ends weaving at the 6th pole, turns and races back to the finish line.
- A contestant is automatically disqualified for knocking over a pole.

NOTE: Riders in the 50 and over class cannot ride in any other pole class.

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4. FIGURE 8 FLAG – (Classes: Adults, Youth 13 thru 17)

- The flag used in contest to be a conventional – type stick, 14 inches long.
- The bucket must be 3 ½ gallons and made of sturdy plastic. All flag buckets will have the same size diameter at the top and bottom.
- The bucket will be filled with sand and placed on a standard barrel. The barrel should be
- 20 feet from the starting line.
- To complete this pattern, a barrel should be placed 110 feet from the starting line and in line with barrel holding the flag bucket. The contestant may start from either side of the barrel.
- The contestant is disqualified if he knocks over any property, does not get the flag back in bucket, hits the horse with the flag, circles the flag barrel, or fails to make a figure 8 pattern.

5. FIGURE 8 FLAG- (12 & under, with ponies 52” and under). Same as listed in 4 above, except for the barrel holding the flag bucket is to be a 30-gallon barrel, which will set the bucket approximately 3 feet off the ground.

6. FIGURE 8 SPEED RACE – (Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Adults, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth 12 & under with Ponies 52” and Under, Youth 6 & Under with Ponies 52” and Under)

- There will be two barrels in a line in the arena. The first barrel will be 20 feet from the starting line while the second barrel will be 180 feet from the starting line.
- Barrels should not be any closer than 20 feet from the rail.
- Contestants may have a running start, go either side of the first barrel, but must go around the second barrel and run a figure 8 pattern in doing so.
- The contestant is disqualified for knocking over barrels.

7. ARENA FLAG RACE – (Classes: Adults, Youth 13 thru 17)

- Barrel number 1 and 2 are each placed 20 feet from the starting line to the marker and 10 feet from the fence to the marker.
- Barrel number 3 is placed 130 feet from the starting line to the marker.
- Rider may ride either to the inside or outside of barrels 1 and 2, in obtaining or placing the flag; but the rider must ride on the outside of barrel number 3.
- The flag and buckets will be the same type as used in the Figure 8 Flags.
- Failure to run the pattern, to obtain or replace the flag, knocking over any property, or hitting horse with the flag results in disqualification.

8. ONE BARREL SPEED RACE –(Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Adults, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth 12 & under with Ponies 52” and Under, Youth 6 & Under with Ponies 52” and Under)

- The marker is 180 feet from the starting and finishing line and center of the arena.
- Rider may start pattern on either side of the arena, and must circle the barrel, and then cross the finish line.
- The rider is disqualified for knocking over a barrel or failing to run the correct pattern.

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Judged Events

Please be advised Classes 9, 10, 11, 13, & 14 will be judged by a current carded Judge. (AQHA, APHA or ApHA). Please see the TSCA guidance information "Through the Eyes of a Judge" in the FAQ section on the website for more details and information.

9. LEADLINE- (Riders 6 & under, Ponies 52" and under)

- Rider and pony only to be judged.
- TACK AND ATTIRE FOR WESTERN OR ENGLISH REQUIRED. \$7.00 entry fee – Unlimited Entries – Ten places awarded and trophies awarded – small awards for all other entries. Western points will be given.
- If 6 and under contestant rides Leadline, they may ride in qualified age appropriate class.
- The 6 and under speed classes must be ridden alone without assistance.

10. WESTERN PLEASURE – (Classes: Adult, Youth13 thru 17, Youth12 and under with Ponies 52" and under)

- Open to horse or pony of any sex, breed, or combination of trotting breed normally used for pleasure.
- Horse ridden in Western Pleasure can not be ridden in Ranch Horse Pleasure.

11. TRAIL CLASS – (Classes: 17 and under, Adult)

- Open to all breeds of horses using either English or Western tack.
- To be judged on performance of horse over designated obstacles. Points are given or deducted based on performance.
- A minimum of five obstacles will be chosen by the Judge and posted Friday morning of the State Meet.

12. HALTER CLASS – (Classes to be shown Friday: Mares, Geldings, Ponies)

- Class to be shown with halter.
- Contestant attire to match horse's breed.
- A horse can only be shown in one (1) halter class at the state show.
- Pony Class is for 12 & Under contestants only. Ponies must be 52" and under. (Revised 2014)

13. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE – (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 and Under)

- May not be shown in any other English class.
- To be shown at a flat-footed walk, square trot, (judge's option of sitting, posting, or extended trot), and canter on a reasonably light rein.
- Horses are to be reversed to the inside (away from the rail); horses shall not be asked to reverse at a canter. Horses shall stand quietly and back readily. To be shown in English tack, and rider shall wear appropriate Huntseat attire.
- Open to all trotting breeds

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14. RANCH HORSE PLEASURE (Classes: 17 & Under, Adults)

- Open to horse or pony of any sex, breed, or combination of trotting breed normally used for pleasure.
- To be shown in accordance with the American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA) rules and TSCA exceptions where listed
- Any horse ridden in Ranch Horse Pleasure can not be ridden Western Pleasure.

NOTE: There will be no Padded horses allowed in any of the gaited classes.

15. GAITED HALTER CLASS – (Class: Shown Thursday Night and Open to all non-trotting breeds)

- Class can be shown in halter or in-hand
- Contestant attire to match horse's tack.
- A horse can only be shown in one (1) halter class at the state show.

16. COUNTRY PLEASURE – Open

- Shown in English or Western tack, no artificial devices of any kind.
- Horses or ponies required to walk, favorite gait (which is not a square trot) and canter.
- Horses are required to back readily.
- Cantering is required for this class, no exceptions.
- Restricted shoes – Quarter Horse type keg shoe, bought either with or without heel. If heel is to be worn, it must be a factory made shoe. There will be no toe weights – no turned up heels – no mule shoes – no homemade shoes, only the above types are to be allowed. Shoes will be checked at beginning of class. (Revised 2013)

17. SPEED RACKING CLASS – (Open)(Revised 2013)

- – Open age.
- Shown in English Tack and Attire. No set tails. Rubber and vinyl boots are allowed but weighted boots are not.
- Horses to be judged 20% show walk, 20% slow rack, 40% fast rack, and 20% confirmation. Ride at your own discretion. This is a speed class. Horses will be excused where it is obvious that they are not competitive speed racking horses. They will be brought to the center of the arena or excused from the arena at the judge's discretion. (Revised 2013)

18. STYLE RACKING CLASS - (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 and Under)

- Shown in English tack. No set tails.
- Horses to be judged 40% show walk, 40% style rack and 20% conformation.

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19. SADDLE HORSE PLEASURE – (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 & under)

- Gaits are walk and favorite gait (no square trot). No canter.
- No built up shoes. No other restrictions on shoes.
- The class will be English Tack and Attire only. (Revised 2013)

20. PLANTATION PLEASURE – (Classes: Adults 50 and over, Adults, Youth 17 and under)

- To be shown with light rein, walk and favorite gait (not a square trot).
- No Canter in 50 and over and 17 & under classes. Adult class will Canter.
- Bumping and Pumping of the reins must be penalized.
- Set tails, humane tails, action devices and pads are not allowed.
- Entries shall be plain shod as for trail and pleasure riding with one-piece shoe and no pads.
- The metal from which the shoe is made must not exceed one-half (1/2) inch in thickness, or one and half (1 ½) inches in width, with no bar, plate, or other weight inside the shoe. A regular keg shoe is suggested.
- Shown in English tack and attire except for the 50 & Over class only, shall have the option to wear Western or English attire.

21. WESTERN SADDLE HORSE PLEASURE – (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 & Under)

- Gaits are walk and favorite gait (not a square trot). No canter.
- No built up shoes. No other restrictions on shoes.
- Western Attire and Tack only.

22. FLAT SHOD STYLE RACKING - (Class: OPEN)

- This class will be a 2-gaited class with a show walk and style rack.
- Shown in English attire and tack. Horses will be asked to back. (Revised 2013)

23. FLAT SHOD RACKING (Open)

- Hoof to shoe with no pad of any type, whether for corrective purposes or otherwise.
- Judged 20% show walk, 30% slow rack, 30% fast rack and 20% confirmation.
- No set tails. Horses will be asked to back. (Revised 2013)
- Shown in English attire and tack.
- Shoe can be made conventional or manmade to owners specifications.

Note 1: Bands will NOT be allowed on all English classes.. (Revised 2015)

Note 2: In Pleasure Classes there shall be no more than 30 horses in each heat, however, each heat will be kept as equal as possible. (Revised 2015)

Note 3: The Rules and Regulations set forth by WHOA shall take precedence over any TSCA rule for all English classes. All riders are responsible to know the rules. (Revised 2015)

Note 4: A rider will be disqualified from a class, if the rider enters the arena for the wrong class or does not follow the rules of the class, such as required tack, attire, appropriate shoes on the horse, etc. (Revised 2013)

Note 5: All Show/Arena workers, including the judge, will be informed of the required gaits for each class. The gaits that are set by the rules will be the ones that are called for in the class, no additions or exceptions. (Revised 2013)

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